



Thomas Jesse Payne

April 24, 1966 - October 13, 2020

Thomas Jesse Payne, age 54 years, a resident of Philippi, WV, passed away Tuesday, October 13, 2020. He was in his usual health and death was unexpected. He was born April 24, 1966 at Webster Springs, WV, a son of the late Walter Delphia and Opal Lee Johns Payne. He is survived by his significant other, Cynthia Jean Rucker of Philippi, one sister, Margaret Knight of Vienna, OH and three brothers, Romie Lee and Carl Leonard Payne, both of Webster Springs, WV and Richard Leon Payne of Cowen, WV. Also preceding him in death was one brother, Eldon Robinson and one niece, Crista Knight. He was a graduate of Webster High School and had received his Master Class in welding certificate. Jesse was employed by Human Resource Development Foundation as a stream worker at the time of his death. His work enabled him to clean the streams and environment which was close to his heart. He was a true mountaineer, a naturalist and avid woodsman who could live off the land in the forests that he loved. His love for nature, plants, digging ramps and especially the animals led him to volunteer for the local animal shelter.

Jesse's request for cremation was honored. Memorial contributions may be made by planting a tree in memory of Jesse at A Living Tribute, 500 West Putnam Avenue, Suite 400, Greenwich, Connecticut 06830 / <https://www.alivingtribute.org/>. The Tomblyn Funeral Home of Elkins is in charge of the arrangements for Thomas Jesse Payne. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.tomblynfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery

Cremation Service

45 Randolph Ave

Elkins, WV, 26241

Comments



“ I have known Jesse for so many years he was such a wonderful friend he would come get me when I needed a ride and hang out with us almost every day when I lived on the creek I will miss him so much fly hi my friend your back with your loved ones again so I hope to see you one day

cindy carpenter - November 21, 2020 at 11:29 AM



“ I have knowed him for a very long time . He has the most outgoing personality . Didn't know a stranger . You will be missed my friend

Ginger Carpenter - November 21, 2020 at 11:11 AM



“ I Worked With Jesse For HRDF A Few Years Ago And I Made A Friend Of Him Instantly. Couldn't Have Asked For A Better Co-Worker Boss Or Friend. Rest In Peace Jesse

Andy Cogar - October 28, 2020 at 04:49 PM



“ Best ramp digger ever. Will miss seeing him along the road. Good fella

Debby Moore - October 26, 2020 at 07:19 PM



“ I met Jesse a little over a year ago when I needed someone to help me paint my house in Philippi. I was immediately impressed by his kindness, his deep respect for animals and nature, his strong work ethic, his willingness to go out of his way to help anyone who needed helping, and his warm, infectious smile. You will be greatly missed, my friend.

Pamela Chapman - October 26, 2020 at 12:21 PM



“ I've known Jesse since kindergarten, he was funny and kind. We both moved away and I haven't seen him in years but this makes me very sad. He was a kind soul and will be deeply missed. Prayers for his family



Nancy Clark Brignac - October 24, 2020 at 02:25 PM



“ I grew up with Jesse on Big Grassy Creek in Webster County, WV. He was quiet, a loner. We rode the same bus together to school, and at the end of Grassy Creek, we got off one bus, and got on another to get to the high school. Sometimes in the winter, about a dozen of us kids would get stuck there at Harvey Anderson's store waiting on the high school bus because it would be behind schedule due to bad roads. My favorite memory of Jesse is his lanky figure, clad in jeans and a jean jacket, skating in his cowboy boots on the ice covered road while we waited on the bus. Sometimes we threw snowballs at whoever was brave enough to skate on the open road! Great childhood memories.
Goodbye, my friend.

Sherri L. Hamrick (McCourt) - October 23, 2020 at 02:14 PM



“ He was so sweet.And so kind to everyone.You will be surely missed.

Terri Francis - October 23, 2020 at 11:06 AM



“ So sorry for your loss.
Hugs and prayers.

Kathy



kathy gum - October 23, 2020 at 09:42 AM



“ It's sad that his life ended so soon. He lived with me and my husband and children for years, I'll always remember the good times. May he rest in peace. Margaret Knight

Margaret Knight - October 23, 2020 at 08:40 AM



“ When I first met Jesse it was like OMG and then quickly it became like I knew him all my life. Finally someone who shared the same desires as myself which was ice cream and milkshakes. It didn't take long to find out what a great person he was. I truly regret that I didn't get to know for a longer time. The last time I saw Jesse I gave him grief about his hair and other things. I really feel bad that my last words to him were. We never know when things are going to happen and we regret what we said. RIP and Ride on .



Donna Smilardo - October 22, 2020 at 09:36 PM



“ I'm Jack Whetzel ,a Supervisor for Grant-Pendleton Crew of HRDF Stream Clean-up and had the privilege of being around Jesse on only a few occasions but was amazed at his intricate mind . Having gotten to work with him and the entire Randolph County Crew for a couple of weeks,Jesse had caught my attention as deeply focused he seemed to be in our trainings . Weeks would go by and I would question the entire group about something and Jesse word for word would state back to me and the crews exactly what I had said. The outdoors brought peace and the respect for it could not be hidden. I'm the last person that got the privilege to talk to Jesse and I'm not sure why. The conversation was positive and at the same time seemed to bring peace to a issue that he had burdened him for quite sometime. I go back and replay the scene and our conversation at times and remember his smile and rest easy that my advice hopefully was what he needed to help him rest. Jesse will be missed and never forgotten by way more people than he would have ever thought. He made it a point to explain how much he loved the Job Training Program with HRDF Stream Clean-up shortly before he died and it really has sank in that he was doing what he loved on his final days of life and I am glad now that someone had given me that privilege. Jesse loved to burn the debris and was given the nickname "Burn Man". Rest In Peace my friend. Never to be Forgotten !

Jack Whetzel - October 23, 2020 at 12:45 AM



“ My deepest condolences to you all. Jesse was a kind and gentle spirit.
Vivian Bennett Beck (Aunt Graces' granddaughter)

Vivian Bennett Beck - October 22, 2020 at 08:32 PM



“ Thanks

Carl - October 22, 2020 at 09:00 PM



“ Fly free Jesse

Debbie Anderson - October 22, 2020 at 07:55 PM