



Warren Starr

December 21, 1943 - May 24, 2008

Warren "War" Starr, age 64, of Sugar Island, Michigan passed away Saturday, evening, May 24, 2008 at his home. Warren was born in Youngstown, Ohio on December 21, 1943. He graduated from Youngstown State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. Later in life, he attended Michigan State University and earned a Master's Degree in K-12 Administration and a Ph.D. in education. His career included being an elementary school teacher and principal, a middle school principal in the Waverly Community Schools and Bahwetting, an Assistant Superintendent for Instruction in Waverly, and the Director of Teacher Education at LSSU. Warren was a member of the Sugar Island Lions Club. He was also a former member of both the Sugar Island Volunteer Ambulance Corp and the Volunteer Fire Department. He enjoyed fishing, carpentry work, fixing cars, his pets and birds, helping people and being with his children and grandchildren. He was an avid reader and enjoyed music from country western to classical music. Warren is survived by his wife: Peggy (Freds) Starr, whom he married on December 21, 1990, four sons: Peer (Amanda) Starr of Tallahassee, FL, Banning (Stacy) Starr of Helena, MT, Anthony (Erika) Freds of Elwell, MI, and Benjamin (Brenda) Freds of Springlake, MI, and six grandchildren: Cassie, Alex, Megan, Grace, Winslow, and Kadin. He is also survived by his mother: Lois Starr of Poland, OH, two brothers: Carl (Barbara) Starr of New Hampshire and Bill Starr of Phoenix, AZ, and a sister: Janet Starr of Poland, OH. Warren was preceded in death by his father: Myron Starr. A time of

gathering will be held from 4:00 until 5:00 PM on Thursday, May 29, 2008 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at 5:00 PM that same day at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to the Sugar Island Lions Club or the Sugar Island Volunteer Ambulance Corp.

Tribute Wall

KW

“ Dear Peggy, Andy and Ben,
So sorry to hear about Warren our deepest sympathies are with you and your family. Peggy when you get a chance please call again as we don't know how to get a hold of you. Our phone number is 231-882-4055, we do not have a computer which is why I am going through my daughter Lynn's email address. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of sorrow.
Love, Ken and Katie Wiezorek
8219 Fairway Drive Beulah, MI 49617

Ken and Katie Wiezorek - September 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Peggy:
Betty Noverr informed us of Warren's passing. What a tragic loss at such a young age! Please know that you and yours will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Linda and Paul Roberts - June 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Dear Peggy, I was very surprised and saddened to read about Warren in the paper. I am glad you were able to move to a spot you both loved and were able to make more memories. As I finish my 30th year of teaching, I can remember "back in the day" at Winans and all the fun we had and all the great things we did for kids. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Pam (Dunn) Hawkins

Pam (Dunn) Hawkins - May 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Dear Peggy,
I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I remember Warren as a dedicated administrator who was respected by everyone who crossed his path. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Gretchen Mikula - May 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

M(

“ Dear Peggy,
It is with great sorrow and fond memories of you and Warren that I write you these few words today. Remember I grew up in PA, right near the border to Youngstown? This is my 20th wonderful year at Waverly and its all because YOU hired me. You are in my heart and my prayers. God Bless you Peggy Freds Starr!! With love, Mary Jo

Mary Jo Baker (Swieringa) - May 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Dear Peggy,

Tom and I were both shocked and saddened to read about Warren's passing. You and Warren both were extremely creative, kind and dedicated leaders and servants of students, parents and staff during your time with Waverly Schools.

Each of us who worked with and knew Warren have many fond memories of his: wisdom without lectures; empathy without compromising his perspective and sincere dedication and devotion to helping people of all ages as well as the process of education and personal enlightenment. Besides that, he was fun, humorous, reflective and brought a mirthful joy to the work place and those who knew him!

We both have some of the wonderful notes he took the time to write to us in our memory box, and more importantly his memory is written in our hearts not to be forgotten.

When you look at those clear northern night skies and see a star with just a little more sparkle, just know that it's Warren watching over you with his special flare and caring energy.

Please accept our deepest sympathies for the present and best wishes for your future. Tom and I were both blessed and privileged to have crossed life paths with you and Warren.

*With our warmest regards,
Tom and Judy Kestenholtz*

Judy Kestenholtz - May 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Dr. Starr hired me into Waverly Schools 14 years ago. (I always called him by his title Dr. Starr because I had so much respect for him.) He is still the best administrator I have ever worked for. When he hired me, I was 22 years old, fresh out of college, and in no way ready for the job. I was, in his words, "still green". But he saw through all that. He saw the potential to become a great teacher within me, he just knew it would take a few years for me to get there. I just cannot remember anyone ever having that much faith in me. I only worked with him for 2 years but I hope he realizes I lived up to all the potential he saw in me. Dr. Starr was a great man and I will always look up to him.

Tony Pecoraro - May 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ so sorry to hear about dr. starr...he was an amazing man, who over came an obstacle that was in front of him...he was a truley amazing man, who helped my son through the middle school at bahweting...he will be missed by all those children's lives he touched...all my deepest sympathy...jen hyde, bradley franklin and raeann franklin

jennifer hyde - May 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Dear Peer and BJ and families, We are thinking about you. Jack and Beth Lawrence, Ben and Toby too.

Jack and Beth Lawrence - May 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you this day. Warren was a fine man of high character and trust. He helped me a great deal at Waverly and always brought an insightful point of view to any situation that arose.

Al Momrik - May 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. The folks at the Public Defender's Office are saddened by Warren's passing and reach out to Peer, Amanda, and family daily with positive, caring, and warm thoughts. Warren will live on in the minds of a wonderful family and friends.

John Tomasino - May 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ We are sorry for your loss. The group at ISI sends condolences to Amanda, Peer, and your family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Jim Reed - May 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Peggy,
My prayers and thoughts are with you at this time. Warren was a good and fair man. I will always appreciate what he did for me at Waverly.
I wish you the best.

Jeff Crawford - May 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DQ

“ Warren was a special person to many. He was a true leader and the best one I have had in my fourteen years of teaching at the Middle School. I thought he was crazy when he asked me to move from teaching kindergarten to teaching eighth grade. Little did I know that I would love it to this day and that it was me who was crazy. Here's to many fond memories and God be with your family. May his promise of eternal life bring comfort to you all.

Deborah (Rollis) Quinn - May 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Peer, my deepest condolences to you and your family. You're in my thoughts.

Patrick Moore - May 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ B.J. and Stacy, Peer and Amanda, I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. Remember to tell Kadin and the other grandchildren wonderful stories about their grandfather as they grow up so Warren can live on in his grandchildren.

Ellen Speckman-Randall - May 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ sorry to hear about your loss. Warren was a big help in getting me going in the Waverly District. I know he will be missed

L. Richard Kieft ATC - May 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *Tone, Erika & family -
We're so sorry for your loss; our hearts and thoughts are with you.*

Mark, Candice & Madelyn Lee

Mark & Candice Lee - May 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *I was greatly saddened to read of Warren's death in today's Lansing State Journal. As small children I knew him as Skippy. We played together at family reunions back in Youngstown. That was so long ago, but I still have the photos. I grieve for that little boy of so long ago, and for your loss.*

p.s. His mother, Lois, is first cousin to my late mother, Eloise Hewitt Crawford.

Jean (Crawford) Strickler - May 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *I WAS GREATLY SADDENED TO READ OF WARREN'S PASSING IN TODAY'S LANSING STATE JOURNAL. I KNEW HIM AS A CHILD AS "SKIPPY". WE PLAYED TOGETHER AT FAMILY REUNIONS BACK IN YOUNGSTOWN. I GRIEVE FOR THAT LITTLE BOY OF SO LONG AGO, AND FOR YOUR LOSS OF SUCH A FINE HUSBAND AND FATHER.*

(HIS MOTHER, LOIS, IS THE FIRST COUSIN OF MY LATE MOTHER, ELOISE HEWITT CRAWFORD.)

JEAN CRAWFORD STRICKLER - May 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ I was very saddened to hear the news. I will always remember Warren as someone who had a smile in his eyes even when he tried to be tough and not show his emotions. Warren had a very loving way about him.

My deepest support and sympathy for his family.

Cheryl Lynn Hamburger

Cheryl Hamburger - May 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ *My deepest sympathies for you loss.*

H. Max Cox - May 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Our families thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We mourn your loss, Dr. Starr was a wonderful, kind and brilliant man.*

Courtney Howell - May 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Dr. Starr was very important to me in middle school at Bahweting. He inspired me to be the person that I have become today and has allowed me to reach for the stars. He shared many stories about his families and experiences. He was just and fair to me and never too harsh. I remember when I would be sent to the office and he would hear my story out, and then decide on a course of action. We would sit down and discuss the events that had taken place, and he would be very professional and kind. I was completely and utterly shocked when I heard he had passed. My mother and I recall seeing him about a month ago. It is hard to believe that it was so long ago, for it feels like yesterday. Dr. Starr was an inspiration to me and all who were around him and he will be missed. I give you my sincere sympathies and epathies.

Tanner Howell

Tanner Howell - May 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Warren is a great man whom I learned a great deal from being at Bahweting School both on the Board and personally. I will miss him tremendously. He was always full of love and humor.

Shawnda Kangas - May 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Peer, my thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire family during these difficult times.

Judy Ware - May 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM