MICHAEL F. STARR, 75, a former resident of New Orleans and Slidell, passed away on Monday, November 23, 2015, in Panama City, Florida. He is survived by his wife: Ruth Heidelberg Starr; three children: James F. Starr, Michael F. Starr Jr (wife Olga), and Sian F. Starr; two brothers: Paul Starr, and John Starr; three grandchildren: Kaitlyn Leonard, Michelle Starr, and Robert Johnson; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents: Walter and Marjorie Starr, and one brother: Peter Starr.

Mike holds a BA in Economics (St. Francis University) and a JD, LLM (Georgetown Law School). While serving in the United States Air Force, he and his younger brother Peter founded Starr Broadcasting, growing the company from one ailing Omaha radio station into a major, multifaceted media conglomerate. After his time at Starr Broadcasting, Mike owned radio and television stations across the country, chaired the Radio-TV department at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, and produced films and videos, most notably the PBS documentary, Mississippi, America. Mike served in the Ford administration as Director, Intragovernmental, of Special Programs for the Federal Energy Administration. Visitation will be held on Friday, December 4, 2015, at St. Genevieve Catholic Church, 58203 Hwy 433, Slidell LA 70460, from 9:00am until 11:00am. Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00am. Burial services, will be held at 1:00pm at Southeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery. Donations may be made to one's favorite charity.