



## Jesse Ray Boyce

February 18, 1949 - August 15, 2020

On Saturday, August 15, 2020, Jesse R. Boyce lost his long battle with pancreatic cancer. He passed in the early morning surrounded by his loving family.

Jess was a larger than life presence who was known to spontaneously burst into songs by Elvis as well as his favorite song, They Call the Wind Mariah that always brightened the mood of his friends and family. He never missed his grandkids games or events and would regale perfect strangers with stories of their successes.

Born February 18, 1949, in Searcy, Arkansas Jess moved to and from Armona, California, and Arkansas multiple times with his family throughout his childhood. He was a Hanford High School Football standout who was offered a scholarship to play for Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. His scholarship was later withdrawn when he cracked a bone in his neck during a league all-star game. He recently fulfilled a last wish by revisiting his home state of Arkansas with his wife Vicki and lifelong friend Glen Price earlier this year.

After High School, he remained in Hanford, married his high school sweetheart Vicki Nardini Boyce, and had three children Jason, Shawna, and Mandy. Jess ran a successful Dairy Maintenance and Equipment business for nearly twenty years and later became a Stationary Engineer with the

California Department of Corrections retiring in 2005.

He is preceded in death by his father Arvil and his daughter, Mandy. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Vicki. His daughter and son-in-law, Shawna & Loren Bettencourt, son and daughter-in-law, Jason and Ann. Grandchildren Jacob & Sophie Young, Tyler Roe, Maddy & Ellie. Mother, Martha Boyce and brother and sister-in-law Terry & Tammy Boyce and their sons Nathan and Chris Boyce. And lots of lifelong friends. They will always carry his memory and boisterous love of life in their hearts.

It was Jess's wish to forego a formal ceremony.

Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Cheeseboard Complete was purchased for the family of Jesse Ray Boyce.*



August 23, 2020 at 02:50 PM



“ *so sorry jess was a great friend and will be missed*

*jon verboon*

**jon verboon** - August 22, 2020 at 02:18 PM



“ *This makes my heart sad for Vicki, family and friends that loved Jesse. i will always remember him as a fun loving, warm man. Hadn't seen him much during these last years,,,,,but always remember the times we shared with the Brooks' and others. Love you, Vicki and I send my love and prayers!*

**Cathy Etchebehere** - August 19, 2020 at 08:47 PM



“ *WE WERE SO SORRY TO HEAR THAT JESSE HAD PASSED AWAY. OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY TO VICKI AND CHILDREN.*

*RESPECTFULLY, JACKIE GIACOMAZZI AND FAMILY*

**Jackie Giacomazzi** - August 19, 2020 at 01:08 PM

JC

“ All our race memories!!! So many to list...was so wonderful having Jess and Vicki there to share all of DJ's Ups and Downs...and of course Jess slipping Jarrdo Gas Money!!! He will be missed...and always thought of with lots of Love❤️

Just Crawford - August 19, 2020 at 01:05 AM

HW

WE'RE SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT JESSE'S PASSING. HE WILL BE MISSED BY MANY. THOUGHTS & PRAYERS GOES OUT TO VICKI & FAMILY. HAROLD (BINGO) & MARY JANE WIEBENGA.

Harold (Bingo) & Mary Jane Wiebenga - August 20, 2020 at 01:05 PM

TN

Jess was truly a memorable man in this world. I pray the Lord has a special place for him in the next. Until we meet again, peace.

travis nichols - August 23, 2020 at 12:48 PM

JJ

Vicki and family, Bill and I are so sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of Jess, like when we went to breakfast with all the guys, Jess would always antagonize me. I swear he would think of something he knew would set me off and away we went. Robert use to say going to breakfast when both Jess and I were there was like breakfast and a movie. After Jess would get me all worked up he would stop and say, he didn't really care, he just, wanted to see my reaction and then he would start eating and I fell for it every time. He was one of the kindest people I have ever met and we will miss him and his wit. Again, so sorry for your loss and know our thought and prayers are with you and your family.

Joyce Johnson - August 23, 2020 at 02:15 PM