



Louis Starman

June 8, 1932 - May 22, 2026

Louis Starman, 93 of Carroll, died Friday, May 22, 2026 at St. Anthony Nursing Home in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at Holy Spirit Church – St. John Paul II Parish in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Merlin Schrad. Concelebrant will be Fr. Craig Collison. Music will be by Kathy Halbur. Mass servers will be Gavin Cumro and Ender Cumro. Lectors for the Funeral Mass will be Alicia Newman, Dan Klocke, and Ben Klocke. Gift Bearers will be Nicole Larsen, Rachel O’Polka, Meredith Cumro, Erica Erickson, Abbey Pitts, Madi Drees, and Anna Nees. Eucharistic Minister will be Randy Starman. Casket Bearers will be: Ryan Brown, Steve Brown, Adam Brown, Aaron Irlbeck, Chris Starman, Nic Starman, Josh Klocke, Dave Starman, Matt Starman, Nathan Onken, Clark Thompson, Chris Shuman, Jon Shuman, Scott Drees, Alexander Drees, and Derek Drees. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll.

A visitation will be held from 3-6 p.m. on Monday at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll with a rosary at 6 p.m. The casket will be moved to Holy Spirit Church on Tuesday morning where additional visitation will be held from 9:30-10:15 a.m. Memorials may be left at the funeral home or the church for St. John Paul II Parish, Kuemper Catholic Schools or the Alzheimer’s Association. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for the Starman family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Louis William Starman was born June 8, 1932, in Roselle, Iowa, the youngest child of Henry and Catherine (Steffes) Starman. At a young age, his family moved to a farm in Guthrie County, where he attended a one-room country schoolhouse, Bear Grove #7. Shortly after finishing 8th grade, the family moved to Carroll, where Louis began what would become a lifetime defined by hard work and dedication.

At just 15 years old, Louis started working at Matt Furniture, working for 10 years and eventually becoming a salesman. To support his growing family, he also worked early mornings for Crouse Cartage Company before joining them full-time in 1967. Louis proudly delivered freight to Carroll businesses for 28 years until retiring in 1995, often saying it was a "great job."

Louis married the love of his life, Eunice Beckman, on August 19, 1952, at St. John's Church in Arcadia. Together they shared a beautiful 63-year marriage built on faith, devotion, laughter, dancing, and unconditional love. They raised nine children in Carroll and created a home centered around family, kindness, and helping others. Their marriage was a true example of love and commitment for generations of their family.

A devoted member of Holy Spirit Church, the Knights of Columbus, and the Kuemper Parents Club, Louis generously volunteered his time to parish and school projects, including helping with updates to Kuemper Catholic School. He was known for his positive attitude, strong faith, gentle spirit, and willingness to help anyone who needed it. Whether holding Eunice's hand, spending time with family, or lending a helping hand, Louis made people feel cared for and valued.

Louis was blessed with a large and loving family and leaves behind a family who loved him dearly, including Jane (Dan) Brown, Belmont, NC, Donna (Dick) Irlbeck, Templeton, IA, Jim (Louise) Starman, Rocky Point, NC, Carol (Bob) Klocke, Mason City, IA, Randy (Pam) Starman, Carroll, IA, Cathy (Dan) Onken, Carroll, IA, Mary (Phil) Shuman, Bellevue, NE, Deanne (Jim) Drees, Carroll, IA, and Sara (Howie) Drees, Carroll, IA, 26 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren, with two more on the way. He is also survived by sister-in-law,

Verna (Leonard) Tunning, Carroll, IA, along with many other relatives and friends who will deeply miss him.

Louis is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Eunice, a son, Ronald Louis, in infancy, great-grandson, Carter Louis Pitts, in infancy, along with his parents, brothers Bernard and Anton, in infancy, and Anthony (Lorraine) Starman, sisters Rosa Starman, Margaret (Jerome) Kasperbauer, Sophie (Milo) Rees, and Theresa (Paul) Mayer, mother and father-in-law, Henry J. and Ann R. Beckman, brother and sisters-in-law, Lucille (Herb) Buelt, Virginia (Leonard) Buelt, Phyllis (Donald) Wernimont, and Ray (Irene) Beckman. Louis leaves behind a legacy of faith, humility, hard work, and love that will continue for generations to come.

Tribute Wall

GC

“ George C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Louis Starman.

George C. - May 26 at 09:36 AM

AJ

“ Arnold J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Louis Starman.

Arnold J. - May 25 at 10:03 PM

LF

“ Lori and George Elder and family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Louis Starman.



Lori and George Elder and family - May 25 at 09:46 AM

SA

“ Susan A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Louis Starman.

Susan A. - May 24 at 10:00 PM



“ Such fond memories of Uncle Louis and his entire family. Such an amazing man! Wish we could be there with the family but know you are in our thoughts and prayers. ❤️ Ron Rees and Christine Angrick

Ron Rees - May 24 at 01:43 AM

LF

“ Love, Emerald Salon Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Louis Starman.



Love, Emerald Salon Family - May 23 at 08:46 PM

LF

“ Love, Emerald Salon Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Louis Starman.

Love, Emerald Salon Family - May 23 at 08:46 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Louis Starman.



May 23 at 07:51 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Louis Starman.

May 23 at 07:51 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Louis Starman.*



May 23 at 12:59 PM



“ *Scott and RoseAnn Blevins purchased the Full Heart for the family of Louis Starman.*



Scott and RoseAnn Blevins - May 23 at 11:29 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers Bob and Carol and to the Starman family.*



Joleen Klocke - May 23 at 09:00 AM