



## Jesse Lee Richards

February 11, 1987 - December 20, 2015

A funeral service for Jesse will be held on Thursday, December 31, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Geneva. Pastors Eldon & Marybeth Nicholson will officiate the service.

Visitation for Jesse will be held on Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva.

Interment following the funeral will be held in the Geneva Public Cemetery.

Memorials are directed to the family for later designation.

Jesse Lee Richards was born on February 11, 1987 in Geneva, Nebraska to Kelly Jo (Richards) Hartman. Jesse tragically died December 20, 2015 in San Antonio TX.

Jesse spent most of his younger years on the farm outside of Geneva with his Grandparents Gary and Shelia Richards.

Jesse was active in Boy Scouts attaining the rank of Life Scout. He was also active in Church Youth Group and became a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Geneva, Nebraska. He graduated from Fillmore Central High School in 2005.

In August 2005, Jesse joined the United States Army. After basic training, Jesse was stationed in Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. While stationed there, he was deployed to Iraq for more than one year. After returning to Hawaii, Jesse transferred to Fort Riley in Kansas. While there, he was deployed to Iraq two more times for a total of 3 ½ years fighting for our country. He was discharged in September 2012.

A few months after he was discharged, Jesse moved to Georgetown, Texas. Jesse loved music and enjoyed the musical venues in the Austin area. He attended many concerts in Austin and also New Orleans, Dallas and El Paso. He worked at Ennis golf carts in Liberty Hill, Texas for several months and then started attending classes for computer networking at Austin Community College. At the time of his death, he was living in San Antonio, TX and working at Texas Roadhouse. He loved his job there and was looking forward to completing his education.

Jesse is survived by his mother Kelly Hartman of York Nebraska; grandparents Gary and Shelia Richards of Georgetown, TX; brothers Michael Hartman and Amy of Friend Nebraska, Damien Hartman of Omaha Nebraska; sister Amber Hartman of York Nebraska; nieces Keira, and Jade; nephews Michael, Colton, Patrick and Dominic; uncles, aunts, cousins and many friends.

He was preceded in death by great grandparents Jesse C. and Kathleen Richards; step father Jeff Hartman; and Uncle Dale Rice.

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ So terribly sorry to read of Jesse's passing. My husband was a Wolfhound [2/27, 25th Infantry Div] in Vietnam, and all Wolfhounds are brothers forever. Nec Asperan Terrent

*Burdette & Gayle Bond, Graham MO*

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**Burdette & Gayle Bond** - January 04, 2016 at 01:30 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jesse Lee Richards.



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December 31, 2015 at 02:31 AM

BK

“ Brenda Kronhofman lit a candle in memory of Jesse Lee Richards



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**Brenda Kronhofman** - December 30, 2015 at 09:48 AM

BM

“ Jesse was always a good kid when he would hang out at our house with Pat. I remember he could eat pretty good to... Prayers for his family.

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**Bonnie Moses** - December 29, 2015 at 11:39 AM

MS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Jesse's family. We are so sorry to hear of his untimely passing.

*Dave and Mary Seggerman*



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**Mary Seggerman** - December 28, 2015 at 02:35 PM

ML

“ My sympathy to Kelly, Michael, Amber, Damien, Gary and Shelia and extended family members as well. I taught Jesse for several years. He was a bright student and I can recall many instances when he made me laugh! After high school and during his time in the military, Jesse visited my classroom, dressed in military uniform, and thanked my colleague and I for what we provided to him during high school. It was a touching moment and one I'll never forget. He was one of my most favorite students. My prayers are with you all.

*Mary Lundberg*

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**Mary Lundberg** - December 26, 2015 at 01:31 PM

VF

*I just saw the local news coverage of Jesse's passing, and I am so sorry for your family. I never knew him or you, but I am so sorry for your loss of your grandson who was like a son and one of whom you could be so proud. I will be praying for your family as you grieve and wait for closure. God bless you all.*

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**Vickie Foster** - January 07, 2016 at 06:19 PM