



## Jesse A Carper

August 1, 1988 - March 29, 2015

Jesse A. Carper went to play music with his heavenly father Sunday, March 29, 2015 at the age of 26. Jesse was born August 1, 1988 in Salem VA. He grew up with an instrument in his hand and managed to put it down long enough to play his favorite sports, football and baseball. Jesse is a 5th generation musician in the family, who had many friends and never met a stranger. Jesse participated in a lot of activities for such a young age with his music. He was an avid fisherman and hunter and a special musician and singer that touched many hearts throughout the United States. He will be greatly missed and we hope that he has encouraged many young people to carry on his legacy.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents Curtis Sr. and Mary Mills, and Edith Carper; great grandparents Lawrence & Bernice Bostic and Roy and Bea Carper. He is survived by his parents Steve Jr. and Donna Carper; grandfather Steve Carper Sr.; girlfriend Brianna Herman; godparents Tim and Clara Leftwich; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, bluegrass friends and musky fishing friends.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 am Friday, April 3, 2015 at Grace Baptist Church with Pastors Danny Kesler and Kevin Altizer officiating. Interment will follow at Huffman Memorial Park. The family will receive friends 6-8 pm Thursday, April 2, 2015 at Grace Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, donations

may be made to Craig Co. Rescue Squad, PO Box 81, New Castle, VA 24127  
or the New Castle Volunteer Fire Dept. [www.paitselfh.com](http://www.paitselfh.com)

# Tribute Wall

CO

“*Jessie I used to call my boy friend . I was really really close to him and every time I see a picture of him I cry so much and my heart feels for steve and donna . my mom and dad were close to steve and donna I was closet to jessie I'm crying while I write this he was like a big brother to me though I never got see him much I still loved him . my favorite song was ole slew foot and I would be hugging him and he could hardly play his mandolin now I'm learning to play mandolin and I can also play fiddle. I like to play back yard foot ball and I play soft ball in memory of jessie I love you so much we know your in our hearts I love you Cora Beth p.s. I still have a t shirt you sighed for me when I was 4 🙏🙏🙏🙏❤️❤️*”

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**Cora** - January 24, 2020 at 10:22 PM

JM

“*Steve and Donna-I am so sorry for your loss. Words cannot express how deeply saddened we are. Jesse was an amazing young man who touched the lives of so many people. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I pray God will give you strength for the days ahead.*”

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**Jolie Hutchison McKinney** - April 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EV

“ Dear Donna,  
For what period of time I knew you and Jesse it was wonderful.  
Jesse was such a wonderful guy. Loved listening to him sing & play music. Those are the memories we hold onto. Life is just crazy, I to lost my son Jessi & know your loving Jesse is with my son & daughter who will guide him through his journey in heaven as an angel. Don't ask why just believe that there was a special reason for all of this pain. I'm right there with you Donna please call me anytime when you need me day or night  
Love you always  
Elaine

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**Elaine VanHoudt** - April 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ We are so sorry to hear about Jesse. He was a great friend of mine. We use to play ball together. He will truly be missed!! Rest in peace Jesse!!

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**Paul** - April 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Steve and Donna,  
Sorry to hear about your son. Thoughts and prayers go out to you and your families.

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**Judy Davis doughty** - April 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. May God send his peace and comfort in the days to come.

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**Shelton and Cindy Fowler** - April 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HE

“ Jesse was such a wonderful, and caring person who lit up the world with his smile. He will surely be missed.

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**Heather** - April 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Steve and Donna:

*We are deeply saddened by your loss. You are in our hearts and prayers.*

*Bob & India Atkinson*

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**Bob Atkinson** - April 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Donna and Steve. We are so sorry for the passing of Jesse. I remember his playing the "spoons" for the talent show when he was in elementary school. Of course, we all enjoyed watching him as he came to be an excellent musician. His talent was so great and his personality was also. He will be missed by all who knew him. No words can tell how sad we feel and are continuing to think of you and keep you in our prayers and hearts. Love, Lois and Jerry

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**Lois Groseclose** - April 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

OC

“ Steve, Donna and family, My heart is aching for you. I am sure God's arms were open wide for our precious Jesse. I am sorry I cannot be with you at this sorrowful but hope you understand I cannot leave Myron. Our prayers are with all of you. Love all of this loving family.

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**Opal Caldwell** - April 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ Donna and Steve, We are deeply sorry for the loss of your son. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Michael and Sharon

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**Michael** - April 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Jesse was an amazing young man and he will be missed by so many. He always had a smile on his face and a hug every time I saw him. We are keeping your family in my thoughts and prayers

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**Leslie Kotheimer New Castle** - April 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Stevie, Jr. & Donna; Steve, Sr.; Janie & Family; Bobby & Family; Carolyn & Family; Melissa & Family:  
God has a plan for everybody and everything. It does not always seem fair. On the bright side, you will get through this and keep Jesse's spirit alive.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.  
Love, "The Beauchemin Family" Ann (LUGAR),  
Ed, Brandon & Aaron

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**Ann Beauchemin** - April 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Steve & family..our condolences to you & your entire family on the loss of your precious son. May god wrap his arms around all of you & help you find some solace. God bless you. Bobby Webb & family.

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**bobby webb** - April 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Jesse was an amazing young man and will be missed by so many. Keeping your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Sandra Abbott - April 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Too soon. His mandolin will be a welcome addition in heaven. Deepest condolences to the entire family.

Dale - April 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ So sorry to hear about Jesse. My prayers are with his family and friends, MMay God Bless you all. Love to hear him play and sing. Now, he is singing with the heavenly father.

Kathy Keen - April 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LU

“ Steve & Donna..we are so sorry for the loss of Jesse. Just cannot imagine what you guys are going through while trying to deal with this. Sometimes we just wonder "why"? Just remember "Don't put a question mark where God puts a period" God Bless Y'all

Lulu - April 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ My deepest sympathy to your family. Jesse was a great musician and fine young man.

Bobby Woolwine - April 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your son Steve and Donna. Jesse was a good person and a very talented one too. As you all know me and him were friends and he went to school with my godson Austin Sixbey and my step nephew Jesse Bayne. I enjoyed watching him sing and play the couple times I did and I have two locust mountain boys cd and would like to have the last one someday too. He was always great to be around and I wish me and him never lost touch. Heaven has gained an awesome person and musician and he will be missed. God bless you Jesse and may God be with you always !

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**Eric Mangels** - April 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Steve & Donna:  
There are no words to describe the pain and hurt we feel for you during this time. Your sweet Jesse was a gentleman, a ray of sunshine and a great musician. Anytime I hear a mandolin I think of 2 very special people... My cousin Donnie Myers and Jesse Carper. I guess those 2 are playing great music together now! I also remember the many baseball games Donna, that we sat at watching Jesse and Josh play together and that goes way back to when they were little! Jonathan was playing music in Troutville a couple months back and Jesse came to hear them and even sang with them. I'm grateful that both of my boys were friends of your Jesse. Lots of great memories that will remain in your heart and mind forever! He touched so many lives and will always be remembered. Love and prayers are being sent your way by so many and we all love you!! Love, Karen Wiseman and Jonathan

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**Karen Wiseman** - April 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all this week and all the weeks to come . thinking of you with love . Betty and Bud slusser

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**Betty** - April 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of your sweet Jesse. He will never be forgotten. My prayers will be with your family.*

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**jennifer garman** - April 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WL

“ *Steve and Donna, Our hearts are broken for you both. Jesse was a delightful young man with an amazing talent. He will forever be in our hearts. Our prayer is that God will embrace you both in his tender love and care as you face the days ahead. Know that our family will be praying for you both.*

*Love and Prayers The Looney Family: David, Wanda, Langley, Dakota, and Montana*

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**Wanda Looney** - April 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *Stevie and Donna, There is no words that can express how sorry we are for your loss. The music that flowed from Jesse was a special gift and just know the whole county is grieving with you and for you. We all are going to miss this great young man. His infectious smile made everyone he meet feel at ease which opened his life up to have a lot of friends and admirers. They say love can build a bridge but Jesse music built a lot of bridges that brought a lot of people into your son life.*

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**Brian** - April 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *What a amazing Young Man, His smile was and will always be bright. Donna and Steve I pray God comforts you and gives you peace throughout the coming days. Much Love to the Family. Jesse You will be missed so much. Sing with the Angel Band.*

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**Mary L Smith** - April 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *This was a truly talented young man.He wil be missed greatly.He and my son all went to school together and each have fond memories, the Dunbar boys casey,charlie Javob.they remember playing little league to high school.this has been a heart breaker for all the county. Just want to let you know he will never be forgotten and missed by all his friends.donna if you need a shoulder to cry on or someone to listen im here 494\_0172 Debbie Hall Bradford.*

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**Debbie Hall Bradford** - April 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ *I am very sad to hear of Jesse's passing. He was a great guy... Those eyes and that smile. We struck up a conversation at the carwsh one day about how many quarters it took.. We just hit it off as friends. He was easy to talk to and we ran into each other from time to time and talked about life and family..told him how I had lost my dad to cancer years ago... I'm glad for getting the chance to know him... And he will be greatly missed.*

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**Tina Thompson** - April 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ *What a talented man. I know he and the angels are making beautiful music in heaven. I am so sadden for your lost.*

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**Linda** - April 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WA

“ We are so very sorry for your loss!! You have a beautiful family and a wonderful son. Please let us know if you need anything at all.

Wayne - April 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Steve and Donna,

So very sorry for your loss - have sent many prayers your way. As a teacher, some students remain "your Kids" long after they leave your classroom -Jesse was definitely one of those for me. He always had a smile and hug for me no mater where I saw him! He was loved by and will be missed by many.

Beth Swain - April 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Even though I didn't know Jesse well, when I was introduced to him the first time at one of their gigs, I knew right off this was a young man before his time. Always smiling, sharing his gift of music with the masses. He will forever me missed but always in the hearts of all he met. Play on Jesse....

Karen Conner Hall - April 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Jesse affected so many lives in such a positive way. The last hug I gave him was in October of last year when The Locust Mountain Boys performed a charity event for my nephew. I was honored that they were the ones I could count on, along with the band Blue Connection. Jesse made an impact on everyone he met, and I am truly grateful that he was a big part of my family. Sing with the angels, Jesse. You will be missed.

Linda Boone - April 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Peace and Love to Steve, Donna and the rest of Jesse's family. Cherish his memory and smile when you think of him playing with The Angel Band!

Joanne McGowan - April 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Uncle Mark and I are deeply heart broken. We will Always Love You.

joyce pendleton - April 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ So sorry for your loss. My prayers are with each of you. Jesse had such a wonderful voice and a great smile and he will be greatly missed.

Missy Linkous - April 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MY

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Jesse's family and friends. His sweet smile and voice could truly light up a room. He will be missed by so many and never forgotten.

Michelle Young - April 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ What a great person, always had a smile on his face, a joy to wait on at the store over the years, always spilling and the best manners. I pray God holds you tight in his loving arms

Donna Cantrell - April 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FR

“ Steve and Donna,  
What a tremendous loss to all of us, especially you his parents. We were all blessed to have Jesse in our lives, if only for a little while. Jesse's contagious smile and great musical talent will be remembered and missed by many. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers and may you receive peace and comfort from above. Our condolences to you and family.f

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**Fred** - April 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ We will never forget Jesse, and our hearts are broken for his family and many friends.

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**Wayne Weikel** - March 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I cannot begin to imagine the pain your family is feeling. Please know so many of us are praying for God to hold all of you in his arms and comfort you in the days ahead.

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**Kim Roberts Mar** - March 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Steve I was deeply saddened to hear of Jesse's passing. I will never forget the first time I heard Jesse perform. What a voice and boy the kid could pick. Super young man and loved by all he met. You, your family and Jesse's countless friends are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Christopher Cameresi** - March 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Donna, Stevie & Family. Our heart goes out to you all in this very sad time. Jesse always had a big smile on his face and was never in too big of a hurry to stop and talk! He touched a lot of hearts & souls and will never be forgotten. Love & prayers to all of you.

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**Sammy** - March 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ Words cannot express the grief and sorrow that has been bestowed upon this family. I am sure that Jesse is smiling down on all of us from heaven. Stevie and Donna .. you have my deepest sympathy and prayers. Dot

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**Dorothy** - March 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Condolences from me to all family.

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**Kathryn Burnett** - March 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ TO THE PARENTS AND FAMILY OF JESSE CARPER  
WHAT A SAD DAY IN NEW CASTLE WITH THE LOSS OF  
ANOTHER GREAT YOUNG PERSON. OUR THOUGHTS AND  
PRAYERS OF COMFORT ARE WITH YOU. JESSE WILL NEVER  
BE FORGOTTEN FROM HIS BEAUTIFUL SMILE TO HIS MUSIC,  
TALENT AND GREAT VOICE. WHAT A BLESSING IT WILL BE  
WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAR HIM AGAIN SING WITH OUR  
LORD. PLEASE KNOW THAT WE ARE HERE FOR YOU !  
YOUR FRIENDS WITH LOVE, JACK, DIANA AND LAUREN  
BAYNE.

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**DIANA BAYNE** - March 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ The impact of this young man's life and early exit is being felt all over. Jesse Carper never met a stranger. Everyone who knew him loved him. His travels with fishing, hunting and music introduced him into the hearts of thousand's from all over this world. His early departure will Be felt around the world. Jesse had a way with people that could connection to their very soul, eyes that would light up a room and a smile that you would never forget. He leaves behind a true emptiness that will never Be filled. He will forever Be missed.

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**Chuck and Cristy Dudding** - March 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ We, the staff at Paitzel Funeral Home are deeply sorry for your loss.

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**Paitzel Funeral Home Mar** - March 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Steve I am so sorry for your loss. I am without words. You and your friends are in our prayers.

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**Jennifer Whittaker Ford** - March 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Donna and Steve, words cannot express how I felt when I heard of Jesse's passing. I know that the both of you are devastated. He was the nicest, kindest young man who had ever entered my house. He was so talented and who not heard him was missing his singing and I think he was one of the greatest mandolin pickers I had ever heard. I am so sorry that I had never bought one of your cds. Again, I am so sorry that we will never see that beautiful smile again. Everyone will always remember him. My deepest sympathy go to both of you. Love, Reba

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**Reba Todd** - March 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ when he would come in our store and eat steak hoagies, he always was smiling and full of energy and a zest for life. And that beautiful smile. he will be missed so much! there is a band playing in heaven tonight and all the other angels are rejoicing just because he is near! we are sorry for your loss but heaven has gained one beautiful soul!!!

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**lilliebrickey** - March 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ Jesse's musical talent so enlightened me when I would hear him sing and play. My heart grieves for the Carper family and I am deeply saddened by the death of this talented, handsome and genuinely good young man. The hills of Meadow Creek will never be the same.

*Sincerely and with my love,  
Ellen Hannah (Craig county resident and childhood friend of Aunt Janie)*

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**Ellen Hannah** - March 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ We are Heartbroken! Always had a wonderful smile and so much talent. Our prayers are with the family. Junior and Susan Sisk

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**Junior Sisk** - March 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ "You all are in my prayers"

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**Stan Rowe** - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ I'm so sorry words can't express how many of us feel today. Jesse will be greatly missed but he will Never BE FORGOTTEN . The Downey family from Selma are thinking of the family and friends and will be praying for you all .

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**Charlene Downey** - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Donna and Steve  
Words cannot express how sorry we are for your loss. Please know you and your entire family are in our constant thoughts.

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**Debbie** - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Steve, Donna and family: Jesse was a great guy and a great musician. Everyone who met him will always remember him. Your family is in our prayers.  
Pete and Shelby

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**Peter and Shelby French** - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ My Condolence To The Family. And may God enfold you in His Loving arms of warm embrace. God Bless

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**Carolyn Drewry** - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Steve and Donna....My family and I are so sorry to hear of the passing of Jesse. I can only imagine your grief. Just know that love and prayers are being sent your way.

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**Cherie Davis Spencer** - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Praying for you and the whole family. Jesse will be missed terribly.

Donald and Diane Waldron - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Prayers!

KYLE AND GINA SAUL - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ very sorry for your loss

robert fisher - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Steve & family, We are so very sad to hear of Jesse's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time and here forward. May God hold you in His arms and comfort you. Jesse is so very special and so very talented . We are all blessed by his music and his smile. Our heartfelt condolences....

Dennis - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Steve and Donna and Carper family  
We are shocked and saddened to hear about Jesse. You all are in our thoughts and prayers- We love you guys.  
The McAllisters

Ted McAllister - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM