

Jesse Rees Jensen

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Rees was the most wonderful Brother-in- Law any one could ever have. Always a A Gentlemen. Virginia and Rees had such a beautiful love between them. Rees served the Lord and others in so many Ways. He will be sorely missed by our family. When my sister had a stroke 5 years ago. He served her with great love and devotion. We love all of his dear children also and we ask that they will be blessed at this time. Love Auntie Gracie

- Grace Henderson

Rees was a kind, refined gentleman who blessed all those within his sphere of influence. Please accept my deepest sympathy. I served with his lovely wife Virginia on the Relief Society General Board when she served as Sister Mary Ellen Smoot's counselor. I met Rees through Virginia and together they were examples of faith in their Savior and devotion to others. Rees will be greatly missed.

- Shauna Frandsen Frei

Your soul and images will always live in the hearts of loved ones. Your physical body died, but you now can be with your loved ones 24/7 and 7 days a week. We will go and look for you someday soon.

- Peter Kao

To the dear family of Rees and Virginia Jensen, my husband and I hold your parents in the highest regard. Serving with Virginia on the general board exposed us to a woman of talent, wisdom, dignity, and virtue. Rees gave her the greatest of support and was such an example to each one of us. I served as chairman of the homemaking committee which brought me frequent contact with Virginia, homemaking counselor in the general Relief Society. How I cherished each meeting. Evenings in their home were exceptional experiences as her homemaking skills and their ability as supreme hosts was enjoyed by all. We love Rees and Virginia and extend our deepest condolences to you and pray that the power of the comforter will bring you peace and comfort In this time of isolation.

- GARRY and LaNell Moore

My husband and I adored Rees. His kindness and warmth were unmatched. He made you feel like you were the most important person in his life. My husband, Doug Beck, served as one of his counselors in the Missouri Independence Mission. We cherished our time learning from both him and Virginia. Classiest people ever. And steadfast in the Gospel. My husband passed away 10 years ago. I am certain he was there to greet President Jensen with grateful arms. Thank you for sharing your parents with Missouri for 2 years

- Sandy Beck

I was just told by an old mission companion of both President and Sister Jensen's passing. I simply want to say how grateful I am for the love, knowledge, and skills imparted on me by these wonderful people. They were with me for about 15 months of my mission and had a profound impact. I am now a business owner and father of three. I think of the Jensen's regularly in my daily efforts to be the best I can as a father and business owner. I rely heavily on the often stated words of President Jensen, "The best is yet to come". I love them and thank you for sharing them with so many. Kevin Jones, Elder in the Missouri Independence Mission 2002-2004

- Kevin Jones

Thank you for the writing of that wonderful obituary! It isn't easy to capture the true essence of a life in so few words, especially when it is filled with SO much goodness and love! Yet this was done so beautifully. ■ Serving in the MIM was a highlight of my life and I was taught lessons by the Jensen's I think of or put into practice almost daily. President Jensen led with love and that love opened the doors to many miracles. I feel extremely blessed to have known someone that is so very much like the Savior. He truly was His disciple. One of my favorite memories is visiting them in their home a couple of summers ago with a group of their former sister missionaries. We each recounted ways he was an answer to our prayers (said or unsaid) and how when we'd question, "How did you know?" he'd respond with, "The Lord knows us and what we need. Isn't it wonderful?! And I'm His instrument." Even 15 years later, it was obvious then and now the lasting impression those experiences made. Sister Jensen listened with small tears in her eyes and with such a look of tender love as we all praised him. She rarely lost her composure with us and it was such a sweet experience to see her brimming over with feeling the spirit, and love for her life's partner. ■■ He blessed the lives of so many! And I'm so humbled and priveledged to be one of them! I know he'll be my friend forever, and he's still lovingly encouraging and calling me "a champion" from the other side. There will be an army from the MIM when the time comes to have a service for them! I look forward to it and all the best that is yet to come! ■ Thank you so much for sharing them with us!

- Martha Garrity

President Jensen was such a great man and mission President! While I am happy he's now with Sister Jensen, he will be greatly missed! He cared for the "one," and made us feel special. I loved meeting with him for interviews or at the visitor center and seeing his genuine smile. He helped me to always want to be better. Love you President Jensen! My condolences to his family at this time.

- Erin (Moss) Burch

I had the privilege of meeting President and Sister Jensen while serving as a missionary in the MIM from 2003-2005. They were both full of love and had a heart that was ready and willing to serve. They were so pleasant and will be missed by so many! I was so glad to have formed a relationship with them and appreciate all they did for us missionaries! At this time I would like to express my condolences to the Jensen families and friends. —Sister

Jaquel (Turner) Stokes

- Jaquel Stokes

Dear Jensen family, We are so grateful for the powerful influence Rees and Virginia have had in our lives. Powerful leadership, impeccable example, and overwhelming loving friendship. Oh, how we've treasured our relationship with them. We will miss them. Carie and I send our love and condolences to you.

- Guy Woodbury

I am the youngest (first) cousin on the Jensen side. My mother is Maude, Joel's sister. Rees was thirteen years older than me. Even with such a large age difference I still felt like he was my great friend. He treated me like I was his contemporary. I admired him from the time I was very little. He was, and is, one of my greatest heroes. He was there for me at some very pivotal times as I was growing up. He helped me get my first meaningful job. He showed me how to be a true gentleman even while wearing his Army uniform. He always knew just what to say, and just how to treat others. I always wanted to be like him in every way. I knew he cared about me. I will always love him.

- Clifford V. Dunn

Ann and I were so fortunate to have had Rees as a dear friend and cherished mentor in our lives for the past thirty years. He lifted and inspired everyone he encountered, and helped others realize their best selves and most noble aspirations. He work ethic was combined with a rare gift of empathy and Extraordinary communication skills, which made him the type of leader who blessed the lives of literally thousands of his church associates and workplace partners....not to mention his extended family. So wonderful he can rejoin his beloved Virginia. We look forward to the day we can enjoy their wonderful influences again. Lives well led! Ann and Gary

- Ann and Gary Crocker

Dear Jensen Family, We treasure the associations we had with your parents through the years. We enjoyed our traditional Christmas gatherings with friends, their Church service. Rees called Bill every year on Veterans Day to thank him for his service even when they were on their mission. They (Bill and ward friends) enjoyed monthly luncheons until Virginia's stroke. He was always a devoted companion We were especially touched when we received a phone call from Rees just a few short weeks ago. We quickly put him on the phone recorder to better hear him and record his words. Again he and we expressed our gratitude for our friendship. His genuine greetings, kind words, spiritual leadership will always be cherished.

- Bill and Renee Christensen

I was so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. I thought so much of both of your parents. Rees was always so kind and thoughtful any time that I saw him. He is one of the people I have looked up to throughout my life. My thoughts continue to be with you even though some time has passed. All my love, Sarah Heath

- Sarah Heath