



Jesse A Smith

January 1, 1978 - February 7, 2016

Fredon - Jesse A. Smith, age 38, unexpectedly passed away from a severe asthma attack while working at Lafayette House on Superbowl Sunday, February 7, 2016. Born in Newton, Jesse grew up in Fredon and graduated in 1996 from Pope John XXIII Regional High School in Sparta and attended Wagner College in New York City. He was currently the Manager at Lafayette House, where he has been employed for the past 15 years. He was predeceased by his father, Alfred D. Smith on December 24, 2011. Jesse is survived by his daughter, Emma; his son, Samuel; and his mother, Judith Stagg Smith Dering and her husband Richard and family. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 13, 2016 at the Yellow Frame Church, 1 Yellow Frame Road, Newton. Friends are welcome to pay their respects earlier to the family on Saturday at the church. A celebration of life service will follow at Lafayette House, 75 State Route 15, Lafayette. Private cremation services were held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations may be made to a fund set up for the children for their future education. Donations may be sent to the family, c/o Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street Sussex, NJ 07461. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.pinkelfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Private Cremation Services

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Yellow Frame Church
1 Yellow Frame Road
Newton, NJ 07860

Celebration of Life

FEB 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

Lafayette House Restaurant
75 State Route 15
Lafayette, NJ 07848

Tribute Wall

PB

“ I was so heartbroken today to learn of Jesse's passing....he was/is an awesome person who lit up the world with his smile. His second cousin Sam was so very fond of him, my hope is that they are together up in Heaven, sharing some laughs...I wish I had known him longer, but for the short time I did, I could see the light inside of him....RIP Jesse....

Pat Bijas - July 13, 2016 at 09:39 PM

CL

“ I was a class mate of Jesse and I am truly sad to hear of his passing. My memories of him are warm and loving. Although it has been a life time since I have seen Jesse, I have no doubt he would have greeted me with open arms and a warm smile. He will be missed but never forgotten.

Love
Christian "Flash"

Christian Lorenz - February 13, 2016 at 07:20 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Jesse A Smith.



February 11, 2016 at 08:44 PM

RT

“ Judy and family, My condolences... I remember Jesse as a little boy with that great smile. Then him riding his four. Wheeler doing donuts around the house and then to My surprise. My neighbor again with his own children. Sending hugs. God bless

Rose Badami-Thoenig. 107 Birch Drive

Rosemarie Badami Thoenig - February 11, 2016 at 02:33 PM

HA

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Halina - February 10, 2016 at 08:59 PM

HW

Jesse we will miss you. Our hearts are breaking. We will always love you.

Halina & John Wall

Halina Wall - February 10, 2016 at 09:13 PM

MA

“ To think Jesse sat with us just a short while ago at Lafayette House. Always the charming, smiling Jesse. Our hearts are breaking.
Larry and Mary Anne Condit

Mary Anne - February 10, 2016 at 12:23 PM

NL

“ Although I have not seen Jesse is years
He was one of my favorite people of all time.
Jesse was a gentle, loving, companionate shoulder to lean on when
I needed it most in life. I have never meet anyone that could give a
better hug than Jesse.
He gave the best hugs ever.
He will always be in my heart and I am so sorry for everyone's loss.

Nancy (Papp) Lopusnak - February 10, 2016 at 11:48 AM



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Christopher Carrer - February 10, 2016 at 09:53 AM

“ I haven't seen Jesse since the last day of 8th grade, but I wondered about him often enough, recently even. I always liked that guy. I think everyone did.

In elementary school, they made the whole 3rd grade write an essay for the American Bicentennial, but the teachers only chose two of them to send in to some national big deal something or other. His was one of them. (I always assumed it would have been the better one, because he was pretty damned smart.) He was Scrooge in that school play, I was Bob Cratchit. He was the only other boy in those special "enrichment classes" with the smart girls. I mean, it's nice when there are circumstances that push fabulous: friendly, fun, intelligent people close to you. And that is damned rare. I was always glad that it was Jesse there, Jesse specifically, in those circumstances. You always felt safe around him.

One night we tried to get his dad to let us watch "Revenge of the Nerds" on TV and I told the old man, reassuringly, that it was "really just for research purposes". Man, it was so quiet for so long that you could hear the ice in his dad's glass melting. It was all kinds of awkward, for all 3 of us. ...And I probably ought to have let that story slip off into the unknown, where it is safely never heard of again, but the point was: Jesse only ever teased me about it rarely, quietly, for the most part privately, ...and it was somehow funnier in his retelling.

He was also the first person to put slices of ham on my head and say "Look! Ham on Ry!" He was, thereafter, not the last person to do it, so he was sort of a pioneer, after a fashion, but I never minded Jesse's teasing. It was only ever fun with that guy.

I honestly do only have good memories of him.

I never knew he had any breathing problems. I didn't know he was in "the area" at all. I always assumed he was living beside Harvard or playing football somewhere; that's what he told me he was going to do "in the future", and it has been all that time.

The future in NOT what "Back to the Future" promised us.

I'm mostly just sorry for you, for everyone's sake.

I always really liked that guy.

P.S. Jesse's mom: Thanks for taking us to see movies of questionable critical value: "Pet Sematary" et.al. (Yes, it's really spelled that way.) Nobody in my family ever did that.

Ry An - February 10, 2016 at 02:47 AM