



Jesse Floyd McKenzie

January 16, 1933 - April 28, 2017

Jesse Floyd McKenzie, 84 of St. Albans, passed away April 28, 2017 at Thomas Memorial Hospital, after experiencing a cardiac event that afternoon at his home.

Jesse was born on January 16, 1933 and was proudly born and raised in Eastern Kentucky. He was in the United States Army during the Korean War, stationed in Germany. He moved to West Virginia in the 1950's and was the owner of McKenzie Ice Cream Company for over 30 years until his retirement.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Oak and Lydia McKenzie, and his baby sister, Millie McKenzie.

Jesse is survived by the love of his life, "the sweetest love whatever grewed", Helen McKenzie, of St. Albans. They were married on June 12, 1954 in Lincoln County, WV. Jesse is well known for continually telling everyone how many years, days, months, and hours he and Helen had been married. They were constant companions in everything-from family, to church, to singing their beloved bluegrass music while Jesse played his mandolin. He and Helen performed in their own band, Brushy Fork Bluegrass, and he was also a member of the Pleasant Valley Boys in past years. In recent years, he became her dedicated caregiver when she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. No truer love will ever be known on this earth than the bond between these two

beautiful people.

Jesse is also survived by his daughter and her husband, Debbie and S.A. Hutson of St. Albans, and his son, Kevin McKenzie of St. Albans. He is survived by his granddaughter, whom he and Helen raised as their own, and her husband, Michelle and John Johnson, of St. Albans. Also surviving are his brother and his wife, Albert and Evalina McKenzie, of South Charleston, along with many other extended family members and a host of friends.

Jesse was a member of the South Charleston Church of Christ and loved his spiritual family more than words can express. He was a deacon and song leader and loved to serve and worship his Lord. He was a godly man who inspired many others to obey the Gospel throughout his lifetime. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (II Timothy 4:7)

Visitation for his family and friends will be held at Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, St. Albans on Tuesday May 2, 2017 from 5-8pm.

Funeral service will be held on Wednesday May 3, at 11:00am at the funeral home with Minister Louis Watts officiating.

Share memories of Jesse on his tribute page at ChapmanFuneralHomes.com

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 409 Sixth Avenue, St. Albans is honored to serve the McKenzie family.

Cemetery Details

Cunningham Memorial Park

815 Cunningham Lane
Saint Albans, WV 25177

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home
409 Sixth Avenue
St. Albans, WV 25177
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Funeral Service

MAY 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jesse Floyd McKenzie*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *to Helen, Debbie, Kevin and Michelle, I am so sorry to hear of Jesse's passing. we lived just the next block down from you, and enjoyed playing with Debbie as a child and listening to your Dad and Mom play and sing. you are each on my prayers. Valerie Loving Melton*

Valerie Loving Melton - May 08, 2017 at 11:25 AM



“ *Kevin and family - please accept our deepest condolences. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Mark Toney and parents, John and Wilma Toney*

Mark Toney - May 01, 2017 at 09:36 PM



“ *Jessie and Helen moved into our old house in Saint Albans when I was little. I got to know and grow up with Debbie their daughter. They were special people very kind and loving. Jessie was always outside playing his mandolin and we loved listening to him play. I went with Debbie and Jessie a couple of times delivering ice cream. He had an awesome sense of humor and never met a stranger. Jessie loved life, loved his family and above all loved and served the Lord faithfully. It was a pleasure and great honor to have been their neighbors. He will be sadly missed. Eric and Cyndi Smith*

Eric and Cynthia Smith - May 01, 2017 at 03:40 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jesse Floyd McKenzie.*



April 30, 2017 at 09:28 PM



“ *Diana (King) Bowen lit a candle in memory of Jesse Floyd McKenzie*



Diana (King) Bowen - April 30, 2017 at 02:11 PM



“ *I didn't know Jesse until December 2009 when my father passed. I had heard of him from my father Charlie King as they were 1st cousins there mothers were sisters. an he introduced himself an his lovely wife that he told of there love story that I found so beautiful for a man to speak so lovingly Of the love of his life a very gentle man I will always remember with all my love an prayers. your 2nd cousin from Kentucky*

Diana (King) Bowen - April 30, 2017 at 01:52 PM



“ *When i was a very young teenager just starting bluegrass jess and the teays Valley boys would have me and brother on stage for a number or two. I was 12 my brother was 10. Alot of music later including professional road job i never forgot his kindness and wotds of encouragement. Rip Jesse*

Mike Blackburn - April 29, 2017 at 06:26 PM