



Jesse Holmes Bell

May 6, 1976 - December 18, 2016

Jesse Holmes Bell, son of Monty and Barbara Bell, died Saturday December 17, 2016 due to a tragic accident while hiking in the National Forest near Siloam Springs. Jesse was born May 6, 1976 in Fayetteville, Arkansas. He graduated from Springdale High School in 1994. Jesse moved to Denver Colorado in 1998, where he worked as Behavior Coach at Excelsior Cares School to provide education, outreach, and behavioral help to young people. Jesse received an Applied Science degree in Human Services from Community College of Denver, with certification for addiction treatment to individuals and he also worked with teachers in the classrooms. He recently returned to Arkansas and was currently working for UPS.

Jesse enjoyed the outdoors and was an avid hiker. He enjoyed bicycling, running, snowboarding, and camping in Colorado's scenic parks. He loved to watch European and English Premier League soccer games as well as Formula 1 racing and Razorback football. But most of all Jesse loved being around his family.

In addition to his parents, Jesse is survived by his wife Sonja and her daughter Shandrea of Denver, his daughter Zoe Bell of Towson, MD, brothers Chris Bell and his wife Missie of Springdale, and James Bell and his wife Shelli of Fayetteville, nephews Chad Bell and his wife Kathryn of Bentonville, Owen and Ellis Bell of Fayetteville, niece Courtney Bell and Chris Luman of Rogers, great nephew Theo Bell, and great nieces Zola Luman and Bryce Bell.

In lieu of flowers, Jesse would have asked for donations to Children's or Senior Citizens charitable organizations.

Memorial services will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, December 24, 2016, at Wasson Memorial Chapel, Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC **24**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CM

“ Dear Monty and Barbara and family. We share in the sorrow of your loss. My son, Chad Munroe was on Jesse's soccer team in their growing up years in Springdale and when you were volunteer coach, Monty. This was the schooling that built the incredible character of our sons. I am saddened by the news of Jesse as I recall the lighthearted and wonderful memories we shared as a "team" and time remembered. So sad to loose one of the members of "our team." Love is how we stay connected...and love is how we find each other on the other side. Peace

cindy munroe - January 05, 2017 at 09:15 AM

WB

“ Jesse was one of my favorite colleagues at Excelsior. His radiant smile brightened everyone's day. His compassion and love for what he did was always evident. He was an excellent role model for young girls to see what kindness and positive words can do to make others feel appreciated and loved. He will be missed by all the friends he made in Colorado. My condolences to his family and friends in Arkansas. He will always be "one of the good guys" and a great loss, far too soon. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family.

Wanda Boortz

Wanda Boortz - December 26, 2016 at 04:25 PM

DB

“There was never a time when Jesse didn't light up the room when he came in. He made it a good day when he stopped by. His rapport with the kids and the staff at Excelsior was amazing. He always made people think and count their blessings. He was always gracious and polite, funny, and hard working. He will always be remembered as a man of his word, a lifelong learner and a good friend. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.”

Darrell Brown

Darrell Brown - December 24, 2016 at 02:21 PM

CG

“Monty, Barbara and all the family, was so sorry to hear of your loss. May God bless and comfort you through your grief at this time.
Curtis and Darin Griggs”

Curtis Griggs - December 24, 2016 at 07:07 AM



“With Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Jesse Holmes Bell.”



December 24, 2016 at 01:02 AM

 Yen
Arredondo

“I worked with Jesse at excelsior and he was amazing. He worked so well with kids and was always so kind to everyone. He always made me laugh and gave the best advice. He will be missed. Rest in peace my friend.”

Yen Arredondo - December 23, 2016 at 09:45 PM

AD

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Jesse's passing. He was so positive and so solid. At Excelsior, there are a lot of kids lacking a stable inner foundation, and he seemed to... like magically produce one for them just purely out of his own energy when he was near. He really helped everyone feel good about themselves, and I know he touched people in a very real and lasting way. He is going to be so missed.

Angie, colleague from Excelsior

Angie D. - December 23, 2016 at 12:16 AM



“ Monty and Barb--So sorry to hear this--tho it has been many years since I have seen you, please know you are in my thoughts and prayers--Love you, Trish Slaughter

Trecia Slaughter - December 22, 2016 at 09:47 PM

BH

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I worked with Jesse at Excelsior where he was loved by kids, their families and our staff. He was kind and patient and could make the most difficult teens have a smile. My thought and prayer are with you. Warmly, Barbara Faulhaber

Barbara faulhaber hernandez - December 22, 2016 at 08:18 PM

RB

“ So sad to hear about Jesse's passing. He was like a big brother to me. He always had a soft spot in his heart for my children. They loved him dearly. Condolences to Sonja, Shandrea, Zoe and the entire Bell Family!

ricky bishop - December 22, 2016 at 06:00 PM

AJ

“ *Monty and Barb: So sorry and sad for your loss. I remember when he was born!! Please know that others are feeling for you now. You will be in our prayers. Love you, Anita Johnson*


Anita Johnson - December 22, 2016 at 03:37 PM

HA

“ *Haley lit a candle in memory of Jesse Holmes Bell*



Haley - December 22, 2016 at 02:47 PM

 Tracy
Parmley

“ *I loved to see him interact with kids. He had a way of making everyone laugh/smile. My thoughts and prayers are with Sonja and his family.*



Tracy Parmley - December 22, 2016 at 10:30 AM

SK

“ *We are so saddened to hear of your loss. May God comfort your family.*

Ron and Dirinda Skelton

Skelton - December 22, 2016 at 07:44 AM

CC

“ *Monty and Barbara, words can't express my sorrow when I read about your loss. Even though I didn't know Jesse, I know if he was anything like you, he was a very fine person. I can't begin to imagine the grief you two are experiencing. We will keep you and your family in our prayers.*

Charles Clinehens - December 22, 2016 at 07:21 AM

MA

“ *We just heard the sad news - we are in shock. Our deepest sympathy to Sonja, Shandrea, Zoe, Barbara, Monty, Chris, Missie, James and Shelli Bell.*



In loving memory to Jesse - we will never forget your warm , kind, and loving personality. Your beautiful spirit and soul will live forever in eternity. You will be missed dearly.

From your Colorado Springs relatives : Margareta, Lili, Francis, Nemo , Farah, Susie and Rudy.

Margareta - December 21, 2016 at 11:36 PM

JP

“ *Jon and Kristin Payne purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jesse Holmes Bell.*



Jon and Kristin Payne - December 21, 2016 at 10:19 PM

TM

“ I will always remember his huge smile and big hugs. The world lost one of the good ones.

Traci McClung

Traci McClung - December 21, 2016 at 03:37 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Jesse Holmes Bell.



December 21, 2016 at 03:33 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jesse Holmes Bell.



December 21, 2016 at 02:59 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Jesse Holmes Bell.



December 21, 2016 at 01:30 PM

AA

“ *Jesse was a great person and colleague. He was always so positive and motivated. There was never a situation too large or small for him to offer assistance. His passion, kindness and understanding was unmatched.*

Rest easy, Jesse. God bless your journey.

Angelica Ayala

Excelsior Colleague

Angelica Ayala - December 21, 2016 at 12:23 PM

DE

Jesse you will be missed. Your kindness will always be remembered.



Debra Williams EYC - December 21, 2016 at 01:46 PM

AC

Jesse was the inspiration to all he came into contact with. His kind spirit and easy going nature made him so good at his work with troubled youth. He touched so many lives just being himself. His daily smiles, kind words, and upbeat attitude made the tough days disappear. It was a pleasure to know Jesse. He has a special place in my heart. My thoughts go out to his family during this difficult time.

Angela Chambers

Excelsior Colleague

Angela Chambers - December 21, 2016 at 07:12 PM

DG

Jesse . . .one of the most kind-hearted our family was blessed to know and love. Prayers for the family, especially Barbara and Monty, for His comfort and strength. 💕💕

Dorothy Groves - December 21, 2016 at 09:58 PM

CH

Barbara, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. God bless.

Carol Hudson

Carol Hudson - December 22, 2016 at 09:10 AM

DM

Jesse was positive and upbeat during the years I worked with him at Excelsior. He earned the respect and admiration of those of us who witnessed the compassion and care he demonstrated in working with our clients. Truly an exceptional young man. My thoughts are with his family at this time of great loss.

*Darrell Murphy
Excelsior Colleague*

Darrell Murphy - December 22, 2016 at 01:41 PM

JR

Barbara and Monty, I am so sorry that you have to suffer this tragedy. Take some comfort in knowing that so many thought so much of Jesse. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Johnny Ruckman - December 23, 2016 at 06:44 PM

SP

Barbara and Monty, our hearts are broken for you. Barbara I listened to you so often at Jones Truck Lines talk so lovingly about your sons. Jesse was incredibly special from his early childhood. You were blessed to be this gentle soul's mama and he, too, in having you. You and Monty are amazing parents. We love you and pray for your journey at this time.

Sue Parks - December 23, 2016 at 09:55 PM

RH

“ *Praying for your family to find comfort and peace during this time of loss. My most sincere condolences.* ”



Renea Hill-Ellis - December 21, 2016 at 11:34 AM