

Jess Eric Howard

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Linda, So sorry for your loss. Losing a family member is always hard, but especially when it is unexpected. Love, Your ZUMBA Friend, Terri Xoxo

- Terri Van Winkle

I knew Jess in high school. Thoughts and prayers for his family.

- Steve Pugsley

Our condolences to the family. Jess was always a great friend. He and I shared a locker in Junior High. He and his family taught me how to be a better volleyball and ping pong player. We did scouts, gymnastics and tubed down Cottonwood Creek almost every day during the summers together with other friends in the area. His Mother Rainy was also a great friend to my Mother and me.

- Kevin Woodward

Carrie, My deepest sympathies are with you and your family as you mourn the loss of Jess. Wishing you peace and comfort during this difficult time. May your memories become joyful, may your days be enriched with the support of family and friends, and may your lives be encircled by God's love and the love of friends and family. My condolences.

- Rachel Custard

Sending sympathy to the Howard family. So sorry to hear this sad news. I wish him peace at rest and that your fond memories will comfort you always.

- Teresa Rudert

So sorry for your loss. Love you!

- Carol Baird

We have known Jess for 15 years as a neighbor downs the street. But more recently since 2020. We knew he was quiet and hardworking. My husband loves having a reason to use the snowblower every year, so he would race to snow blow Jess's driveway before Jess could get to it! We knew of his heart condition and wanted to help somehow. The best part of our friendship with Jess was in 2020 during Covid. He had been living in the house adjacent to our backyard for a couple of years and we finally started talking and becoming friends. Eventually Jess had us convinced that he needed to "pay" us back for all the times his driveway was snow blown. He helped us grow our first garden. That was an incredible experience! He knew plants like no ones businesses. He was an expert! He was the "Garden Whisperer". We also had a new addition to our family with a darling 8 week old golden doodle that same year. Guess what? That stole Jess's heart! He was in love with his Roxy and adopted our Pepper whenever he could. He would pay my girls to take care of Roxy at times when he was at work for long hours. He wanted the girls to have the experience of working and learning what it was like to earn money and then spend it how they wanted like he was taught as a kid. Jess and I would talk on the phone for hours about anything and everything. I thought I could talk. I was wrong! He had me beat!! The problem was, I didn't know how to say I had to get off the phone. Jess loved grass! He as the only one in the neighborhood who knew how to grow the perfect grass year after year. My husband got to be the recipient of Jess's sprinkler knowledge. My husband would dig a hole and if Jess passed by and saw it, he couldn't stay away. Jess was like a magnet to that and soon guess what? We had a whole new beautifully crafted brand new sprinkler system with remote controls!! In the few months of real friendship we had with Jess, our lives were blessed with his overwhelming generosity and kindness. One of his favorite loves in life was Volleyball. Little did we know that he had been a big star volleyball player for many years! Because of his talent and love of the game, he noticed a spark of that talent in our 10 year old. He said "she needs to play volleyball". He was thrilled to see that she had potential that he noticed!! He insisted we get into lessons and see if she would like it. Well, guess what? His nephew just happed to run a volleyball club for girls! So we kind of rolled our eyes and said, ok Jess…We'll try this out just to make you happy. 3 years later our daughter is still in love with this sport. Don't worry Jess. We won't forget you when she makes it to the Olympics one day! I will share again that because of Jess my family has been blessed in countless ways. Jess was a true friend to us and for us. Where we are today is because of Jess and his influence and love for our family. He treated us like family, and we treated him like family. We love him and we miss him. We will always be grateful for the memories of how 9 months of our lives were spent being constantly blessed by Jess, our neighbor.

- Orr Family

I just learned of Jess' death today, minutes before his service. I know many of his family members. And what a great family they have! The obituary expresses well the person I knew. I wish his family peace. Be kind to yourselves as you grieve. Time is both an enemy and a friend. Grief is a process. Jess played volleyball against and later with members of my family. He was our milk delivery person for many years. Even after we moved homes, his routes were changed to include our house. During the time our life circles overlapped, I enjoyed his optimism, smile and skills. I will treasure the memories I have of Jess Eric Howard.

- Tauni Paul

Jess and I were best friends and first roommates just after we both turned 19 we had a lot of good times together playing beach volleyball, meeting girls and cruising around in his 68 firebird. I was with him when he met his first wife as they got married and I was there for him when it didn't work out. Some time in the 90s life got in the way and we went different ways. I was thinking about him a couple of years a go and got in touch. I am so glad I did get the

chance as we talked about all the crazy times we had and let each other we loved each other, I didn't know until today that he passed. Rest in peace my friend. Cheap Trick for ever. Much love Donnie

- Don Herbert