



## Mr. Decker Owsley Starr

January 5, 1955 - August 4, 2025

Decker Owsley Starr was born on January 5, 1955 to Decker D. Starr and JoLinda Owsley in Kansas City, Missouri. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Michael Owsley, John Starr and Henry Sanders-Starr.

Decker was educated in the Kansas City Missouri Public Schools. After high school he enlisted in the U. S. Air Force. He earned the rank of Sergeant. and returned with an honorable discharge.

He always talked about his military experience and was a proud veteran.

Decker accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at True Faith Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Pastor Leslie C. Seals and with current Pastor Darryl C. McFadden.

He was an auto mechanic for many years working all types of vehicles.

Decker truly loved family and family times. He was the life of every party, he felt everybody was family. He considered himself the “Boss” of the family and ruled with authority.

He departed this life on Monday, August 4, 2025 at Research Medical Center.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his daughter, Rhonda Lockett Pendelton, Decatur, GA; son, William "Weedy" Betts, Kansas City, MO; his companion, Tanyece Stephens; seven brothers, Daniel Owsley, Milton Starr, Roscoe Starr, Dexter Starr, Sr. (Roberta), Charles Mitchell (Pam), Roy Starr (Tammy) and David Starr, Sr. (Leaha) all of Kansas City, MO; three sisters, Lorraine Burgin, Sharon Starr and Helen Starr, all of Kansas City, MO; seven grandchildren, four great grandchildren, well over 100 nephews and nieces, a host of cousins other relatives and many friends.

Memorial services Monday, August 11, at 1:00pm at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. Arrangements entrusted Lawrence A. Jones & Sons. Condolences may be shared on our website.

# Cemetery Details

## Missouri State Veterans Cemetery

20109 Business Hwy MO 13  
Higginsville, MO 64037

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 11. 1:00 PM (CT)

Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church  
8640 Sni-A-Bar Road  
Kansas City, MO 64129

# Tribute Wall

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“ Cousins, today Monday August 11, there will be a homegoing service for Cousin Decker Derone Starr-Owsley in Kansas City Missouri. I never had the honor of meeting Decker but through this page I was able to get to know him. He was a constant contributor to this group and always with welcoming and positive remarks to all our members. I admit that one of our first encounters on Facebook a few years ago did not go so well. Utilizing Facebook was new to me and I was no expert. I included Decker in a Starr family group chat that interfered with some business he was conducting. And Decker was all about business. After he finished blasting me for the interruption, he threw me for a loop and stated "I love my family". When I was not thorough and incorrect in naming the children of his father Decker Derone Starr, Decker gave me all the correct names which helped me correct my error. The Starrs Across the Sky site was started so that cousins unknown to one another could communicate with one another. Decker did that and some. I believe he appreciated on being enlightened on the Starr Family History. His legacy with the Starr Family group Starrs Across the Sky continues to grow with each member from his immediate family who joins and experience what Decker experience. Needless to say Decker will be missed.

*Johnnie Johnson  
Administrator  
Starrs Across the Sky*

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**Johnnie Johnson** - August 11, 2025 at 05:47 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Decker Owsley Starr.*



August 07, 2025 at 10:26 PM



“ *I remember how he would always go to battle for anyone in the family and he kept in touch with us all! He will be missed so much I enjoyed reading his daily FB post!*

**Malika Stone** - August 07, 2025 at 10:25 PM



“ *Decker is my first cousin. He always called me his favorite cousin from the South. He grew up in the city and I grew up in a very small town in Arkansas. Once we grew up and met we became fast friends. We always in touch. Wow! I loved my cousin and I'm sure going to miss him! RIL dear Cuz!*

**Pamela Green** - August 07, 2025 at 09:48 PM



*I didn't know he had passed. He was so encouraging. He will be greatly missed!*

**Gabrielle Fennessee** - August 07, 2025 at 10:30 PM



*I'm deeply sorry for your loss. May the memories of this amazing man bring you comfort and strength during this difficult time. May his legacy live on through the countless lives he touched. Sending you love, support, and heartfelt condolences. Big Cousin Decker you were a phenomenal man and I truly loved you.*

**Bennie Duncan** - August 07, 2025 at 11:46 PM