



## Lavell "LD" Dale Starrick

May 6, 1923 - April 11, 2014

Lavell Dale ("LD") Starrick, 90, previously a long-term resident of Herrin, died April 11, 2014 in Ballwin, MO.

LD was born May 6, 1923 to Ray and Ruth (Hamlett) Starrick and grew up in Johnston City. He married Kathleen Sanders on Jan. 16, 1943. They celebrated 54 years together.

LD graduated from Johnston City High School in 1941. He enlisted in the United States Army Air Forces in 1943. His rank was technical sergeant. He was an engineer and top turret gunner on the B17 "Flying Fortress" for 35 combat missions over Germany. He achieved the Distinguished Flying Cross, 4 Bronze stars, and a victory Medal. He continued to serve our country proudly in the Air Force Reserves until 1963 as 1st LT.

He was the store manager at E. Blankenship in Herrin for 37 ½ years.

He was a member of the Herrin First Presbyterian Church, a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 305th Bomb Group Memorial Association, Herrin Kiwanis Club, Herrin Federation of Musicians, and Southern Illinois Egyptian Senior Golf Association.

Since 2011, LD resided at Delmar Gardens on the Green in Ballwin, MO.

Survivors include: daughter Kathi (Steve) Spezia of Manchester, MO; daughter-in-law, Suellen Starrick of Springfield, IL; 5 grandchildren, Ted (Melissa) Starrick of Chatham, IL, Amanda Starrick of Atlanta, GA, Emily Starrick of Fairbanks, AK, Matthew (Betsy) Spezia of Manchester, MO and Natalie (Hadley) Kilgore of Ballwin, MO; 3 great-grandchildren, Penelope, Vincent and Caroline Kilgore of Ballwin, MO.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, son, Laird Dale Starrick, and brothers, Lowell and Wendell.

LD was a loving husband, devoted father, father-in-law, grandfather, uncle, and dear friend to many. A memorial service will be held at 11:30AM Saturday, April 26, 2014 at the Herrin First Presbyterian Church. Visitation will be held one hour preceding the service. Rev. Michael Neubert will officiate. A private committal service will be at Egyptian Memorial Gardens in Energy.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations may be made to Herrin First Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund, 421 North 14th Street, Herrin, IL 62948 or the Alzheimer's Association, 320 E. Walnut Street, Carbondale, IL 62901.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lavell "LD" Dale Starrick*

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October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM