



Jessie J. Eppard

September 6, 2020

1927-2020

Jessie J. Eppard, age 93, passed away September 6, 2020. He was born in Kidder, MO, and was the eldest of 11 children of Jesse and Madge (Wray) Eppard. Jessie is preceded in death by his parents and 3 brothers, Bill, J.T. and Hershel; 2 sisters, Mary Kay Greetan and Dixie Eppard. He is survived by his soulmate of almost 70 years, Judith (Wright) Eppard; 2 sons, Doug (Elizabeth) and Steve (Annette) Eppard, 5 grandchildren, Anna (Sean) Arnott, Sara (Ray) Smith, Eric Eppard and Darren (Heather) Eppard and step-grandson, Michael Lawrence; 7 great-grandchildren, Morganne, Macee, Brenden, Tyler, Kennedy, Bryce and Adrianna; 3 brothers, Robert, Charles (Mary Lou) and Donald (Debbie) Eppard; 2 sisters, Betty Kirkruff and Bonnie (Jack) Gensen. His family was his pride and joy. Due to circumstances of the Covid virus, only a Graveside Service will be held on Thursday, September 10, 2020, at 10:00 AM at Terrace Grove Cemetery in Belen. Please sign Jessie's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP **10**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Terrace Grove Cemetery
1200 W Aragon Rd
Belen, NM 87002

Tribute Wall

BM

“ Thinking of you and your family. Working with you two was always a pleasure and brings back many great memories. God bless. Moe and Sue Morrison

Bob morrison - September 18, 2020 at 07:32 PM

JH

“ Jackie Chambers & Stacy Hinchon purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Jessie J. Eppard.



Jackie Chambers & Stacy Hinchon - September 11, 2020 at 01:08 AM

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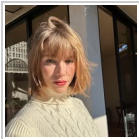
“ Jess was a very kind man. My sincere condolences to the family Roberta Spears Montoya

Roberta Montoya - September 10, 2020 at 06:37 PM

D'

“ Dear family of Jessie, I want to send our heart felt sympathy. He is now in a mansion with God. Such a beautiful picture. Want to say hi to all the family who I remember fondly from school. So many have already been called by God. Particularly remember playing music with Bill and JT, loved Charlene like a sister in school. Hi to Bonnie who used to travel to the dances we played in Datil and other places when we were young! Ha. You were all a very loving and lovable family. God be with you all at this time and forever! We love you and pray God's peace and love will sustain you all. Barbara and David D'Spain

D'Spain - September 10, 2020 at 02:31 PM



“ My great grandpa Jess will always live in my heart and mind. His voice was so soft and sweet. He'd speak to me about any and every story he could think up from his experience, and let me tell you he remembered everything. He taught me what it means to be kind and wise. I remember one afternoon, this past summer, I was glancing upward into a tree with curiosity. He, papa Steve, and and great grandma Judy noticed. They asked me to bring whatever it was that I was staring at to them and they'd know what it was. These little guys were bag worms. Sounds icky but it's not. It's beautiful. Great grandpa opened up the outside cocoon and gave me a lovely lesson on bag worms. I was fascinated. It may sound silly but those little guys along with butterflies, hold a spot in my heart. Everytime I see a butterfly I think of him, of kindness, and of joy that life brings. I think of soft laughter and the making and sharing of memories. Great grandpa Jess brought light. And his light shines on, forever.

Macee Eppard - September 10, 2020 at 11:29 AM

ME

“ My great grandpa has the kindest soul. He was hard working, loving and wise. Grandpa was always telling stories and giving advice to us grandkids. I loved listening to him talk and hearing about all his memories made me think of what a long and wonderful life he had. Grandpa would always tell me how proud he was of me and everything I was doing in college and in life. Even though we were states apart, I know he was always thinking of me and rooting for me. On the morning of his passing, grandpa came to me in a dream and said goodbye for the last time. The dream was so real I could feel his arms hugging me and his lips kissing my cheek. Thank you for leaving me with that memory grandpa and for sharing so many of your amazing qualities with my dad. I miss you already, but I know I will see you again some day. I love you grandpa.

Morganne Eppard - September 10, 2020 at 10:50 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Jessie J. Eppard.



September 10, 2020 at 10:41 AM

TF

“ My heart aches for the family. I had the pleasure of meeting Jess when I was only in my teens and enjoyed every long conversation I had with him. Jess touched so many hearts during his life on earth and was loved by all that knew him...He will definitely be missed! Thoughts and prayers for the family...
Teresa Fields

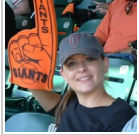
Teresa Fields - September 10, 2020 at 10:32 AM

JC

“ *So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.* ”



Jackie Chambers - September 10, 2020 at 03:19 AM



“Grandpa was a patient man. He counted the number of times he chewed each forkful of food. Savouring each and every bite. It used to crack me up as a kid to watch him at the dinner table and count his chews. Probably a product of when there wasn't enough to eat when he was a kid. Or, maybe he just really liked Grandma's cooking. He was thoughtful when he spoke too. Never in a hurry when telling one of his many stories or bestowing a bit of his wisdom. It never ceased to amaze me how he always had a relevant story or lesson or piece of advice, no matter the topic or situation. Grandpa never hesitated to lend a helping hand, whether it be to family, a friend or a total stranger. No matter the distance or the project or the circumstances, no questions asked, he was there. There was never a doubt in my mind that my Grandpa wouldn't be there for me, my sister Anna, Darren or Eric if asked. A trait I see lives on in my Dad and Uncle Steve. I love the way my Grandpa loved my Grandma. To him, she was his Judy-babe and the love of his life. Together, they showed their kids, everyday, what marriage is supposed be. My life has been shaped and guided by the love they gave their family. I will forever appreciate my grandparents for just showing up for their grandkids. Which usually meant hours spent on a cold hard bleacher. And there were the many, many road trips and adventures they took us on. I'd like to think that when you lose someone really important to you you're allowed to be a little bit selfish in your memories. I'm choosing to believe that my Grandpa gave me one last, very special, gift the last time I saw him. The truck was packed and running. Ray, Tyler, Kennedy and our dog McKenzie were all loaded up waiting. I must have walked back into the house 3 or 4 times because I forgot "something", each time stopping to lean down to give my Grandpa a kiss and hug while he sat in his recliner. As I leaned down to give him a kiss for the fifth time he said, "Hold on a minute, let me walk you to the gate." My Aunt Annette and I looked at each other, wide-eyed, and then rushed to get him up, get his house coat on, switch to the portable oxygen tank and get his walker. I silently wept as I walked behind him out the door. I swear he walked a little taller and faster than he had in the days prior. As we pulled away, my Grandpa stood there

at the gate, with the biggest smile on his face, standing tall and looking the every bit of health, waving goodbye, looking just at me. I don't know if he knew if that would be our last. But, thank you Grandpa for your gift. And thank you for being the best Grandpa a girl could ever hope, wish, ask for. I love you.

Sara Smith - September 10, 2020 at 12:21 AM

BS

What beautiful memories you have of your grandpa. I hope you share all of them with all the young ones who will not have the time with him as you have had. My heart aches for you and your family and the wonderful man your grandpa must have been. Love you Sara

Betty Smith - September 10, 2020 at 03:36 AM

EI

Greatest Uncle ever and I really will miss him. I have fond memories of visiting Aunt Judy and Uncle Jess in Vallejo when I was very young. And later in life when Uncle Jess came up and visited me along with Doug and Steve here in Alaska. And of course, the many visits back at the old homestead. He was soft spoken, extremely patient and a great teacher. The world needs more folks like Uncle Jess, I'll miss him.

Ed Jones III - September 11, 2020 at 12:34 AM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jessie J. Eppard.



September 09, 2020 at 07:06 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Jessie J. Eppard.*



September 09, 2020 at 12:58 PM



“ *Judy,
Our sincerest condolences for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.*

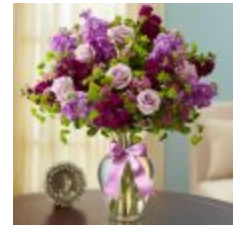


*Kathy Vigil
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kathy vigil - September 09, 2020 at 11:45 AM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Jessie J. Eppard.*



September 09, 2020 at 11:44 AM



“ *I remember a general calm and sense of humor about Uncle Jessie. He was always patient and eager to teach us about a a whole range of subjects, roosters and growing alfalfa come to mind. He had a long and storied life and he will be missed.*

Lenora Ask - September 09, 2020 at 09:15 AM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Jessie J. Eppard.*



September 08, 2020 at 11:22 PM



“ *The kindest man I have ever met. His 93 year legacy will always remain. Grandpa Jess blessed my life when I met him before I married his grandson Darren almost 22 years ago. He always made me feel like part of his family and it was an honor to visit him time after time, year after year. Him and Grandma were a HUGE part of our children's lives and even took them in on the farm for two weeks at a time when the girls had fall and spring breaks. Very glad Darren was able to be with him and his family during his last days here Praying for the hurt left here on Earth without him. Cannot wait for a Grandpa Jess hug when I see him again in Heaven.*

Heather Eppard - September 08, 2020 at 11:04 PM

DE

“ My Grandfather was the most knowledgeable, hard working, loving, respected, detailed oriented man that I know. I'll miss him greatly, but I know that one day I will get to be with him again, until that day he will be looking down on me, my family, and close friends, guiding us with his spirit and wisdom. He had and has an unmatched love for us grandkids, always having our backs no matter what the circumstances were. I'll miss the video camera on the tripod, taping whatever it was that we were doing; sporting events, holiday get-togethers, school programs, and the list goes on. The road trips, what awesome times those were, Motel 6 always left their lights on for us six, Grandpa, Grandma, Eric, Anna, Sara, and I. Thank you for sharing your homes with us and letting all of us sleep in your bed no matter how squished you were. One more thing Grandpa, thank you for cleaning me up that night I came home drunk and got sick, but making me get up and go to school the next morning. Definitely taught me a lesson. I love you so much, number one grandpa in my eyes!!

Darren Eppard - September 08, 2020 at 10:32 PM

DR

“ Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Jessie J. Eppard



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - September 08, 2020 at 09:42 AM

EL

“ Ms Judy, Steve and Annette. So sorry for your loss. Im sure he's at peace. We will keep him in our prayers.
Diego and Elaine.

Elaine Lujan - September 07, 2020 at 10:13 PM

