



Jesse "Jess" C. McCollam, Jr.

June 19, 1935 - March 25, 2022

Jesse "Jess" C McCollam Jr. passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, March 25, 2022, in Sarasota, FL.

Jess was born on June 19, 1935 in Mill Creek, WVA to his parents Wanda Fitch and Jesse McCollam Sr. He attended Tygarts Valley High School in Mill Creek, WVA. He graduated from University of Akron with a Bachelor's degree in Accounting. Following college, Jess served in the Army Financial Services in Korea. After Korea, Jess joined the General Tire Company in Akron, OH and was a valued leader throughout the rest of his career.

Jess and his life partner, Judith Jenkins, spent half their time in Sarasota, FL and the other half in Big Canoe, GA. Jesse and Judy also traveled extensively to exotic destinations across the globe.

Jess is survived by his life partner, Judith Jenkins of Sarasota, FL; his daughter Kristin McCollam and partner Karen Welch; his son Scott McCollam, his wife Aimee and their children Marlie and Marin; his daughter Heather Lockhart and husband Marc Lockhart and their children Raul and Julio; his son Michael Jenkins, his significant other Evelyn Pate and Michael's children Amanda, Delaney and Liam Jenkins.

Jess will be laid to rest with honors at the Sarasota Veterans Cemetery on

July 22, 2022, at 10am.

Following the service will be a reception in the Community Room @ 100 Central, Sarasota, FL 34236.

In lieu of flowers, donations are being accepted in Jess's name at Florida Guardian ad Litem Foundation. <https://flgal.org/donate-to-the-florida-guardian-ad-litem-foundation/> or checks can be mailed to:

Florida Guardian ad Litem Foundation 1700 Monroe Street. Fort Myers, FL 33901

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Judy a family. So sorry to hear that Jess has passed away. So many great memories of our fraternity days at The university of Akron. So glad we had the opportunity to reconnect in Sarasota recently. Sincerely, Joe and Teresa Latona

Joe and teresa latona - July 17, 2022 at 11:54 AM

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“ We were very sad to learn in March of Jess's death. We will remember him as a wonderful neighbor, a good friend, and a warm and generous-spirited man. We send our deepest sympathy to his family and especially to Judy, his loving companion for many years. Some of our favorite memories of Jess and Judy involve their love for their dogs, including watching Vinnie lurk under the table at parties waiting for guests to drop tidbits from their plates. (We hadn't realized that Italian greyhounds became invisible when necessary.) And sweet Ozzie, who joined our yoga class one morning just out of curiosity until Judy retrieved him. We will always see Jess with a dog in our memories. Love and best wishes at this time of sorrow -- Laurie Smith & Gerry Shaikun

Laurie Smith & Gerry Shaikun - July 16, 2022 at 12:40 PM



“ Jesse was my dear friend, classmate and fellow band member both at Homestead Jr. High and TVHS . He was smart, handsome, sweet and fun. Later, at our TVHS class reunions, I met Judy and enjoyed being with them so much. They were very kind to me and went out of their way to drive me when I was not able to drive at night etc. They were a very special couple and Jess told me that he and Judy had a wonderful life together.

Joanne Vaughan - July 16, 2022 at 01:56 AM

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“ *Judy, my love to you, dear. I have sent to Jesse's charity as you requested.*

Fond memories of our time together in WV. Jodie

Joanne C Vaughan - July 16, 2022 at 01:35 AM