



Vada J. Starr

August 11, 1922 - August 14, 2019

Vada J. Starr (formerly of Plymouth, MI) passed away on August 14, 2019 in Rhode Island at the age of 97. She was the beloved wife of the late Dr. Donald D. Starr, and dear mother of Donald M. (Cheryl), Phillip R. (Pamela), Jennifer J. (Jonathan) Riley, and the late Marion Dee Starr-Sullivan. Vada was also the proud grandmother of Beth, Jonathan, Zachary, Timothy, Katelyn and Megan. She was preceded in death by her 4 siblings George, Bill, Carl, and Marna.

Vada Starr was a remarkable, kind, loving and giving person. She was a life-long learner from a one-room schoolhouse in childhood, through Olivet Nazarene College and advanced education at university, to study tours in Israel during retirement. As an educator, she served in the public schools including Plymouth-Canton (MI), in Nazarene churches as a Sunday school teacher and a leader of women's ministries, and as a co-teacher of adult seminars with her late husband. She loved to travel, but also enjoyed coming home to her family, friends, reading, puzzling and crafting. She had a true devotion to her Lord and her Church. Her humble spirit and Christ-like attitudes and actions had a positive influence on a much larger circle of family and friends than she ever realized.

Visitation Thursday, August 22nd 3-9 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. She will lie in state on Friday, August 23rd 10 AM until the 11 AM Funeral Service at Hilltop Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty Road (north of 8 Mile

Road) Northville. Interment will be at Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City,
MI

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hilltop Church of the Nazarene or
Olivet Nazarene University.

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Cemetery Details

Elkland Township Cemetery

6897 Cass Road
Cass City, MI 48726
(989) 872-1112

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **22**. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 459-2250
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Tribute Wall



“ *Vada J. Starr*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *I was friend with Dee at Eastern Nazarene College. She was an amazing woman. Everything about her was beautiful. She must have been so happy when her mother joined her in Heaven. May God bring peace and comfort to your family.*



Rosanna Kingsley - September 22, 2019 at 03:56 PM



“ *To all the Starr Family*

Vada was such a special person in my life, Her caring and beautiful spirit radiated and touched me deeply. I know that Dee will be together with Vada again in the presence of the Lord. I feel privileged to have been part of Vada's life.

Bernie Sullivan

Bernie Sullivan - August 25, 2019 at 07:11 AM

FR

“ From Mike and Belinda Riley and Dan and Jan Riley purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Vada J. Starr.



From Mike and Belinda Riley and Dan and Jan Riley - August 21, 2019 at 03:54 PM

MK

“ To Vada's family

I was a teacher at Allen Elementary School where Vada was a valued part of the staff. On my birthday one year I received a handmade card that has become an item that I cherish. "Yesterday is History, Tomorrow is Mystery, Today is a Gift - That is why we call it the PRESENT." I am so very thankful that I was blessed to have had Vada as my friend.

Margaret A. Kidston

Margaret A. Kidston - August 20, 2019 at 02:50 PM

MS

“ Marilyn Starr, Lois Smith and Nancy Starr purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Vada J. Starr.



Marilyn Starr, Lois Smith and Nancy Starr - August 19, 2019 at 10:38 PM

BF

“ My sincere wishes of peace for your family. I worked with Vada, at Allen School, during my first 5 years of teaching. She was a strong inspiration to me with her loving, kind and giving attitude, along with her never-ending smile. Her lifestyle added so much value to me, my students that she worked with, and the Allen School Family! She was also so humble, which left a strong impact on me as well. Vada will truly be missed, but she has left so many positive and loving memories! Miss you and love you, Vada!

Brian Foust

Brian Foust - August 19, 2019 at 11:34 AM

RJ

“ Vada and my mom (Reta) were next door neighbors on McKinley St in Plymouth and great friends. I remember many times talking with Vada in our kitchen as she and Mom had coffee and played a game. She was always so friendly and cheerful. Our condolences to Don, Phil and Jennifer and families. Rob and Nancy Jenner - Rockford, MI.

Rob Jenner - August 18, 2019 at 09:35 AM

LW

“ I truly loved Vada. She and I shared time together riding back and forth to Bible study. She was thoughtful and caring, always asking me about my work and my children. We told stories and had some laughs. We had a few decades between us, but that never mattered. I am so sorry to hear of her passing. I will miss her!

Lisa Whitehead

Lisa Whitehead - August 18, 2019 at 12:34 AM