



Mr. Wade Jessen

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Wade Ray Jessen, Billboard's senior chart manager, Nashville, died shortly after midnight March 5 at Summit Medical Center in Hermitage, Tenn., following a heart attack. The 53-year-old media veteran and country music champion had just observed his 20th anniversary as the head of Billboard's country, bluegrass, Christian and gospel charts in December. During his tenure, he was a fixture in the Nashville music business, overseeing the charts with unflinching integrity and a dedication to detail.

Born Nov. 15, 1961 in Roosevelt, Utah to Robert Gary and Rosalee Brown Jessen, Wade was raised on a cattle ranch in Altonah, Utah. He graduated from Altamont High School in 1979 where he served as FFA President and Student Body President, which he won as a write-in candidate. Wade entered the country business as a broadcaster at age 16, taking his first on-air job at KNEU Roosevelt in March 1978 alongside his uncle, Fred Brown. He later worked as midday personality and music director at KSOP Salt Lake City before relocating to prestigious WSM-AM Nashville, the home of the Grand Ole Opry. During his tenure at the station, Wade was named Billboard's medium market music director of the year in 1994.

Wade signed on as the Billboard country chart manager in December 1994 and became an often-quoted source for media in search of an authority, delivering analysis with a balanced and insightful point of view. Wade continued to work as a radio personality, covering the night shift on Willie's Roadhouse, a Sirius XM classic-country channel. His signature program was Rear View where he dug into his personal collection to bring rarities and deep cuts from favorite classic country albums, sharing stories behind the songs and artists.

Wade is survived by his spouse Corey Jones, of Nashville; and three sisters: Jesse Ree Walker (husband Brent), of Mt. Home, Utah; Beckey Lee McConkie (husband Shawn), of Arcadia, Utah; and Gina Marie Stevenson (husband Chad), of Altonah,



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Utah. He was preceded in death by his parents, Gary and Rosalee, and a niece, Elizabeth McConkie.

Visitation from 11 am to 7 pm on Sunday, March 8, 2015 with the family receiving guests from 3 pm to 7 pm at Spring Hill Funeral Home, 5110 Gallatin Pike, Nashville, TN 37216.

Visitation at 11 am Monday, March 9, 2015 with Mass at 12 noon at the St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 1700 Heiman Street, Nashville, Tenn.

There will be a viewing at the Jessen Family home, 18000 West 7750 North, Altonah, Utah Friday, March 13, 2015 from 4-8 pm. Graveside services and interment at the Mt. Home-Boneta Cemetery, Mt. Home, Utah Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 11 am.

Arrangements entrusted to Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5110 Gallatin Road, Nashville, TN 37216, 615-865-1101, www.springhillfh.com.

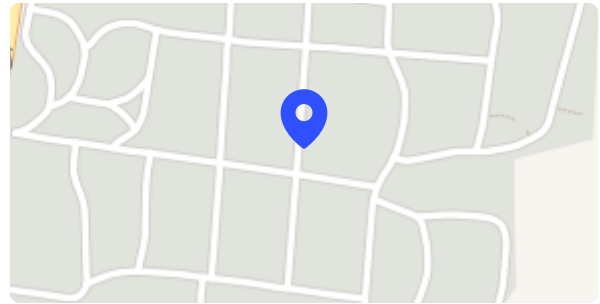


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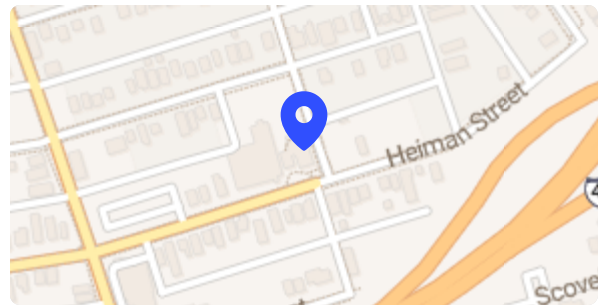
Visitation

- Sunday**, March 8, 2015
- 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM CT
- Spring Hill Funeral Home**
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216



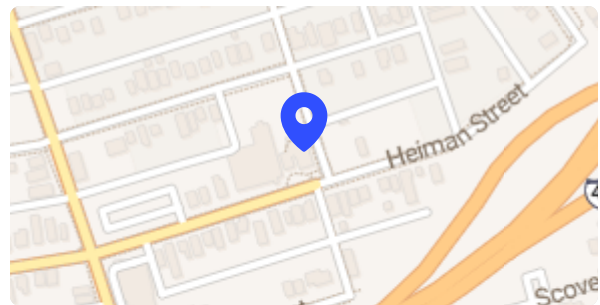
Visitation

- Monday**, March 9, 2015
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT
- St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church**
1700 Heiman Street, Nashville TN



Funeral Mass and Celebration of Life

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EM

Ed Morris posted:

How ironic Wade would die on the 52nd. anniversary of the deaths of Patsy Cline, Cowboy Copas, Hawkshaw Hawkins and Randy Hughes...

August 23 at 3:20 PM

CJ

C. John Jessen posted:

My wife and myself enjoyed listening to Wade on the radio all the time. We always said he was family as he was a Jessen. I am C. John and my wife is Suellen Jessen and we own and operate the Jessen Funeral Homes in Whiteland, Franklin and /Trafalgar Indiana. Our deepest sympathies to all of your family from the Jessen family in Indiana, he will and is greatly missed on the radio

August 17 at 4:02 PM

BJ

Brian Jennings posted:

Months and months have passed and we still miss you the same. You're a wonderful, irreplaceable friend. I miss you.-Brian & Amy Jennings

August 16 at 4:51 PM

DS

Donny Smith posted:

I loved wade jessen on xm radio - his knowledge of the songs and the artist was outstanding . his information to the fans and listeners was for me ,about things that I did not know and was very helpful to me in understanding the song and the singer of the song. what I will miss the most about wade ,is his voice ! unique among all I have ever heard!!! HE WILL BE MISSED VERY VERY MUCH -- by his fans and ME !!Donny Smith seabrook,texas.

June 7 at 12:54 PM

JB

John Brakke posted:

I had not heard Wade on the radio for a while. Usually when that was the case the announcer would simply indicate his return date. I finally checked online and was totally shocked. As others have indicated, he made each day richer and I looked forward to simply hearing his voice. Listening to him just seemed to calm the waters. He was really the only one I cared to listen to on satellite radio. I notice many of the comments are from male listeners, which is unusual. He had a unique impact on people. I am so sorry.

April 24 at 8:19 PM



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FD

Fleurette Drouin posted:

Wade you were a great guy I miss you so much on the radio . R.I.P. you are missed by so many. i loved the way you new country music I will never forget you

March 31 at 2:42 PM

RS

Rick S. posted:

Wade you were quite a guy and will be missed by the many lives you touched in Utah and around the country. Rest in peace buddy, Rick Spencer

March 29 at 5:30 AM

JU

Judy posted:

Wade was the reason I got Sirius radio. Just had to hear that voice and the stories of the music. More than anyone else, he understood that we loved the music and wanted the stories behind it. I never heard Wade talk just to hear himself talk. What he said added to the depth of the music. He shared his love and passion for classic country and for that I will always be grateful. I will so very much miss his voice and sense of connection through the music. RIP Wade!!

March 14 at 12:01 PM



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Gary Gardner posted:

Wade and I started out in radio together in Utah, and he, along with our mutual friend Mike Bryant, were very close, working at different stations, and having fun on the weekends. It was Wade who connected me to Larry Daniels at KNIX in Phoenix when I went away to graduate school, and I spent my final years in radio there. I visited Wade in Nashville several times when he was working for WSM, and we'd talk on email often. We'd always try to get together for dinner or a drink when he and I were home in Utah for the holidays. We had a wonderful dinner this past holiday season as he and Cory were overnighing in Salt Lake City before flying home to Nashville and I was visiting my family in Salt Lake on my way to Palm Springs CA for the winter. We shared a bottle of wine and a wonderful long dinner reminiscing about our days in Utah and our old radio friends. I met Corey for the first time that trip, and they made such a wonderful couple, and Wade was the happiest I'd seen him in a long time. We'd talked about heading up to Ogden to visit the grave of our late friend Mike Bryant next time we were in Utah, and I was trying to convince them to come to Palm Springs to get out of the cold and wet for a long weekend this winter. His death was a shock to say the least, but I'm so glad we had that last final dinner this past holiday season. Wade was truly a wonderful man, and a good friend. I will miss him terribly. I hope he and Mike are saving a seat for me at the bar, and in the mean time are telling wonderful old radio stories and laughing like we did when we were all kids just starting out in radio. My condolences to Corey and the rest of the Jessen family. I wish I could make it to Utah for the services. Gary Gardner Seattle, Washington/Palm Springs California

March 11 at 6:02 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Jessen family.



March 11 at 11:33 AM



William Eldredge posted:

My wife and I enjoyed listening to you on satellite radio and were sad to hear about your passing. You are in " GODS" hands now. Rest in peace. Hearts and prayers go out to your family. You will be greatly missed and we will miss hearing your sweet voice on the radio. God now has another Angel.

March 9 at 8:46 PM



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Fred L. Butterfield posted:

I want to thank each and everyone of your for your thoughts and insight into the life and your association with this dear son of Heavenly Father, Wade Jessen. I have been thinking about him ever since I first read of his passing from my dear friend and former DJ, Tammy D. Mecham who also used to work at KNEU, the station where Wade started his wonderful career. I was first introduced to Wade when he worked as the mid day DJ at KSOP. I so loved the team of Country Joe, Wade J. and Tim Hughes back in the early 80's. Soon after I moved to Roosevelt and met Fred Brown. I loved his story about Wade's first experience at KNEU at the young age of 16. Since that time I have gotten to know his sweet sisters Beckey, Jesse and Gina, parents Gary and Rosalee and niece Elizabeth Lee all of whom have returned home. What a glorious reunion for Wade with his sweet parents and Elizabeth Lee. I had the honor and privilege of accompanying Rosalee and Elizabeth for the many firesides they put together. I will always cherish the ten or more years serving in that capacity. During that time I got to see the down to earth side of Wade in his home, doing dishes and visiting with him during his trips home to visit with his dear parents Gary and Rosalee. I loved spending and visiting with him one on one at these times. Wade told me once that his favorite singer was George Jones. Wade also introduced me to a Canadian Singer Ann Lord that he played at KSOP and KNEU. I don't hear the song Hung Up On You very often but each time I do I think of Wade. After he left KSOP he came home for a brief time to KNEU and then took off to Nashville at WSM and Billboard. I so appreciate hearing from his many friends and acquaintances during the past week. Like many have expressed, Wade left us way to soon. His love and knowledge of country music will certainly be missed as will his one of a kind voice that he blessed us with during so many appearances and venues My heartfelt prayers are with his dear spouse Corey Jones whom I also had the honor and privilege of meeting and visiting as well as his sweet surviving sisters and their families. May they and each of us be blessed with the peace and comfort that can only be felt via the loving arms of our beloved Savior. Fred L. Butterfield

March 6 at 2:35 AM



Susan B. sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Jessen family.



March 9 at 4:52 PM



Brad Albrecht posted:

My condolences to the Wade Jessen family - I have had the pleasure , as many of the "radio land" folks have - listening to his voice and all his wisdom of the County Music history. May you find comfort and peace in the coming days. He will be missed by all . Brad Albrecht , Vernon B.C. Canada

March 9 at 4:42 PM



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KE

Kenneth posted:

To the family of Wade Jessen, Please accept our sincere condolences for your loved one Wade. We enjoyed his information that he obviously researched. I loved listening to the show and being transfer red wine back to a less stressful time. It just made me feel good. Thank you Wade for you service to country music. You are missed! God Bless you and your family. Ken and Betty Warlick PRINCETON TEXAS

March 9 at 3:12 PM

RL

Rita Landrum posted:

May Mr. Jessen Rest in Eternal Peace and Light Perpetual Shine Upon him. Sincere sympathies to the family, friends and loved ones. Thank your for sharing this talented man. He will be missed. Robert and Rita Landrum from Texas

March 9 at 11:38 AM

JS

Janet Stiles posted:

My sincere sympathies to all of Wade's family. I never met him in person but I listened to him almost daily. I loved his voice, I will miss him very much, & his program. I am sure he is still doing his show in heaven. Janet Stiles Arrowsmith, Illinois 61722.

March 9 at 10:06 AM



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Ed Ressler lit a candle in honor of Wade.



March 9 at 9:49 AM



Tony J Radford November 6 at 7:22 PM

I have been thinking of you for the past few weeks and searched the internet to see what you had been up to only to be shocked about your passing five years ago. I am very saddened and shocked by this news. I have such fond memories of our friendship meeting you back in the early 1980's in Salt Lake City when you were working at KSOP and I helped you drive a country star to the airport. We had such different musical tastes but you educated me and we tolerated our differences. I moved to Denver, you moved to Nashville and we kept in touch over the years. I was so proud that you reached the stars. YOU DID IT!! DAMN IT...YOU DID IT!! That smile, and oh that voice! And your charm. I had no doubt that you could that could do it. Corey was a lucky man. I have thought about you many times over the 30 years and consider myself lucky to have met you and to consider you to be a part of my life. I am sorry you never got to meet my husband Joey. You two would have liked each other. I have tears in my eyes as I never got to tell you how much I admired you. I hope you are happy in heaven being with your family. I know how much you loved them. Rest in peace my friend. Tony Radford. SLC 1980's Boston 2000's Phoenix 2020's



Ray Parker March 13 at 12:47 PM

Rest in Gods great care, Mr. Wade Jessen. You were the best, especially on Rear View, and my way home from work for 40 minutes. You will be sadly missed, but you are in a better place, may God lift you up. This is my prayer for you and your family. Ray Parker



Ed Ressler March 9 at 9:51 AM

R.I.P. Mr. Wade Jessen you will be sadly missed



Sonja Clifton posted:

RIP Wade I will miss you on Willie,s Roadhouse you were the best specially loved Rear View. I listened to you on my why home you were so knowable about the great country stars. RIP

March 9 at 8:46 AM



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KR

Kathy Rew posted:

So very sad. What a wealth of knowledge and great voice. I will miss him very much. Kathy Rew
Alberta Canada

March 9 at 7:45 AM

MF

Mike Friedenber posted:

I listened to and loved Wade's Rear View. I felt that he was a member of our family. We miss him deeply. Our condolences to the family. Mike Friedenber and family from New Rochelle NY.

March 9 at 5:58 AM



Anonymous sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Jessen family.



March 9 at 5:57 AM

DN

Denise Nichols posted:

Wade brought such joy and light to so many. He will be missed. Rest well my friend.

March 9 at 4:39 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Jessen family.



March 9 at 4:36 AM

GA

Grayson Adler posted:

I worked with Wade at SiriusXM. From the day I started as an intern, Wade was warm and welcoming and made me feel like part of the team. I will never forget his kindness towards me and our conversations in the break room. Such a great guy. My prayers and condolences go out to his family, and everyone who loved him. Sincerely, Grayson Adler

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Julia Labella posted:

I had to pull over tonight too, & call you. Whenever we drive home from work his voice won't be there to help guide us home. As we look in our "Rear View" mirrors, he will be there, watching over us urging us to look ahead & safely carry on our journeys until we meet again...

March 9 at 4:19 AM



Julia Labella From Texas sent a Sacred Cross Bouquet to the Jessen family.



March 9 at 3:38 AM



Carole Toupin posted:

Sincere sympathies to the Wade's family....We will miss you're charming voice and yourshow...Go to the heaven..and take care of yours from above... Carole et Claude Lavallee from Montreal,Canada

March 8 at 1:08 PM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Jessen family.



March 8 at 8:41 AM



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LE

Leslie Elliott lit a candle in honor of Wade.

I first met Wade in the early 1980's on the phone doing record promotion and he was at KSOP in Utah. We hit off immediately and I talked with him every week. When he would answer I would say "it's your pest" and he would laugh great big.. Then he went to another station in Utah before coming to Nashville's WSM.

When he came to Nashville I got meet the voice I had been talking with and it was a pleasure to meet him. We just continued our phone talks and became friends. I called him often at WSM to request songs and to visit with him - loved his shows on the radio as he was so informative and entertaining. One year just before Thanksgiving when we were talking he told me he would have to work and would miss turkey dinner - and wanted to know if I was cooking a big dinner. When I told him I was making a big one including sweet potato biscuits, He said he had never heard of them. So, I told him I would bring him his dinner. When I took it to him and he tasted my biscuits he really liked them. After he left WSM and the record company where I worked shut down we still kept in touch with each other. We had become good friends and I will miss him very much. He was a great credit to the radio and music world and we suffered a great loss. May you rest in peace my dear friend. Your ole radio 'pest, ' Leslie Elliott. .



March 6 at 2:35 AM

CR

Charles Richter posted:

i never meet wade in person but felt llke i knew wade and he was familyalways listened to wade on xm and loved his rear view showwhen i read wade passed away i had chills and i criedgod bless wade and hi family he will be missed by allcharles richtermilltown nj

March 8 at 3:58 AM

TF

Travis Fossen posted:

i have always liked him on rear view on xm ch 59 it is sad that he is gone but he will be remembered forever

March 7 at 4:02 PM

SA

Sandy lit a candle in honor of Wade.



March 7 at 1:49 PM



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Sandy posted:

Sorry for the loss of a wonderful man. He even touched the hearts of Canadians. I listened to him on my evening shifts on the radio while driving for work. Loved his stories. I felt so not alone on the highway.

March 7 at 1:48 PM



Kara lit a candle in honor of Wade.

Carson and Kara James

March 7 at 1:13 PM



Dusty & John White sent a Sweet Tenderness to the Jessen family.

March 7 at 11:59 AM





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Dusty White shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Wade has been my best male friend for 25 years. We were like 2 bookends. I love him and can't accept the fact that we can no longer hang out and pull pranks on each other as well as others. He is (I can't say "was") a beautiful soul and such a beautiful part of my life. I guess God needed him. Heaven just got a bright new star and I just got another guardian angel. I love you Wade and my heart hurts.

March 7 at 11:51 AM



Tracy Ringolsby March 8 at 3:47 PM

I was introduced to Wade when he had a syndicated show that I first heard 30 years ago when I was covering the Kansas City Royals. During spring training I would have him as my partner when I drove across Florida on Sunday mornings for another exhibition game. Then I got Sirius XM and was reconnected to Wade. His shows on Willie's Place were must listen. So much information and such a great job of helping people understand the roots of real Country music. RIP. Know that you brought so much joy to so many people who knew you even if you never met them. Tracy Ringolsby



Dusty White March 7 at 3:12 PM

My best friend is now in Heaven watching over me. Wade, I will love you until the day I join you. I just know that you and David Haley are up there entertaining the angels with your stories right about now. Heaven just got a brighter star. You are terribly missed here. See you in my dreams.



Robert And Joanne Webb lit a candle in honor of Wade.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Wade Jessen. Heartfelt condolences to his family. He will be missed by his fans.

March 7 at 11:22 AM



Ann Decrescenzo-Saggese lit a candle in honor of Wade.

March 7 at 4:39 AM





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KA

Kathryn posted:

Due to health issues I have spent a lot of time in bed. Went to sleep most times listening to the soft & caring voice of Wade. I am so saddened by his passing. In fact, when I heard it on the radio I had to get up from bed & go to the computer to check it out for sure. I will miss him signing off, "time to get these pointy-toed cowboy boots out of here". I felt like I knew him & he was a friend. Prayers for his family & friends. A faithful friend from Wabash, Indiana.

March 7 at 4:32 AM

LA

Larry Allgood lit a candle in honor of Wade.

Very few radio personalities have made the impact Wade did to me. Since I was a fan of his evening broadcast on Willie's Roadhouse and an avid listener of his Rearview show on Friday and Sunday, it was like he was a close friend. He will be missed by all that knew him. It's my prayer that God grant his wife, Corey, and the rest of Wade's family peace and comfort during this time of sorrow.



March 7 at 3:02 AM

DW

Dwayne Wickham lit a candle in honor of Wade.

to Wade and his family my deepest sympathy I will miss him on Friday nights when I'm driving across the roads here in Michigan with his rear view show god bless you and we will miss you Dwayne here in Michigan



March 6 at 9:52 PM

RA

Ralph posted:

Enjoyed him so much on the radio--I just cannot believe it---too young. My heart and prayer to his family and friends.

March 6 at 6:27 PM

PL

P.A.Lasalandra posted:

My condolences to Wade' family. I was shocked to hear of his passing on the radio. I so enjoyed listening to Wade on Willie's roadhouse. He will be missed.P.A. Lasalandra

March 6 at 5:22 PM



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AW

Angela Watson lit a candle in honor of Wade.

I didn't know Wade Jessen personally but I felt as if I knew him from listening to his one of a kind voice on the radio for many years. I invited him into my home every Friday night as I listened to Rear View and became educated about the history of the music that we all loved. He just seemed to enjoy not only playing classic country music but also sharing his vast knowledge with us....his fans. Thank you Mr. Jessen for bringing back so many memories. My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time!



March 6 at 5:11 PM

LT

Lisa Taylor posted:

I loved listening to Wade on Willie's Road House! His voice was so comforting to listen to. His stories, his kind words of and of course his rear view hits were my favourite! There were countless times, I would sit in my Jeep and listen to his jokes or memories before going in the house after work. My deepest and most sincerest sympathies to Wade's Family and Willies Road House!! He will be truly missed around the World!! Lisa Taylor Brandon, Manitoba Canada

March 6 at 4:44 PM

DM

Dave & Mary posted:

We always enjoyed Wade on Sirius XM. Always on in the car..Ontario Canada

March 6 at 3:37 PM

Jl

Jill lit a candle in honor of Wade.



March 6 at 3:00 PM



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Michelle Reidhead Labrum posted:

I remember when my dad hired Wade as a dj at KNEU in Roosevelt Ut. He was talented even back then. I continued to enjoy listening to him in Willies Roadhouse. The country world has lost one of its greatest supporters. My love and condolences to his family. Wade was one f the great ones.

March 6 at 2:55 PM



Gidget Calhoun (Louise Brown) March 7 at 6:48 AM

I remember How much respect and admiration Wade had for his Uncle Fred Brown. Both were warm loving people. Both hold a cherished place in my heart. Now they are together again. Maybe DJ-ing in Hillbilly Heaven. With love. Gidget Calhoun (Louise Brown)



Claudia Shirley lit a candle in honor of Wade.



March 6 at 2:48 PM



Patricia Kelley lit a candle in honor of Wade.

Wade will be greatly missed not only by his Family but by his huge Nationwide Family of Willie's Road House Fans...His Radio Shows where awesome and he had a listening crowd that could not be beat... He shared his love and knowledge of Country Music like no other in Country Music World.... He will be Remembered As The Number 1 Radio Show Host and Much Much More to the Music World... Such A Great Loss at such a young age..... We Will Miss You Wade....



March 6 at 2:21 PM



Eugene H. sent a Sweet Solace Spray to the Jessen family.



March 6 at 2:15 PM



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AC

April Chandler posted:

To the Jessen family ~I am truly sorry for you loss. Wade was a kind man. He was never too busy to take a call and help you if he could. He will be missed. April Chandler Habakkuk Music

March 6 at 2:11 PM

NB

Nancy Brasells posted:

Wade had a way of sharing his love and knowledge of Country Music in a way that made me feel as if we knew each other as close friends. Prayers to his family. He will be missed by many.

March 6 at 1:50 PM

HO

Holly posted:

We loved his radio shows on rear view Willie's Roadhouse! We always made sure to tune in never understand why we felt a connection to this wonderful man! Today unfortunately we found out. I (Holly) served on my FFA board in high school, graduating in 1995. He also shared a birthdate with my mom (Sandy), born in 1942. What a special man!! He will be deeply missed & never replaced. The Conaways 2300 Porter Road Bear, de 19701

March 6 at 1:18 PM

BD

Bunny Driedger lit a candle in honor of Wade.



March 6 at 12:43 PM

MM

Moe Morrow posted:

Growing up in the Altamont Utah area. Wade Jessen was a person that all the locals looked up to. Can remember as it was yesterday. Hearing the God given voice of KNEU Radio Roosevelt Utah. At one time I wanted to become a disc jockey. Wade was a total unspiration to us all. May God continue to bless Wade, all his friends & family. He will be missed !!!!

March 6 at 11:52 AM



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KM

Karen M posted:

sorry to hear about he will be truly miss but he is in a better place may God bless

March 6 at 11:21 AM

JW

Jeff Williams posted:

Never met Wade but felt as if I knew him as a listener on Willie's Roadhouse. Will miss hearing his voice. Sincere condolences to the family.

March 6 at 10:45 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Jessen family.



March 6 at 10:41 AM

JK

Jeffrey Knoll posted:

Ever since getting my satellite radio, I enjoyed listening to his program. He will be missed.

March 6 at 10:36 AM

JD

Jasmine Deer posted:

I flew back to Tennessee with my exhusband , to go see his kids.. an Wade took us to the Macaroni Grill , he told me , I was always welcome at his place or he had a key for me.. What amazing man he was an made you feel good all around, you'll be missed Wade Jessen

March 6 at 9:43 AM

BE

Bobby Endicott posted:

I loved him on Willie's Roadhouse and hardly ever miss a Rearview show and listened to him often on his regular Willie's Roadhouse shift's too. Please accept my heart felt sympathies.

March 6 at 9:43 AM



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Dr. Bruce And Sandi Stratton sent a Your Light Shines to the Jessen family.



March 6 at 9:41 AM



Bruce, Carolyn, And Josh Shindler sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Jessen family.



March 6 at 9:31 AM



Anne Weaver Price lit a candle in honor of Wade.



March 6 at 9:30 AM



Anne Weaver Price March 6 at 9:32 AM
Wade has left a void that will never be filled. I'm honored to have known him. Though he left us too soon, he will always be in our hearts and minds. Prayers for the family.



Randy Carrier posted:

RIP Wade, you will be greatly missed by so many country fans the world over.

March 6 at 9:21 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Jessen family.



March 6 at 9:03 AM



Jim Ferry posted:

Please add my condolences to the family of Wade Jessen. I am a long time fan of his "Rear View" broadcast. He certainly will be sorely missed. Pop Pop from Brayton, Tennessee

March 6 at 8:48 AM



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Bob Reilly posted:

I didn't know Wade but I very much enjoyed listening to him at night on willies roadhouse especially on Friday night. rest in peace wit the Lord.

March 6 at 8:34 AM



Natalie Tomlinson lit a candle in honor of Wade.

Mr. Wade Jessen was my favorite radio host on Willie's Roadhouse. I loved his shows, especially Rearview. Thank you for sharing your knowledge and love of country music. You will be missed! Rest in Peace. Natalie from Harlan County, Kentucky



March 6 at 8:23 AM



Belia S Chaparro lit a candle in honor of Wade.



March 6 at 8:20 AM



Debra Pahlman lit a candle in honor of Wade.



March 6 at 7:54 AM



Brooks Mccumbee posted:

Even living in WV I got the pleasure to listen to him on the radio. You will be missed by your fans.

March 6 at 7:52 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Jessen family.



March 6 at 7:19 AM



Tribute Wall

Mr. Wade Jessen

NOV 15, 1961 - MAR 5, 2015

CT

Chris Taylor posted:

I first got to know Wade when he was at KSOP in Salt Lake. We became friends, and the friendship continued even until today, For a few short months we even worked together at WSM. I remember one day after I left and went into record promotion, I called him and told him how much I enjoyed him on the air at WSM. He said he was sorry to hear that because in just a few days he was going to Billboard as the country chart editor. Of course we stayed in touch and remained friends. I saw Wade only briefly at the Country Radio Seminar in Nashville last week. I was on an elevator going down, he was waiting for one going up. We yelled at each other knowing well we would see each other again shortly. Shortly never came! Country Music lost a historian and I lost a friend. God bless Chris Taylor, former Country radio, now Country record promoter Townsend TN.

March 6 at 5:27 AM

JC

Jill C. Woodworth-Collier posted:

How greatly our parish family at Saint Vincent de Paul Church will miss his kind and prayerful leadership! I will always treasure the memory of the joy of his Baptism and his powerful prayer outreach to support and encourage others. His Baptismal patron saint is St. Jude, the intercessor for so-called hopeless causes. Our hearts' prayers are for Corey and all his loved ones that Jesus will comfort them with the knowledge that Wade is alive and well with Him! May perpetual light shine upon him and all those who have gone ahead of us in faith to the eternal home prepared for us by our saving Lord. with loving prayers, Jill and Joe Collier

March 6 at 2:35 AM

NK

Nicholas Killian March 6 at 8:10 AM

You be missed Wade Jessen, it is a sad day for Willie's Roadhouse. I really enjoyed listening to your show Rearview. I enjoyed your love and knowledge of good country music. Thank you for the memories on SiriusXm. R.I.P. Wade. You will be missed.



Dusty White shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

March 7 at 11:51 AM



Dusty White & Wade Jessen in the early 90's, acting our crazy selves.



Dusty White March 7 at 3:12 PM

My best friend is now in Heaven watching over me. Wade, I will love you until the day I join you. I just know that you and David Haley are up there entertaining the angels with your stories right about now. Heaven just got a brighter star. You are terribly missed here. See you in my dreams.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Wade by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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