



Jesse B. Morris, Jr.

April 2, 1933 - December 17, 2012

Capt. Jesse Morris, USN (Ret), 79 died Monday, December 17, 2012 surrounded in love by his wife Ann and two sons Scott and Mark.

Jesse grew up in Memphis Tennessee. After finishing high school, he joined the NROTC and attended the University of Tennessee. During his time at the University he was a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity and learned to fly. He received his private pilot license in April 1954. His love of flying led him to enter the Navy flight training program in January 1955 and after completing Jet training, received his Navy wings in August of 1956.

His assignments include a three year tour in Atsugi Japan where he flew photo missions and support missions for the 7th fleet. He broke the sound barrier for his first time in 1957 flying a F9F-8 Cougar. He was a Navy formation and tactics flight instructor for the Naval Air Training Command in the Pensacola area. While there he received the Old Pro award for saving the life of a student aviator that was incapacitated from carbon monoxide poisoning and had to be talked down while flying wing on him. He completed Helicopter training in January 1963. He then completed several tours in anti-submarine warfare in the Atlantic Fleet both as a pilot and on the staff of the Carrier Battle Group Commander. He was attached to NASA for a short period to develop and flight test the camera angles and positions on the helicopter to photograph the astronauts on Gemini and Apollo recoveries. While on the

USS Forrestal he received the Winged S award for rescuing a sailor at sea that had fallen off a submarine in heavy seas. After an additional three year tour of operational flying Capt Morris assumed Command of Helicopter Anti Submarine Squadron 1 in July 1972.

After completion of a year at the Naval War College he reported to the Naval Air Systems Command for the next five years where he was the engineering Class Desk Officer responsible for all the Navy's H-3 Helicopters and the acquisition of the new VH-3D Presidential Helicopters. After a tour at the Office of Naval Research he was assigned duties at the Naval Research Laboratory where his duties allowed him to be able to resume flying for the next four years.

Jesse spent 30 years of active service in the Navy flying off of seven different Aircraft Carriers. He has more than 5000 Flight hours and has flown over 28 types of Navy aircraft. He was qualified in single engine prop a/c, single engine jet a/c, helicopters, multi engine prop a/c, and multi engine turbo prop a/c.

Jesse is survived by his wife of 51 years, his two sons, their wives Joanne and Sherrie, and his five grandchildren; Andrew, Kevin, Courtney, Ashley, and Michelle. A service celebrating his life will be held at Westwood Baptist Church on Saturday, December 22, 2012 at 11:00am. The address is 8200 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, VA 22152.

Donations may be made in Jesse's name to woundedwarriorproject.org.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jesse B. Morris, Jr.*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



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Jefferson Funeral Chapel - January 28, 2019 at 10:05 AM



“ *I will never forget a summer in Key West visiting Ann, Jesse and the boys and fishing with Jesse. What great fun that and the whole trip was. I am so sorry you have lost him Ann, Scott and Mark. You will be in my prayers.*

January 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mark, Sherrie, Ashley and Michelle. We are sorry to hear of your loss. Thinking of you from the farthest ends of the earth. Jesse had a very distinguished career and life, he will be sorely missed by all. Hugs Bruce and Fi.*

December 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy over the loss of Jesse. He was a wonderful person. His career was even more distinguished than we knew. His love of family was obvious and continues through his sons and their beautiful families. We were blessed to know him and have him as part of our extended family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you*

December 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mark and family, so sorry to hear about your dad. A great military career and greater family legacy. His memory and spirit will live on in all of you. Love from the Erdmanns-Carl, Jenny , Luke and Emma.*

December 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Scott and family. I am so sorry to hear about Jesse's passing. I will miss him. I feel blessed to have known him and scouted with him for so many years. His legacy will wive on in the lives of the many boys he influenced so positively over the years. Love from Ed, Deborah, and Eric Verchot.*

December 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ann, Mark and Scott,
We are so very sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you and your families during this difficult time. May you find comfort from the support of your friends and loved ones.
Sincerely,
The Stanciu Family*

December 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mark, I'm so very sorry to hear about your Dad passing. He was a wonderful man who loved his family above all. I am praying for you and your family and will keep you all in my thoughts. Tracy Shelton*

December 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ We wish to extend our heartfelt condolences for your loss. We will always remember Jessie as one of the reasons we joined Troop 1849.

He infectious smile, genuine sincerity, and willingness to assist the boys in any way he could epitomize what Scouting is all about as well as what Jessie was all about.

Sincerely,

Dan, Lynn, and Daniel Wynne

December 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with your whole family during this time. May his memory live on in your hearts and provide you with some level of peace.

Sincerely,

Robin, Carl & Zachary Nelson

December 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *The Florence Family*
We want to express our sorrow and and heartfelt sympathy for your loss. Jesse will always be remembered and never forgotten in Troop 1849 for his dedicated service to the troop. He was a great friend to all and enjoyed helping the troop and the scouts in so many ways. His courage and resolve in continuing to assist

the troop in spite of serious health issues was an example and inspiration for all of us.

Judy and Bill Florence

December 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ We thank Jesse for all that he did for us, as a family, and for Boy Scout Troop 1849. He had a gift for helping the boys in the Troop become mature Scouts and fine young men. When we think of him, we see his ready smiles and hear his humorous stories. We will miss him greatly.

December 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Morris family, we sorrow in your loss. What a full life he led! Our prayers are with you guys. Love, Holly Berry and family

December 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Mark and family, So sorry to hear of your loss. Deepest condolences.
Bruce McGregor

December 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM



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December 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM