



Jesse G. Epps, Jr.

June 16, 1945 - October 22, 2021

Jesse Gregory Epps, Jr., 76, of Elizabethtown, passed away on October 22, 2021. He was the loving husband of Audrey Snader Epps with whom he shared 53 years of marriage. A devoted father to his two sons, Jesse enjoyed special times with Brad, married to Amy Peiffer of Elizabethtown and Matt Epps of Lemoyne. He delighted in his four grandchildren, Emily, Ryan, Zachary, and Kensey.

Jesse attended Hempfield High and graduated from Lampeter Strasburg High School in 1964. A veteran, he proudly served in the US Army for two years, serving a one-year tour in Vietnam from 1966-67. After his discharge, he began a 30 plus year career with Armstrong Ceiling Plant in Marietta. Later, Jesse worked for Burle Industries and Ripoff Holsters Company, both of Lancaster. He was Charter Member of Proclamation Presbyterian Church of Mount Joy, and formerly served as a deacon, youth leader and nursery staff for Mount Calvary Church of Elizabethtown. He also served on the board of Calvary Homes and was a volunteer in the gift shop. An avid sports fan, he greatly enjoyed watching sports and especially Penn State Football. He also enjoyed listening to Southern gospel music and attending concerts. Most important and meaningful to Jesse was his devotion to his family and sharing special times with the love of his life, Audrey, especially when they were camping in Ocean City, NJ.

Born in Lancaster, he was the son of the late Jesse G. Sr., and Louvenia Stewart. He is also survived by his sister Madeline (Lester) Wolgemuth of Lancaster and his brother James (Nancy) Epps of Elizabethtown. He was preceded in death by a brother Thomas Epps and sister Mary Lou Stauffer.

A service celebrating Jesse's life will be held at Proclamation Presbyterian Church, (Kraybill Mennonite School) 598 Kraybill Church Rd, Mount Joy, PA 17552 on Saturday, October 30, 2021 at 11 AM. Jesse's family will receive friends from 10 to 11 am and immediately following the service. There will be no public viewing. Private interment service will take place in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville PA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Proclamation Presbyterian Church, 81 East Main Street, Mount Joy PA 17552 would be deeply appreciated. To leave a condolence, please visit Jesse's memorial webpage at www.sheetzfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

OCT **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Proclamation Presbyterian Church
589 Kraybill Church Road
Mount Joy, PA 17552

Tribute Wall

SM

“ Audrey, we are so very sorry to hear about the passing of Jesse. We have such wonderful and fun memories of our times together at RSB. He was a quiet man but always had a bright smile and you could just see and feel the love and warmth that came from him. You were such a special blessing to him, encouraging him and coaching him to do his best and become stronger. You both always entered the gym with big smiles and brought joy to everyone around you. We always remember him wearing his Penn State proud t-shirts. We feel fortunate to have gotten to know you both. We are sorry that we were not able to attend his service today. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Take care.

Sam and Nancy McCorkel

Sam and Nancy McCorkel - October 30, 2021 at 03:50 PM

SL

“ Audrey, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I feel so fortunate to have gotten to know you both. Jesse was such a kind person and had a bright smile that he brought to class almost every day, you both were such a joy to be around. I'm so sorry I couldn't be there today, hopefully we can get together soon.

Sue Ludwig

Sue Ludwig - October 30, 2021 at 03:10 PM

JS

“ Dearest Audrey, We were so sorry to hear of Jesse's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers. We have fond memories of all those family gatherings with you and Jesse, hearing about your travels and beach trips. We are sorry we cannot be there for the service but we hope to see you on our next trip to PA! We love you!!



Janine and Dennis Snader - October 27, 2021 at 07:23 AM

TW

“ Jesse and I go way back to Junior High School at Hempfield. We played on the same basketball team and Jess was just great. So many other great memories. You will be missed my friend. Judi and I send our deepest heartfelt sympathy to Audrey and the family. Tom & Judi Wissler



Tom Wissler - October 26, 2021 at 05:02 PM

GS

“ Jesse was wonderful person and a great co-worker. He was a pleasure to be around: Congenial, friendly, a good sense of humor, and never a course word for anyone. Our deepest condolences to his wife, Audrey, his children, and his grandchildren. He will be missed and remembered by all who knew him, including all his friends at Arma Co.

Greg Stern

Gregory Stern - October 26, 2021 at 03:22 PM

GD

“ Dear Audrey, I was so sorry to hear about Jess. He had a wonderful sense of humor. I was thinking of all the people he was able to reunite with in Heaven. What a blessing to know we will all meet again. I apologize that I will not be able to attend his service, as I will be working. John and I will be keeping you in our prayers. May God receive all the glory! Cousin, Gail Diller

Gail Diller - October 26, 2021 at 12:37 PM

DP

“ Dear Audrey, Brad, Matt & family...we are so sorry for your loss. We have special memories of your years at MCC. Jess was such a kind and gentle man. May God comfort you during this difficult time. Love...Keenan & Diane

Diane Price - October 24, 2021 at 08:35 PM

GB

“ AUDREY AND FAMILY SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER SEEING YOU GUYS AT THE CORPORATION DINNERS AT CALVERY HOMES I WILL KEEP YOUR FAMILY IN MY PRAYERS.

GERRY BURNS

GERRY BURNS - October 24, 2021 at 07:14 PM

WS

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for your family. Wilma Spickler

Wilma Spickler - October 24, 2021 at 04:28 PM

RS

“ I am so sorry to hear the news of Jesse's passing. I got to know Jesse and Audrey through Rock Steady Boxing. Their smiling faces and determination were always a welcome sight. I always enjoyed the time we got to share . With COVID our work out sessions were done through Zoom. I was still happy to see them continuing to work out and visit with all of their RSB/Crush PD family. I am so very sorry Audrey and family for your loss. My heart goes out to you at such a difficult time.

Rose Soles
Crush PD volunteer

Rosemary Soles - October 24, 2021 at 11:53 AM

RF

“ I enjoyed working with Jesse at Armstrong and being his neighbor on Campus Road. Rest in peace, Jessie. Condolences to the family.
Bob Fishel

Robert Fishel - October 24, 2021 at 10:13 AM

AP

“ Jesse what a pleasure it was working with you. You were an honorable man. RIP. Prayers to the family. Annie Paules

Annie Paules - October 24, 2021 at 09:02 AM