



Mr. Jesse Ray Hardy, Sr.

March 26, 1957 - July 29, 2020

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the following organizations.

Pitt County Animal Services
4550 County Home Road Greenville, NC 27858

Vidant Health Foundation - Cancer Care
690 Medical Drive
Greenville, NC 27835

Please make check payable to Vidant Health Foundation and include in the memo line - in memory of Mr. Jesse Ray Hardy, Sr. – Vidant Cancer Care.

If you would like to donate online with a credit card, you may go to www.vidanthealthfoundation.com, click the donate button and choose Cancer Care.

On Wednesday, July 29, 2020, at approximately 2:20p.m., our Heavenly Father sent his angel to pluck one of his flowers from his earthly garden. Jesse Ray Hardy, Sr. (Hawkeye) was born on March 26, 1957 to the late James and Bertha Hardy.

He attended Pitt County Schools graduating from North Pitt High School in

1975. He also attended Chowan College in Murfreesboro, NC where he majored in graphic arts. He then used his skills as a graphic artist at Smith Printing and later at Morgan Printers, Inc. for many years. Jesse took extreme pride in his craft as he was often sought after for his graphic arts talents.

He grew up in the St. Peter community and was baptized at St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church at an early age. He later became a faithful member of St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Falkland, NC, where he served as a trustee and an usher.

Jesse was our very own dog whisperer. He had a special love for all animals, especially dogs and cats. He had a particular affinity for stray animals as he recently took in and cared for a beautiful cat that he called Greystone. He also had a green thumb and loved gardening and landscaping.

He leaves to cherish his memory three children, TraTina D. Jenkins, LaTressa Stith (William), Jesse Hardy, Jr.; one grandson, RaeKwon Jenkins. Jesse enjoyed spending time with his siblings. He and his siblings relished their close relationship and the support they gave to each other, James Hardy, Jr. (Stephanie), Carlton B. Hardy (Florida), Helen Hardy Knight (William), Faye Hardy Bordeaux (Frankie), Milton Hardy (Deborah), Pauline Hardy-Evans (Johnny), and Virginia D. Hardy; also, left to cherish his memories - a special loving, and supportive brother, James Larry Gorham; in addition, he is survived by 19 nieces and nephews who love and will miss him very much along with a host of relatives and friends.

The family of Jesse Hardy, Sr. wishes to thank the entire Vidant Medical Center Oncology Department and the ECU Brody School of Medicine for the excellent treatment and warm care given to Jesse with - special appreciation to Dr. Vijay Chaudhary.

A viewing will be held on Sunday, August 2, 2020, 1:00 - 2:00 pm at St. John Missionary Baptist Church. Following the viewing, a private funeral service will be held for the family and invited guests. Family and friends can watch the service which will be streamed live at www.stjohnmbcf.org and Congleton Funeral Home and Cremations Facebook Page.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

St. John Missionary Baptist Church
3647 Highway 222
Falkland, NC 27827

Celebration of Life Service

AUG 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. John Missionary Baptist Church
3647 Highway 222
Falkland, NC 27827

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Jesse Ray Hardy, Sr.*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Maria Carney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jesse Ray Hardy, Sr.*



Maria Carney - August 08, 2020 at 11:35 AM



“ *Carlton and Helen, it grieves me to hear of your loss. I hope you find comfort and joy in the days and weeks ahead mostly through the love of Christ our Saviour as well as your earthly sisters and brothers in Love. I offer my sincere condolences. Much love.*

Ken Gilbert - August 04, 2020 at 07:22 PM



“ *Condolences to the Hardy family; may God continue to strengthen you in the days to come.*



James and Thetus Harris - August 04, 2020 at 02:13 PM

SB

“ *My sincere condolences to the Hardy family.*

*Sue Beacham
(lab)*

sue beacham - August 04, 2020 at 09:29 AM

CH

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Hardy family from a former classmate. Calvin Hawkins Timonium,MD*



Calvin Hawkins - August 03, 2020 at 01:05 AM

PF

“ *The Hardy Family, sorry for the loss of your brother Jesse. May God to strengthen you and bless you.*



Patricia Daniels & Family - August 02, 2020 at 11:30 PM

MW

“ *I will allway remember him.he allway have nice smile. Say kind thing. We use to talk all time as friend. He told me who I was going to.marriage I did. Never forget him. My classmates of75*

Mattie and Gary wilkins - August 02, 2020 at 06:00 PM

MW

“ *Mattie And Gary Wilkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jesse Ray Hardy, Sr.*



Mattie and Gary wilkins - August 02, 2020 at 05:57 PM

MB

“ *Family, we love you so much and we are thankful for you. Cuz, we never forget you.*



Michael and Jodi Battle - August 02, 2020 at 04:19 PM



“ *Veronica Oliver lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jesse Ray Hardy, Sr.*



Veronica Oliver - August 02, 2020 at 02:02 PM

VB

“ *So sorry about the loss of Jesse, I met him several years ago when I was doing services for Ms. Gorham, he was so nice and helpful. Praying for the entire family*



Valerie Blount-Joyner - August 02, 2020 at 10:45 AM

JY

“ James Earl Yarrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jesse Ray Hardy, Sr.



James Earl Yarrell - August 02, 2020 at 04:13 AM

NM

“ My prayers and thoughts are with you all. ❤️

Nicole Moore - August 01, 2020 at 11:28 PM

RS

“ Ronald & Julia Sneed lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jesse Ray Hardy, Sr.



Ronald & Julia Sneed - August 01, 2020 at 09:44 PM

AH

“ Anissa Howard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jesse Ray Hardy, Sr.



Anissa Howard - August 01, 2020 at 07:00 PM

EC

“ *Life surely has no sorrows that Heaven cannot heal.
Praying for you all.
Evelyn Dove Coleman*

Evelyn Dove Coleman - August 01, 2020 at 05:10 PM

AB

“ *Angela Battle lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Jesse Ray Hardy, Sr.*



Angela Battle - August 01, 2020 at 01:48 PM

PO

Lord my Jesse, my condolences to the family. I love you Jesse, rest in peace. Portia Opharrow. Such a sweet kind young man.

Portia Opharrow - August 02, 2020 at 12:19 PM

GB

“ *My deepest condolences to the Hardy Family and friends. I remember Jesse remember Jesse from grade school and high school graduation. He always had this smoothness about him and was always upbeat we came across each other a few years ago and it was such a joy talking with him and a brief moment of catch up. Family be encouraged and hold on to those fond memories. Gloristeen Barnhill Barnes*



Gloristeen Barnes - August 01, 2020 at 01:03 PM

MW

“ *May God wrap his loving arms around all of you giving you the strength needed to endure the days ahead. Our condolences to your family.*



Melissa Ward - August 01, 2020 at 11:29 AM

JP

On behalf of the family of William (Fat) Sneed, please accept our sincerest condolences on the passing of Hawkeye as we fondly knew him. May God bless each of you during this difficult time...Love you all Alice, Judy, and Janice

Janice Poole - August 02, 2020 at 01:50 PM

HM

“ *Herbert & Yvonne Moye lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jesse Ray Hardy, Sr.*



Herbert & Yvonne Moye - July 31, 2020 at 10:31 PM

RH

“ *Ruth Parker Hardy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jesse Ray Hardy, Sr.*



Ruth Parker Hardy - July 31, 2020 at 10:26 PM

VP

“ *My deepest condolences for the family*



Vickie Peele - July 31, 2020 at 09:18 PM

LH

“ *Linwood, Donna and Chase Harris, sending prayers to the Hardy family, from Falls Church Va.*



Linwood Harris - July 31, 2020 at 08:47 PM

MS

“ *Maurice And Wanda Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jesse Ray Hardy, Sr.*



Maurice and Wanda Smith - July 31, 2020 at 07:13 PM

JN

“ *Jose And Nancy Nazario sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Jesse Ray Hardy, Sr.*



Jose and Nancy Nazario - July 31, 2020 at 07:12 PM

JH

“*"Mom Mae" Hines and family would like to express our sincere condolence on the passing of Hawkeye. We light this candle in his memory. We love and praying for you all.*



Johnnie Mae Hines - July 31, 2020 at 06:54 PM

PD

“*Peggy Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jesse Ray Hardy, Sr.*



Peggy Daniels - July 31, 2020 at 06:42 PM

AW

“*Hardy Families...you're in our thoughts and prayers each time we pray for you and the families, I'm reminded that God who created you can put your world together again...that's why I'm asking Him to bring you strength and reassurance as you lean on Him and rest in His love...may God be with you, and with caring thoughts at this difficult time...extending our sincere sympathy to you in your time of loss, love always...
Doris (Ann) Wilkins and Family*



Ann Jenkins Wilkins - July 31, 2020 at 06:17 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Jesse Ray Hardy, Sr..



July 31, 2020 at 05:50 PM



“ To the family of Jesse Hardy Sr. and love ones. The Lord knows your heart is aching. May he hold you close to His heart and comfort you tenderly.



Trudy Mayo Artis - July 31, 2020 at 03:04 PM



“ Johnny Wilkins And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jesse Ray Hardy, Sr.



Johnny Wilkins and Family - July 31, 2020 at 03:01 PM



“ Sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Cary Transportation



Cary Transportation - July 31, 2020 at 02:43 PM

JF

“ Johnny Wilkins And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jesse Ray Hardy, Sr.



Johnny Wilkins and Family - July 31, 2020 at 01:51 PM

TJ

“ Apex Friendship Transportation would like to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in his memory. We love and praying you, Mr. James Hardy and your family.



TONIA JOHNSON - July 31, 2020 at 01:41 PM

JP

“ Jeffrey & Annie Parker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jesse Ray Hardy, Sr.



Jeffrey & Annie Parker - July 31, 2020 at 01:26 PM

JM

“ My condolences to the Hardy family.



Jimena Mitchell - July 31, 2020 at 01:17 PM

KT

“ Karen Sharp Thigpen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jesse Ray Hardy, Sr.



Karen Sharp Thigpen - July 31, 2020 at 12:41 PM

ST

“ Shirley Taylor-Boyd lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jesse Ray Hardy, Sr.



Shirley Taylor-Boyd - July 31, 2020 at 09:56 AM

NC

“ Nettes Childcare lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jesse Ray Hardy, Sr.



Nettes Childcare - July 31, 2020 at 08:40 AM

FM

“ Jessie and the Hardy family much love to you all. Your family will always hold a special place in my heart. It was always full of joy, laughter and kindness.



Faryce Goode Macon - July 31, 2020 at 12:24 AM

PJ

“ Patricia Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jesse Ray Hardy, Sr.



Patricia Jordan - July 30, 2020 at 11:49 PM

MW

“ Mattie Wilkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jesse Ray Hardy, Sr.



Mattie Wilkins - July 30, 2020 at 10:32 PM

RC

“ REV DORA COX lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jesse Ray Hardy, Sr.



REV DORA COX - July 30, 2020 at 10:11 PM

CM

“ Claudette Moore purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Jesse Ray Hardy, Sr..



Claudette Moore - July 30, 2020 at 04:01 PM

JC

“ Jessica Carney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jesse Ray Hardy, Sr.



Jessica Carney - July 30, 2020 at 08:21 AM

ZB

“ Zachary R Bunns lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jesse Ray Hardy, Sr.



Zachary R Bunns - July 30, 2020 at 07:56 AM

EH

“ Evangelist Gwen Hudson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Jesse Ray Hardy, Sr.



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - July 29, 2020 at 05:11 PM

CS

“ Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - July 29, 2020 at 04:26 PM

ZB

Extending sincere condolences to the family on the passing of your Honorable love one and my fellow classmate of NPHS class of "75

Zachary R Bunns - July 30, 2020 at 07:55 AM

CJ

Family, please accept my Heartfelt Condolences. I am devastated to hear of my friend, school mate's demise, May God Bless you all, my sincere sympathy

Corlis Jenkins - July 30, 2020 at 10:50 PM