



## F. Ardell Starling

January 16, 1938 - April 23, 2026

IN MEMORY OF:

F. Ardell Starling

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – EGYPTIAN MEMORIAL GARDENS  
3208 South Park Avenue, Energy, Illinois

F. Ardell Starling, 88, of Marion, Illinois, passed away on Thursday, April 23, 2026 at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, Indiana.

He was born in Cobden, Illinois on January 16, 1938 to Inez and Milo Starling. He graduated from CCHS, class of 1955. Ardell was a Master Mason (1960) member of Shekinah Lodge #241 in Carbondale, IL.

Ardell was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Paulene Ferrar; and brother, Raymond Deon Starling.

He is survived by his wife Jane of 71 years; son, Mike Starling of Johnston City, IL; daughter, Vicky Lynn Knouse of Cedar Hills, MO; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and six great great-grandchildren; sisters, Patty

(Lynn) Newcomb of Marion, IL and Barbara Waldrop of Cambria, IL; sister-in-law, Carole Starling of Villa Ridge, IL; along with several nieces and nephews.

In accordance with Ardell's wishes, there will be no formal services. Cremation Rites will be accorded. A Private Service will be held at a later date.

Inurnment will take place at a later date at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park.

In Lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and/or Shriners Hospital for Children in Ardell's memory.

Crain Funeral Home in Energy is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## **Pleasant Grove Memorial Park**

31 Memorial Dr.  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-1145  
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# Tribute Wall

KS

“ So sorry to hear i have know them for many years. Some of the greatest neighbors. Sending prayers to you all during this difficult time.

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**Kim Simmons** - April 28 at 02:27 PM

CG

“ Uncle Ardell,

*My heart is so heavy saying goodbye to you. I keep finding myself going back to all the wonderful memories we shared, especially those summers I spent with you and Aunt Bobbie. Those were some of the happiest times of my life—full of laughter, warmth, and a feeling of being truly cared for.*

*I'll never forget the trip to Wisconsin Dells. It wasn't just the place—it was being there with you, feeling included, loved, and part of something special. You had a way of making even the simplest moments feel big and meaningful.*

*One memory that always makes me smile is the day you took me to your work at Martin Oil in Carbondale. You showed me how to run the time cards through that IBM machine, and I remember how important you made me feel. Like I mattered. Like I could do something special. That's just who you were—you lifted people up without even trying.*

*There are so many memories like that... too many to count, and each one I will hold onto tightly. You weren't just my uncle—you were someone who made a lasting mark on my heart.*

*I'm going to miss you more than words can say. But I'm so grateful for every moment, every laugh, every memory. Those will stay with me forever.*

*With all my love,*

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**Cynthia Giacomia** - April 27 at 09:53 AM

BM

“ So sorry to hear of Ardell's passing. Knew him several years past. I went to Cobden school when he did. I in 6th and he was in 7th grade. Also rode same school bus. Condolences to his family.  
*Barbara (Crowell) Morgan*

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**Barbara Morgan** - April 25 at 10:32 AM

KC

*I'm so sorry about Ardell, he was a very special man! I think in my junior years I was at your house more often than mine. I was so happy to see him in December and the fact that he enjoyed my homemade candy put a big smile on my face!! Jane, Vicky and Mike I hope you all find peace, I'll be praying for you.  
Rest in peace my friend!*

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**Kanocha Coleman** - April 27 at 04:25 PM