



## Jay Hesse

August 6, 1954 - January 22, 2020

Services for Jay Hesse, 65, of Tyler will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Rev. Jeff Gage officiating. The family will have a private interment.

Mr. Hesse passed away Tuesday, January 22, 2020 at UT Health East Texas in Tyler. He was born August 6, 1954 in Tyler to Ella Mae and Raymond R. Hesse.

Jay had a larger than life personality. He had many friends and had such a giving heart. His greatest joy was his Princess, Makaela, who called him Superman. If you had the pleasure of meeting Jay you were instant friends. Jay was co-owner of R&R Machine with his sister Helen which his dad, Ray, started as a young man. Jay was a very hard worker and always helped anyone in need.

Jay was preceded in death by his parents and his father-in-law, John T. Craft. He is survived by the love of his life, Sandra Hesse which he married 34 years ago; sister, Helen Hesse True of Tyler and her children, Bill True of Austin, Tami Bollman (Andy) of Bullard; brother, Ray V. Hesse of Ohio; cousin, Suzanne Loudamy and family of Whitehouse; mother-in-law, Pauline Craft of Plantersville, MS; sisters-in-law, Lynda Kerr (Ken) of Pontotoc, MS, Janice Whitehead-Loyd (Tim) of Saltillo, MS; brother-in-law, Thomas Craft (Sissie) of

Plantersville, MS; 26 nieces and nephews; his honorary children, Stephen Branch (Nikki) and their children, Peyton, Devin, Katie and Jace, Jennifer Turner (Justin) and their children, Kylie, Jaxson, Gillian and Lexie and grandchildren, Amelia Ann and Elliot Marie, Stephanie Troyer (Jeremy) and their children, Cole, Makaela, Payton and Raini, Shawn Tindall (Monica) and their children, Makaela, Grant and Kenlee.

Pallbearers will be Shawn Tindall, Cole Bussell, Jaxson Elliot, Justin Turner, Stephen Branch and Jeremy Troyer. Honorary pallbearers will be Bill True and Andy Bollman.

Visitation is scheduled from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 26, 2020 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway in Tyler.

If desired, memorials may be made to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at [donate.lls.org](https://donate.lls.org).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **26.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

## Service

JAN **26.** 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DM

“ I first met Jay through my best friend Sandra. I grew to love him as I saw how good he was to her. He was indeed her Knight in shining armor, who swept her up and gave her a life of joy and happiness. He did miraculous things for Sandra, so that her life would be complete. His heart was huge, helping so many in need. He was so happy in his life because he was rich with love. It was an honor to be his friend and I will miss him greatly. May God bless Sandra and all his family with comfort and peace.

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**Debbie Marcontell** - January 25, 2020 at 10:45 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jay Hesse.



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January 25, 2020 at 10:06 AM

TC

“ JJ was a neighborhood friend when our family lived in a house on Pinecrest Drive and a schoolmate at TK Gorman. A few years ago JJ and I reminisced about their family pool and Ray's extensive comic book collection that he kept in a bottom drawer in his room. Great guy with a perpetual smile.

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**Tony Carvajal** - January 25, 2020 at 09:11 AM

JS

“ Jay was a good friend and next door neighbor for over 21 years. We will miss him. We pray for comfort and peace for Sandra and her family. John and Mary Stokes.

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**John Stokes** - January 24, 2020 at 05:22 PM

RG

“ Such good memories of times with him, GOD BLESS y'all!!!!!!

*Rickey Gaines*

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**Rickey N Gaines** - January 24, 2020 at 03:54 PM

SP

“ Sherry Pettit lit a candle in memory of Jay Hesse



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**Sherry Pettit** - January 24, 2020 at 01:11 PM

CH

“ Cheryl Harkness lit a candle in memory of Jay Hesse



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**cheryl Harkness** - January 24, 2020 at 09:06 AM

PF

“ Jay was a good friend in high school and for several years after. He always had a great smile and was willing to help out anyone in need anytime. Praying for comfort for his family during this time. Rest in peace, JJ.

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**Pat Feagin-Czepiel** - January 23, 2020 at 08:49 PM

MC

“ JJ was a stand up friend in high school. He was fun loving and positive in his approach to life. He is most certainly next to our Lord in Heaven.

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**Michael Chrietzberg** - January 23, 2020 at 08:05 PM

SL

“ I have only fun memories of my cousin JJ. The hours we spent in the swimming pool, listening to music and playing pool were such fun for me as a kid. He teased me unmercifully and his laugh was so contagious!  
Sandra, please remember God has His arms around you and that it is ok to grieve.  
Helen, Ray, it truly is difficult to loose your younger brother. I pray for peace in your hearts.

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**Suzanne Loudamy** - January 23, 2020 at 07:12 PM