



Jesse De Leon

February 24, 1961 - May 13, 2024

Jesse De Leon, 63, of Cape Girardeau died Monday, May 13, 2024, at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

He was born Feb. 24, 1961, in Phoenix, Arizona, to Martin De Leon and Anita Gallegos.

He and Maria Reynaga were married in the fall of 1988 in Salem, Oregon.

He served many years in the Marine Corps. He had a master's in English as a second language.

He was the regional director of Migrant Services.

Jesse was a fan of John Wayne, the Minnesota Vikings football team and loved to work on vehicles. He also enjoyed working in the green house. Jesse was a horticulturist. He loved his dog, Amadeus, and loved to do pranks and have a good time.

He was of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include his wife, Maria De Leon; two sons, Richard De Leon and Jesse (Maria) De Leon Jr.; four brothers, Johnny, Danny, Ernie and Joey; and

seven sisters, Estella, Josie, Norma, Mary Ann, Janie, Vicky and Linda.
Jesse was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Mary Lou.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 16, at Ford and Sons Mount Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau, with parish prayers at 7 p.m.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday, May 17, at the funeral home, with the Rev. Allan Saunders officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Veterans Administration Hospital.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be made at fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Parish Prayers

MAY 16. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

MAY 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AP

“ Jesse was a leading professional in migrant services in the state of Missouri. We worked together in the Bootheel for many years through DESE and through the RPDC. He was a man of abundant good will...who walk in the footsteps of each of the adults or children who were from other language and cultural backgrounds. Our state and especially the Bootheel, has lot a loving and loyal advocate for migrant workers and those who are English Language Learners.

Adelaide Parsons Parsons - May 15, 2024 at 11:30 PM

JF

“ Janie Dycus and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jesse De Leon.

Janie Dycus and Family - May 15, 2024 at 12:39 PM

JF

“ Janie Dycus and Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Jesse De Leon.



Janie Dycus and Family - May 15, 2024 at 12:39 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jesse De Leon.



May 14, 2024 at 11:02 PM

MM

“ Jesse and I worked together at the RPDC and spent many hours sharing family experiences. Your family is in my prayers! — Martha Mangels

Martha Mangels - May 14, 2024 at 08:24 PM

YF

“ Yates family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jesse De Leon.



Yates family - May 14, 2024 at 07:27 PM

YF

“ Yates family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jesse De Leon.

Yates family - May 14, 2024 at 07:27 PM

TJ

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

Tim J. - May 14, 2024 at 06:05 PM



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May 14, 2024 at 06:05 PM

LM

“ *Lupe, Elizabeth, Wiston, Erik, & Melissa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jesse De Leon.*

Lupe, Elizabeth, Wiston, Erik, & Melissa - May 14, 2024 at 04:30 PM

LM

“ *Lupe, Elizabeth, Wiston, Erik, & Melissa purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jesse De Leon.*



Lupe, Elizabeth, Wiston, Erik, & Melissa - May 14, 2024 at 04:30 PM