



Jesse Bill Fordyce

March 24, 1953 - May 25, 2024

Jesse Bill Fordyce, 71, of Marion, passed away at 4:24 pm Saturday, May 25, 2024, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, IN.

Jesse was born on March 24, 1953, in Würzburg, Germany, the son of Robert Fordyce and Velma (Foughty) Fordyce. He graduated from Huntington North High School with the class of 1972. Jesse proudly enlisted in the United States Army in 1975 and served for 3 years as a Drill Sergeant in Fort Hood, TX. He worked at Wynn's for 15 years as a sales representative and was awarded Salesmen of the Year. Prior to then, he worked at GM in Marion, IN, for 11 years. Jesse was the past owner of The Hoosier Drive-In, and the Sitting Bull Coffee Shop. While living in Florida, he owned North Port Small Engine Repair. Jesse loved racing cars and did so for 28 years and was inducted into the Kokomo Legends.

Survivors include his Fiancé, Cathy Baker of Marion, IN; Three Daughters, Danielle J. Fordyce of Punta Gorda, FL, Christy Fordyce of Huntington, IN, Nicole Fordyce of Huntington, IN; Son, Craig (Jess) Fordyce of Corunna, IN; Ten Grandchildren, Jessica, Erin, Shalyn, Tori, Marley, Natalie, Breann, Gracelyn, Cassidy, Madalynn, and Reuben; Two Great Grandchildren, Noah and Ellie; His beloved St. Bernard, Harley; Two Cousins, Pam Williams of Ft. Wayne, IN, Cindy Gamlin of Marion, IN. He is preceded in death by his Father, Robert Fordyce, Mother, Velma Fordyce.

Visitation will be from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Friday, May 31, 2024, at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN. Military honors will be rendered at 4:00 pm by the VFW Post 2689 Honor Guard. Funeral services will be held at 6:00 pm Friday, May 31, 2024, at Faith Community Church of God, 3615 N Norwood Rd, Huntington, IN, with Pastor Jason Fields officiating.

Preferred memorials to the Faith Community Church of God or Donor's Choice, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at www.baileylove.com.

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Jesse Bill Fordyce.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 31. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary
35 West Park Drive
Huntington, IN 46750
(260) 356-1710
wecare@baileylove.com
<https://www.baileylove.com>

Memorial Service

MAY 31. 6:00 PM (ET)

Faith Community Church of God
3615 N. Norwood Rd.
Huntington, IN 46750

Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey-Love Mortuary has created this video tribute in memory of Jesse Bill Fordyce.* ”



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - May 30, 2024 at 12:34 PM

CF

“ *Jesse....you will be missed.....* ”

Connie Fordyce - January 31, 2025 at 07:07 AM

CF

“ *Jesse....you will be missed.....thankful for the memories.....* ”

Connie Fordyce - January 31, 2025 at 06:38 AM

TB

“ *Cathy I am so very sorry for your loss. I didn't know Jesse but he sounds like a great man. If he was anything like you I know you had the best person to have shared your time and make lots of memories with. Much condolences to you and your family, my thoughts and prayers are with you 🙏🙏* ”
~Teresa Boyd ~

Teresa Boyd - June 14, 2024 at 11:05 AM

RH

“ *ruby hare lit a candle in memory of Jesse Fordyce*



ruby hare - May 31, 2024 at 11:01 AM

DB

“ *Worked with Jesse at GM. Had been recently meeting for lunch. Going to miss him. Doug.*



Doug Brumett - May 30, 2024 at 10:38 PM

PF

“ *Sorry to hear of Jesse's passing. Our thoughts are with his family at this time.*
Max and Phyllis Fordyce

Phyllis Fordyce - May 30, 2024 at 08:05 PM

RF

“ *Roger and Brenda Ferrell lit a candle in memory of Jesse Fordyce*



Roger and Brenda Ferrell - May 30, 2024 at 05:48 PM

SM

“ Stacy Lynn Mendenhall lit a candle in memory of Jesse Fordyce



Stacy Lynn Mendenhall - May 30, 2024 at 02:53 PM

MF

“ Much love your Heartland Hospice family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Jesse Bill Fordyce.



Much love your Heartland Hospice family - May 30, 2024 at 12:38 PM

MF

“ Much love your Heartland Hospice family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jesse Bill Fordyce.

Much love your Heartland Hospice family - May 30, 2024 at 12:38 PM

TF

“ The Kochensparger Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jesse Bill Fordyce.



The Kochensparger Family - May 30, 2024 at 10:05 AM

TF

“ The Kochensparger Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jesse Bill Fordyce.

The Kochensparger Family - May 30, 2024 at 10:05 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Jesse Bill Fordyce.



May 30, 2024 at 09:24 AM

CZ

“ Nicki & Christy, please accept my sincerest condolences on the loss of your father. May he rest in the arms of Jesus!

Christine Zahm - May 29, 2024 at 08:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Jesse Bill Fordyce.



May 29, 2024 at 03:03 PM

AC

“ All Paws & Claws Veterinary Clinic planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jesse Bill Fordyce.

All Paws & Claws Veterinary Clinic - May 29, 2024 at 03:03 PM

JK

“ *Jesse was a great friend to many. We go back to second grade (1961) at the original Horace Mann School and Grayston Avenue United Brethern Church where our families became friends. He is already missed. If there's a race track or drag strip in heaven, he will be easy to find. Peace be with you and Kathy. John Kochensparger, Powhatan, VA.*

John Kochensparger - May 29, 2024 at 05:57 AM

RY

I met Jesse about 3 years ago. We became good friends as he introduced me to many drivers and owners in the sprint car world. I will miss a good friend. Roger Younce, Marion, Indiana

Roger Younce - May 29, 2024 at 04:04 PM

ME

I first got to know Jesse back in 1972 when I started working at Sealtest. We started going to his Grandpa's lake cottage, skiing, drag racing at Avilla, Munce, US 24 to Ft. Wayne, maybe I shouldn't have said that! We had lot of fun together . Once Jesse traded his Camaro for a day for two hardtail choppers and went to Ft Wayne all day cruising, by the time we got back I couldn't hardly walk my back hurt so bad. Jesse always had something to do but you didn't always do what you planned! I was Jesse best man in his first wedding and made memories until he went into the Army, then we lost touch untill years later when my health declined and I had to retire. We started going out with Jesse and Cathy and always had a good time. Even when we moved to Borden, Jesse and Cathy would come and visit, always looked forward to their visits. Last six months Jesse bought 4 or 5 race cars, and everytime he brought one he call and want me to drive it. I'd say Jesse, I'm 71, I'm to old to race! When he bought the rail dragster he had me pick up skinny weenie front wheels for it in Louisville. The day before he passed away he called and wanted to know when We were going to bring the wheels up and if I wanted to race the rail I said Jesse I'm 71 years old, he said that alright it's easier now, there is a button to push when the light turns green and it just goes, just hold it in a straight line. I said how fast will it go, he 240, I said that's pretty fast! How'd you stop it, he said don't worry it's got a parachute but he never said it had a button or what, guess it doesn't matter if you're 71? Jesse said do you want to drive it, I said sure what can go wrong? He said when can you bring the wheels up, I said Friday, but I didn't make it. So sorry Jesse We're sure going to miss you, until we meet again in that race track in Heaven, I'll bring your skinny weenie wheels with me when I come!

Mike Endsley - June 05, 2024 at 10:57 AM

JO

*“ I knew I should have went to that last Anger management class. 🙄
I truly enjoyed seeing him in the office and just both giving each other hell. He will be missed. ❤️*

Jesica Dr. Orrell's office. - May 28, 2024 at 09:44 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jesse Bill Fordyce.*



May 28, 2024 at 08:48 PM



“ *Dustin, Mollie, Brayden & Andrew Holmes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jesse Bill Fordyce.*

Dustin, Mollie, Brayden & Andrew Holmes - May 28, 2024 at 08:48 PM



“ *Jesse was a funny comedian that has a beautiful spirit. His spirit will be welcomed in heaven.*

Mike Keller - May 28, 2024 at 08:06 PM



“ *Mike Keller lit a candle in memory of Jesse Fordyce*



Mike Keller - May 28, 2024 at 08:04 PM

TG

“ Well Fordyce siblings, my sincere condolences. I was with him for his very first sprint car race at dusty Bunker Hill, pushing that stupid diesel pickup and race car trailer up the hill out of Columbia City and on and on. So many memories 🥹🙏. I got to meet so many neat racing people in the pits with your dad. God’s Speed My Friend!

Tom Gates - May 28, 2024 at 07:18 PM



Thank You Tom!!! <3

Christy Fordyce - May 29, 2024 at 11:17 PM

TG

“ Cathy, please accept my sincere condolences. I don’t think I have room for 40 years of memories. 🙏

Tom Gates - May 28, 2024 at 07:09 PM

TG

“ Tom Gates lit a candle in memory of Jesse Fordyce



Tom Gates - May 28, 2024 at 07:05 PM

BG

“ Billie Garwood lit a candle in memory of Jesse Fordyce



Billie Garwood - May 28, 2024 at 06:45 PM