



Jess Goodman Jr.

November 12, 1933 - September 18, 2017

Jess Goodman, Jr., 83, of Quinton, VA, son of Jess Emory and Nannie Craft Goodman, died peacefully September 18, 2017 at Bon Secours Community Hospital in Mechanicsville, VA. He is survived by his loving wife of 34 years, Grace Anne Goodman; son, Ralph Goodman (Kathy); daughter, Audrey Ritenour (fiancé, Charles); two step-children, John Lewis and Regina Noel both from Rockbridge County; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Surviving brothers are Edward, Cecil (Bonnie), and Clyde (Alice) Goodman. Jess was preceded in death by his first wife, Patsy Dorton Goodman; son, Christopher; his parents; brothers, Hershel, Hobart, and Howard; and sisters, Eveline Goodman Haynes and Christine Goodman.

Jess graduated in 1953 from New Kent High School, where he learned to love sports while playing football, basketball and track. He was drafted into the US Army and served two years of duty in Japan. Jess followed in his dad's footsteps and retired from the CXS Railroad (formerly C&O) after 30 years of service as brakeman and conductor. Jess was a Civil War buff and a sportsman who loved to hunt and fish. He loved New Kent County, where he lived most of his life, but also enjoyed traveling. He took many road trips with his brothers throughout the United States, with his camera always at hand. After retirement, one of the things that gave him great satisfaction was photographing the athletic events at New Kent High School then distributing his photos to the players, who affectionately called him "Mr. Jesse". He volunteered to pick up trash after the athletic games as part of his love for the

school. Jess was the first recipient of the Trojan Award which is given every year to someone who contributes to the school in a special way. An article in the West Point Newspaper stated, "Jess Goodman: New Kent's #1 Fan". In the article Jess stated, "I love life, so every day is special, but game day is just a little more special." He will be missed dearly and remembered affectionately by so many.

A visitation will be held 4 to 7 PM, Thursday, September 21st at Vincent Funeral Home, 9923 Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge, VA. A funeral service will be held 1:30 PM, Friday, also at the funeral home, with burial following in Washington Memorial Park, Sandston, VA.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **21.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, Providence Forge Chapel
9923 Pocahontas Trail
Providence Forge, VA 23140
(804) 966-7075

Service

SEP **22.** 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

WC

“ Hi Ralph & Audrey,
I'm so sorry for your great loss!
I remember all these fun times when we were little and your Mom & Dad would have us over to your house and the many times at your Grandma Nan's house!
No matter what we got into with each other, your Dad always made light of each situation and we had a lot of fun!
Your Dad always asked Daddy about me and vice versa. Cancer is terrible but Heaven has a true angel in your sweet Daddy!

Whitney Creasy - September 21, 2017 at 05:54 PM

MT

“ Sorry to hear that Jessie had passed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this trying time.
Charles & Mary Ellen Thompson



Mary Thompson - September 21, 2017 at 10:29 AM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Jess Goodman Jr..



September 20, 2017 at 07:33 PM

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“ *The Children of Ralph and Audry Dorton purchased the Lavender & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Jess Goodman Jr..*



The Children of Ralph and Audry Dorton - September 20, 2017 at 04:47 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Jess Goodman Jr..*



September 20, 2017 at 01:30 PM

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“ *Harold & Janice Willis purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Jess Goodman Jr..*



Harold & Janice Willis - September 20, 2017 at 09:39 AM