



Jesse Bolen

April 3, 1942 - January 13, 2025

Jesse Ray Bolen, 82, of Cape Girardeau passed away Monday, January 13, 2025, at his residence.

Jesse was born April 3, 1942, in Cape Girardeau to John and Ethel Kitchen Bolen. He and Mary Ann Kohnen were married on November 19, 1966, in Cape Girardeau. She preceded him in death October 27, 2017.

He was a 1960 graduate of Central High School. He attended the First Pentecostal Church in Cape Girardeau. He was a member of the Union Association Local 562 for over 50 years. He was also a member of the Capahas Field Committee.

Jesse was well known for being manager of the Capahas having a win / loss record of 1,514 wins and only 409 losses. He was ranked sixth in history for the all-time leading wins for Semi-Pro baseball league. He was National Sportsman of the Year in 1978, and Cape Jaycees Man of the Year, also in 1978. He was inducted into the SEMO Hall of Fame in 1993, Indiana Sports Hall of Fame in 2000, Semi-Pro Baseball Hall of Fame in 2000, National Baseball Congress Hall of Fame in 2008, St. Louis Baseball Hall of Fame in 2017. He was also in the Mon Clair League Hall of Fame. He was most proud of the Capahas Team being inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame. Loving survivors include, two sons, Jess R. (Julie) Bolen Jr. and Tommy (Nicole) Bolen; two daughters, Kimberly (Darren) Moore and Michele Bolen; three sisters, Neva Bolen, Karen Lewis, and Shirley Lohmann; eight grandchildren, Michael (Jami) Troth, Brooke (Chad) Evans, Johnny (Codi)

Troth, T.J. Bolen, Ty Bolen, Annette Bolen, Aaron Denson and Cody Hagen; and three great-grandchildren, Jayce Troth, Brody Troth and Blakely Troth. In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Jim Bolen, Bill Bolen, and Larry Bolen; and two sisters, Virginia Seabaugh and Wanda Ing.

Visitation will be Friday, January 17, 2025, from 3 - 7 PM at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home.

Funeral Service will be Saturday, January 18, 2025, at 10 AM at the funeral home with Pastor Darell Faire officiating. Burial will follow in New Lorimier Cemetery.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Cemetery Details

New Lorimer Cemetery

Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Funeral Service

JAN 18. 10:00 AM.

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel

Committal Service

JAN 18. 11:30 AM (CT)

New Lorimer Cemetery
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Tribute Wall

DM

“ My deep sympathy is extended to the Bolen family on the loss of a classmate (CHS '60). Jesse's commitment to the great game of baseball as a player, coach, and manager will always be remembered.

Dale Meier - January 17, 2025 at 04:30 PM

MW

“ Mary Watkins purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Jesse Bolen.



Mary Watkins - January 17, 2025 at 10:07 AM

YF

“ Your River Radio Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jesse Bolen.



Your River Radio Family - January 17, 2025 at 09:13 AM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Jesse Bolen.



January 16, 2025 at 05:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jesse Bolen.

January 16, 2025 at 05:32 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jesse Bolen.



January 16, 2025 at 03:42 PM



“ Ruth J. purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Jesse Bolen.



Ruth J. - January 16, 2025 at 11:33 AM



“ Ruth J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jesse Bolen.

Ruth J. - January 16, 2025 at 11:33 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jesse Bolen.



January 16, 2025 at 09:31 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Jesse Bolen.*



January 16, 2025 at 09:11 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jesse Bolen.

January 16, 2025 at 09:11 AM



“ *Bryce Kirkland purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jesse Bolen.*



Bryce Kirkland - January 15, 2025 at 09:30 PM



“ *Wil and Becky Hernandez purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jesse Bolen.*



Wil and Becky Hernandez - January 15, 2025 at 08:13 PM



“ Jess and I started 1st grade together at May Green. I've known him practically all my life. Always a good guy. He will be missed by many. In the attached picture of our first-grade class, Jess is in the back row, 4th from the right.



G. Paul Corbin - January 15, 2025 at 07:10 PM



“ Tracie D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jesse Bolen.

Tracie D. - January 15, 2025 at 06:34 PM



“ The Missouri State Association, NALC purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jesse Bolen.



The Missouri State Association, NALC - January 15, 2025 at 05:03 PM



“ Sending heartfelt condolences to TJ and the Bolen family. TJ, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your grandpa. You are in our thoughts and our prayers. - Ms. Kesterson and Liam

Amy Kesterson - January 15, 2025 at 04:06 PM