



Mr. Jesse Houchin

January 17, 1962 - May 18, 2022

Jesse James Houchin, 60, of Nashville, Tennessee, passed away on Wednesday, May 18, 2022. Born January 17, 1962, in Nashville, he was the son of the late Jesse George Houchin and Frances Warren Houchin.

Jesse recently retired from Spring Hill Cemetery where he had been a groundskeeper since 1994. He took pride in caring for the loved ones who chose Spring Hill as their final resting place, and it showed in his work. Though quiet and reserved, Jesse would give you the shirt off his back if he thought it would help. He will be deeply missed by both his family and his Spring Hill family.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sisters Linda McEwen and Josie Graham; brother Johnny Houchin.

He is survived by his sons Nicholas Andrew Houchin and Christopher Houchin; sisters Shirley Morse, Mary Canfield, and Cathy Canfield; brothers William Houchin, Joseph (Rene) Houchin, and Roger (Pam) Houchin; grandchildren Devon, Dawson, Gavin, Jacob, Waylon and Willow; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Monday, May 23 from 10 am until 12 pm at Spring Hill Funeral Home in Nashville with a graveside service officiated by Dr. Kevin Shrum following at noon in the Historic Spring Hill Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to Spring Hill Funeral Home & Cemetery, 5110 Gallatin Road, Nashville, TN 37216. "Where Nashville Comes to Remember."

Cemetery Details

Spring Hill Cemetery

5110 Gallatin Pike S
Nashville, TN 37216

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 23. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Spring Hill Funeral Home
5110 Gallatin Pike S
Nashville, TN 37216

Graveside Service

MAY 23. 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM (CT)

Spring Hill Cemetery
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Tribute Wall

JR

“ I was very sad to hear the news of Jesse’s passing. I met Jesse in 07 and learned quickly how ornery he was even when he looked so innocent! He took great pride in his job and being a part of the amazing team at Spring Hill, they were his second family. I missed seeing him after he retired and would ask about him. Sending prayers and love to his family and his Spring Hill Family. Rest in peace Jesse.

John Renfro - June 01 at 12:55 PM



“ I was saddened to hear of Jesse's passing. I worked with Jesse from '00 - '05, and then again either '07 or '08. I remained his friend and still came to visit him every time I came back to TN to visit around Christmas time. We'd laugh and pick on one another and just like others who knew Jesse knew he would show he cared about ya if he picked on ya. I will share a funny story from my time working at the cemetery about him.

Jesse was my boss around this time. This was around '04. I had a plan to make everyone's Christmas special so I was playing like I was having car trouble all week. I'd call in, show up a little late, complained about this problem that didn't exist just to sell it. I think this was Christmas Eve, I told him I was showing up a little late but was actually in the cemetery waiting for one more person to show up. I was dressed in a full Santa Clause outfit. I then came ringing jingle bells and yelling ho ho ho! The look on his face was priceless. I heckled each person, gave them all a pocket knife and something else. Then I left. I then came back and pulled in and acted like I just showed up. He thanked me for that. I just felt bad because I knew he was at his house alone for Christmas time but he preferred that. But it brought a smile to him and he never forgot it. Such a great memory!

To Jesse's Family:

I know time is tough right now but, please accept my deepest condolences. Jesse was a dear friend to me, I miss him, and I am sadden by the loss of my friend. May he rest in peace.

Tim Gleaves - May 22 at 11:10 PM

DT

Thanks Tim for sharing this story! I worked with Jesse (I'm in family service) from 2015-2020. Great memories and stories. He meant alot to so many.

David Thain - May 23 at 03:25 PM



“ Jesse and I worked together day in and day out for nearly 6 years! He was my buddy and friend! We gave each other heck at times, but had a lot of great laughs and stories to tell! He knew the cemetery like no other. He was my Cemetery go to guy! He never liked drawing attention to himself, but preferred staying in the background. He was mostly a quiet, humble, and private person. He will be deeply missed! I'm thankful for the memories and many laughs that we shared! RIP Jesse!

David Thain - May 22 at 09:48 PM



“ I was honored to be able to work with Jesse on the grounds crew .. He was very dedicated to Springhill and amazed me at the amount of knowledge he had about the cemetery.. He never wanted to be recognized for the work he had done . I'm really going to miss his grouchy self. I know he will be watching us set up his service and cussing at me the whole time but that was how you knew Jesse liked you lol .. YOU WILL BE MISSED BY MANY JESSE ..!! I hope they got bud light up there for you .!

Tim Benefield - May 20 at 08:48 PM

DT

Thanks for sharing Tim! I'm glad that you could be a part of Jesse's service.

David Thain - May 23 at 03:27 PM

JQ

“ I considered Jesse to be a friend and I'm honored to be able to take care of him and his family.

Jason Quesenberry - May 20 at 06:15 PM

DT

Absolutely! He will be greatly missed!

David Thain - May 23 at 03:40 PM

MC

“ Mark Canfield lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jesse Houchin



Mark Canfield - May 20 at 03:12 PM

KR

“ Jesse was the best. Anything I needed, he was right there. Jesse knew the grounds inside and out, and for a cemetery over 200 years old, that's saying something. He knew the families as well as the grounds, and took immense pride in his work. Jesse, before you give Gail and Sandra grief in your heavenly place, please give them a hug from me and Kim.

Much Love,
Kris and Kim

Kris - May 20 at 01:24 PM

GH

The gang is back together. I'll bet Miss Gail even has her silver boots!

Gretchen Skaggs Harrison - May 24 at 09:32 PM

SV

“ Staff of Nashville Wilbert Burial Vault purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Jesse Houchin.



Staff of Nashville Wilbert Burial Vault - May 20 at 10:00 AM

GH

“ Jesse was the kindest, most ornery soul that I've ever known. I understand that these two things are a complete juxtaposition, but that was Jesse; sweet and sour. I met Jesse the summer of 2014. I was so green to everything in the cemetery, and rather than ridicule me, he taught me. While I endured a fair amount of teasing from him, he provided me with some of my most treasured knowledge. I worked with him for only four years, but it felt like so much more. He gave so much more than he ever received. He would give you the shirt off his back, and curse the whole time! He really was a character. My heart aches that no new staff at Spring Hill will get to learn under the tutelage of Jesse. He knew the cemetery like no other; he loved it like no other. For all those who knew him, I suppose he's, 'pitchin' a bitch' in heaven now. ❤️
With love,
Gretchen



Gretchen Skaggs Harrison - May 19 at 10:48 PM

DT

Thanks for sharing this Gretchen! This was definitely Jesse!!

David Thain - May 23 at 03:38 PM

EV

“ *Ed Vaughn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jesse Houchin*



Ed Vaughn - May 19 at 06:20 PM

BC

“ *Bill -gayle Cruz lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jesse Houchin*



Bill -gayle cruz - May 19 at 05:49 PM

JB

“ *Jessica Beigert lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jesse Houchin*



Jessica Beigert - May 19 at 04:49 PM

MS

“ *Michael & Stephanie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jesse Houchin*



Michael & Stephanie - May 19 at 12:40 PM

SK

“ *Scott Keel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jesse Houchin*



Scott Keel - May 19 at 10:11 AM