



Jessie Gene O'Neal Sr.

October 14, 1945 - April 25, 2019

Jessie Gene O'Neal Sr. 73, of Centralia, passed away Thursday, April 25, 2019 at Doctor's Nursing and Rehab in Salem, IL.

Jessie was born October 14, 1945, the son of Rufus O'Neal and Mattie (Chamberlain) O'Neal. He married Rubbie Williams in 1963 and they later divorced. He married Mildred "Millie" Hutchison in 1993 and she survives him in Centralia.

Jessie is survived by his wife: Millie O'Neal of Centralia; two sons: Jessie O'Neal Jr. of Centralia, and Matthew Mitchell of Carlyle; six daughters: Thelma Wooters and husband Roland "Patrick" of Centralia, Wainatta "Jaunita" Jackson of Charleston, Brenda O'Neal of Centralia, Kimberly Young and husband Tyrone of Sparta, Brandi Perez and husband Alexander of Colorado, and Colleen McClain and husband Jelani of Centralia; nineteen grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; two brothers: Curtis O'Neal, and Nathaniel O'Neal; two sisters: Nanny Mary Amos and Dorothy O'Neal; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Jessie was preceded in death by his parents: Rufus and Mattie O'Neal; one son: Kerwin O'Neal; one granddaughter: Tawatha "WaWa" Wooters; and one grandson: Josh Young; two brothers: John Gene Willis, and Eddie Willis; one sister: Ann Sue Caldwell.

Jessie was known for being a handy man. If something was not working, he could take it apart and put it back together as if there was never anything wrong. He took pride in his hobbies, working on lawnmowers, making things

look new again with spray paint, and working on trinkets. He was a very good story teller. Anyone that knew him, he could light up any room. Most of all, Jessie enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Saturday, May 18, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia. Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. to the time of service on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the family and will be accepted by the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, IL 62801 (618) 532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the O'Neal family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home

Celebration of Life

MAY 18. 1:00 PM.

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Tribute Wall



“ *My Heart My Bestfriend This is how I will always remember, daddy I am going to miss our ling talks and laughs about life you mean the world to me and your grandchildren I love u and until we see each other again ll keep u close to heart and one thing ll never ever forget is how My Daddy told me when I was taken from Him at the age of 5, He said he never slept a wink for almost 13 years he said he cried for me, us His children!! The day before he passed even though he couldn't say a word I heard him loud and clear He said My babygirl you always have me looking over you cause Im going to be w the Lord my daddy was saved and Welcomed by Jesus and his pain was no longer there Love you Daddy aka Me daddy*



Colleen McClain - May 18, 2019 at 12:34 AM

GJ

“ *To Thelma and the res of the Family, I am so sorry to hear about your father passing. May God provide some comfort for all of you. Love ya.*

Georgia Jones-Richardson - May 10, 2019 at 08:18 PM

TW

“ Dear Pops,

I thank God that you're not suffering anymore, and that you're finally at peace. We will miss you so much, and I will especially miss you calling before 6 am on my birthday, because you wanted to be the first to wish me a Happy Birthday. I know you're in Heaven riding your bike and telling your stories to anyone that will listen.

I love you daddy!

Thelma

Thelma Wooters - April 28, 2019 at 12:33 PM

WJ

Dear Pops,

Those special memories of you will always bring a smile, if only I could have you back, for just a little while, then we could sit and talk again just like we used to do for hours underneath that shade tree next to where you lived, you meant so very much to and always will do too. I'll remember, you always addressed us, (daughters) when we talk to you as "Baby" and you would always say back to us, "I love you too", as we ended a phone call, or leaving from a visit, even when you no longer could speak, I read your lips. You may be gone from my sight... but you are never gone from my heart, so Rest In Peace dear Pops, until we meet again, may God hold you in His hands. You will be missed but never forgotten!

I love you father!

Wainatta(Juanita)

Wainatta Jackson - May 24, 2019 at 02:11 AM