



Mr. Jesse Lee Willingham Sr.

March 27, 1962 - March 29, 2019

Jesse Lee Willingham, Sr., born March 27, 1962 and passed away March 29, 2019. Jesse was a people person. No matter what kind of mood he was in, he was always friendly and would make anyone smile. He was a great listener and always had wisdom to share. Laid back and easy going, he was a blast to be around. He never let the hardships of life spoil his kind spirit or his unique sense of humor.

Jesse was dedicated to his job with 5 Star Food Service for 9 years as a vending attendant at Pilgrims Pride in Guntersville.

He had a passion for cars and motorcycles, but few things made him happier than being on the water. He was a sucker for dogs, home cooking and a good Jager bomb. He even liked to sing karaoke (as long as it was Jimmy Buffet), and was a fan of the poetry of Pablo Neruda.

Most of all, Jesse loved his kids. He poured his heart into them, did his best to raise them to the best of his ability, and did a really solid job too.

He was old school. He believed in God, family, hard work and the golden rule. He didn't care who you were, where you came from, what job you had or what political party you were with, he would treat everyone with kindness and positivity wherever he went.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Chester Leon Willingham and Laura Eunice Willingham; and brother, Clifford Willingham.

He survived by his 2 children: his son, Jesse Willingham Jr., and daughter, Laura McCarver, and 2 grandchildren Isaiah Keith McCarver and Georgia Kay

McCarver, and many friends who were more family than friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, April 13th in Scottsboro near the Goosepond Amphitheater at 2:30 p.m. Friends and family will gather at Stevarino's in Scottsboro afterwards. In lieu of flowers, Jesse's family ask that you donate to the Lions Club at alabamalionsight.org or the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind at aidb.org.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Jesse Lee Willingham Sr.*

October 05, 2023 at 01:26 AM



“ *I met Jesse at the Pub during the worst of time in my life, and a difficult time in his, and we shared many laughs and tears. When I needed a place to stay, he opened his door and accepted me as his roommate without blinking an eye. It was a big adjustment for him, but Jesse was a loving and caring friend, and his willingness to help always outshined any trepidation he felt. I don't have words enough to explain how much Jesse affected my growth as a functioning adult human, but Jesse has a part of my heart and soul. My life would not be as full and happy as it is today without his influence and his friendship.*



Melisa Wiersma - April 09, 2019 at 08:52 AM



“ *Sending my sincere condolences in the loss of Jesse Sr. Jesse was a good friend to me. He was such a kind and gentle soul and I will miss my friend dearly. To his family and friends, my prayers are with you all. I hope that all of your wonderful memories will help carry you through these difficult days. Our memories are like treasures, just like Jesse.*

Rest in peace my friend and know that you are loved and missed always.

Terry Pritchard

Terry Pritchard - April 09, 2019 at 03:54 AM