



Rev. Ruth E. Starr

December 14, 1926 - December 17, 2020

The Rev. Ruth E. Starr, 94, died December 17, at her home in Parkside Court in Columbus, Ind.

She was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1926 to Edgar M. and Mary McKee Starr and moved home to Orange, Indiana, with them in 1960. She was a graduate of Earlham College and the Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. As minister, chaplain, Girl Scout leader, and friend, she lived her life for others.

Working as a secretary at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Rushville, she was inspired to enter the ministry and was ordained in the United Methodist Church in 1972.

She served numerous congregations in southern Indiana as minister over the following decades: Faith United and Wesley United Methodist Churches in Rushville; Trafalgar and Peoga; Shelburn and Ebenezer; Shoals and Hindostan; Leipsic and Old Union near Orleans. After retiring from the active ministry, she became the Parish Visiting Pastor for St. Paul's in Rushville, serving as a chaplain at Miller's Merry Manor in Rushville.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, George W. Starr. Survivors include her nephews Bill (Vania) Starr of Columbus, Ind., and Richard (Liz) Starr of Arlington, Va., her niece Mary (Mark) Ellison of

Chillicothe, Ill., eight great-nieces and nephews, one great-great niece, a sister-in-law, Jeanne Starr of Columbus, Ind., and a dear "niece" of many years, Kim Hickman, whom she met during her ministry in Shoals.

Private Services have been made for The Rev. Ruth E. Starr. Memorial contributions may be made out to the Orange Community Church of the Cross, P.O. Box 65, Glenwood, IN 46133.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Ruth E. Starr*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *Rest In Peace Dear Ruth.*

Robert Donoghue - December 23, 2020 at 08:54 PM



“ *Debi Lushell Ware lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ruth E. Starr*



Debi Lushell Ware - December 21, 2020 at 08:09 PM



“ *Lee Schroeder lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ruth E. Starr*



Lee Schroeder - December 18, 2020 at 04:52 PM



“ *Ruth was a special person - sharing all sorts of life experiences with our family over the years. Supporting our children with encouraging wisdom ! You shall be missed !! It has been a rich addition to our family to have known U & Your brother George ! RIP friend*

Sue & Mike Smith - December 18, 2020 at 08:48 AM

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“ *Pastor Ruth was a blessing to me as I served St Paul’s UMC in Rushville. She was so passionate in her caring for the elderly of the church. She was active in the community ministerial association and always lived to care for others. Aging was not always her friend but it did not stop her for finding ways to care for others.
Rest In Peace Pastor Ruth. Well done good and faithful servant.*

Pator Jan Dimick - December 18, 2020 at 07:59 AM