



## Jesse Bland

August 30, 1990 - April 23, 2009

Jesse Aaron Bland    Jesse Aaron Bland, 18 year-old lifetime resident of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died April 23, 2009, at Arkansas Children's Hospital, Little Rock, Arkansas. Born August 30, 1990 in Fayetteville, Arkansas, he was the son of Jeff and Leslie Bland and Jill Lawson Young. Jesse was a senior at Siloam Springs High School. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Glenn Bland. Survivors include his parents, Jeff and Leslie Bland of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, and Jill Young of Rogers, Arkansas; three brothers, Tyler Bland, Zane Bland, and Micah Bland, all of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; his grandparents, Marianne Bland of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, and Steve and Aggie Lawson of Shell Knob, Missouri; and his great grandmother, Ruby Lawson of Springdale, Arkansas. Graveside services will be 10:00 a.m., Monday, April 27, 2009, at Blagg Cemetery, near Siloam Springs, Arkansas, with Rev. Breck Castleman officiating. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:30 p.m., Sunday, April 26, 2009, at Wasson Funeral Home, Inc., Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Memorial contributions may be made to the Elizabeth Richardson Center, 1300 N. Patriot, Siloam Springs, Arkansas 72761.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Jeff,

*I was deeply saddened to hear of the loss of your son. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.*

*Anita*

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**Anita Rausch** - September 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM

JV

“ Jeff,

*I was so sorry to hear of your loss of Jesse. You and your family are always in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless. Julie Vehige*

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**Julie Vehige** - September 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM

MC

“ Jeff,

*I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your son.*

*Many thoughts and prayers,*

*Melissa*

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**Melissa (Ogden) Chesnut** - September 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM

VG

“ *sorry to hear of your loss,  
may God Bless you and yours at this time and the days ahead*

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**Vicky Goodman** - September 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM

CC

“ *Leslie and Family -  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May you have peace in knowing that Jesse is with the angels watching over you now. God bless you and your family.*

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**Chris & Erica Clark** - September 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM

TM

“ *Leslie & Jeff & Family: We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts & prayers are with you. The Martin Family*

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**Teresa Martin** - September 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM

TL

“ *i am very sorry about jesse i want to say that i now how it feels but i cant but i do now want it feels like to lose some one because i have lost both of my parnts but i new jesse for 2 years because he rod my bus bus 91 agin i am very sorry jesse well always be remard god blesse you lave tanna*

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**tanna lay** - September 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM

DR

“ *You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Denise and Dwain Rigsbee*

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**Denise Rigsbee** - September 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM

JG

“ We wish to express our heartfelt sympathies to your family during this very difficult time. It was a pleasure for our staff to work with Jesse over the years. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Joe and Melissa Garrett** - September 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM

TE

“ Jeff and family,

*My heart hurts for your loss. Only God can understand and give you the peace you truly need during this time. Keep the great memories close. Remember Jesus used children as the perfect example of how our faith should be. If you need me for anything, let me know. God bless you.*

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**Tim & Tricia Estes** - September 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM

CC

“ You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Charles & Penny Carswell & Children** - September 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM

JR

“ *Bland Family:  
My thoughts are with each of you at this sad time.*

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**Jan Farmer Russell** - September 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM

TF

“ *I loved Jesse as though he was my own. He was a very special student and I will remember him always!! God Bless you all*

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**Tammy Freeman** - September 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM

RJ

“ I am greatly saddened by the fact that Jesse has been called back. He was a fighter all his life, and achieved many great things. Jill, Aggie, Steve, and Ruby; Our hearts' are hurting deeply for you. Words cannot begin to sooth the terrible emptyness, that is, the enormous hole in your SOUL from the loss of one so young.  
God Bless All,  
Roger, Bonnie, and Becky Joseph

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**Roger Joseph** - September 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM

CS

“ To the Bland Family & Jeanne Anne--

*We are so sorry for your loss-- Jesse was so special to everyone and will be missed.*

*The poem below has a special meaning- read it and rememebr what Jesse's "Dash" stood for--*

*God Bless You ALL!*

*<http://www.thedashpoemmovie.com/>*

*The Dash*

*copyright 1996 Linda Ellis*

*I read of a man who stood to speak  
at the funeral of a friend.*

*He referred to the dates on his tombstone from the beginning...to  
the end.*

*He noted that first came the date of his birth and spoke of the  
following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was ?  
the dash? between those years.*

*For that dash represents all the time  
that he spent alive on earth...  
and now only those who loved him  
know what that little line is worth.*

*For it matters not, how much we own;  
the cars....the house...the cash.  
What matters is how we live and love  
and how we spend our dash.*

*So think about this long and hard...  
are there things you'd like to change?*

*For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged.*

*If we could just slow down enough  
to consider what's true and real,  
and always try to understand  
the way other people feel.*

*And be less quick to anger,  
and show appreciation more  
and love the people in our lives  
like we've never loved before.*

*If we treat each other with respect,  
and more often wear a smile...  
remembering that this special dash  
might only last a little while.*

*So, when your eulogy is being read  
with your life's actions to rehash...  
would you be proud of the things they  
say about how you spend your dash?*

*Jesse is Our Angel now-- Jesse will live forever in our hearts.*

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**Chip and Kim Sexton** - September 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM

BH

“*Jeff,  
Please know that you and your family are in my heart and prayers.  
This is the greatest loss a parent can suffer. I hope and pray you  
rely on your faith to get through this time of grief. Please let me  
know if there is anything I or my family can do! May God bless you  
and bring you peace and comfort.*

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**Bronwyn (Matthews) Howard** - September 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM

KM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family. no words can express my sympathy of the loss of your child. May God watch over you and give you strength.

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**kelly buckmaster meadows** - September 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM

JC

“ my deepest sympathy is with the whole family i remember first meeting jesse at the middle school 7 yrs ago as a substitute teacher i just loved al the kids in his class as a mother of a handicapped child i no first hand the daily struggles and blessing each and every day holds.... when i moved to high school i got to see jesse again i always went up and talk to him..... i no now jesse is completely healed of all his handicapps and is smileing down from heaven on each of us that had the previledge of knowing him!!!!!! may god continue to bless you all and comfort you till you see jesse again ....  
jackie clason

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**jackie clason** - September 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM

MH

“ Dear Jeff and Leslie,

*I was so sorry to hear about Jesse. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.*

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**Mindy Hunt** - September 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM

DW

“ We will truly miss him. He was a great client of mine when I was his instructor.

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**Daniel Walters** - September 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM

BM

“ Jeff, I was saddened to learn of the passing of your son. I will remember you in these trying time.

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**Billy Mason** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

TY

“ Jeff,

*I am so very sorry to hear this sad news. I know Jessy meant the world to you and you were the best father he could have ever hoped for. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you. Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and in my heart. I can only imagine how hard this is for you but take comfort in the knowledge that now Jesse is happy, healthy, free, and watching over all of you. Love you and please take care.*

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**Tonia Yost** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

ME

“ Marianne and Jeff - I am shocked and saddened to read of Jesse's death. As you know, I am in Ireland, but read the Morning News on-line, and of course his name just jumped off the page at me. I hope that you both take some comfort in how much you did to make his life safe and happy. I loved that kid and am so sorry you have lost him.

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**Mary Frances Edwards** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

SB

“ Jeff, just wanted you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. If there is anything we can do, please let us know.

*Steve and Stephanie Butler*

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**Steve and Stephanie Butler** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

BW

“ Dear Jesse

*We will miss but there is one thing we both know is that we both became good friends and no matter what happens we will still be friends even though you are gone but you will never be forgotten by your friends and teachers that was so close to you.*

*Love*

*Bobbie and Andrew Whitlock*

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**bobbie whitlock** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM