



## Jesse James Steed

September 28, 1976 - June 30, 2013

Jesse James Steed was born in Cottonwood, AZ on September 28, 1976 to Claudia Federwisch. Jesse was the beloved husband of Desiree Steed and amazing father to Caden (4) and Cambria (3). Jesse is the second oldest of four siblings, Cassidy Steed, Levi Federwisch and Taunya Steed. He was grandson to Herman and Reaut Federwisch. Jesse was an amazing individual, husband, father and brother to all. His children and wife were the light of his life; he was a truly dedicated family man.

Jesse grew up in the Southwest calling the quad city area his home. After Jesse graduated from high school he joined the United States Marine Corps serving from 1996 until 2000. He joined the Forest Service in 2001 often saying it was the closest thing to military camaraderie that he could find in the civilian world. He worked on the Prescott Hotshot, Helitack, and engine crews until he became a part of the Granite Mountain Hot Shots in 2009 where he proudly served as Captain to his crew that he often referred to as a brotherhood.

Jesse enjoyed being outdoors hiking, running and biking. He had a need for speed whether it be on a street bike, dirt bike or sand rail. One of Jesse's favorite past times was going to Glamis sand dunes with his family and friends. He loved spending time with his kids doing whatever they wanted to do. Children have always been drawn to our fun loving, goofy Jesse. He was a big kid himself, often being called a teddy bear and a gentle giant. Jesse was always the life of the party making everyone laugh. He was the comedian

of the group and loved making people happy.

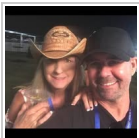
Jesse had a way of making everyone around him feel like they were the most special person in his life. He would always greet and leave you with a rib crushing hug and never said goodbye to anyone without an "I love you."

# Tribute Wall

KS

“ *Bob and I remember when you were first married . You came to the house to introduce Jesse to us , he was very nice but as suspected he was a little uncomfortable . But by the end of the visit he smiled that big smile and I knew that you had met the perfect man for you ! God bless !*

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**Kim and Robert Sheets** - July 15, 2013 at 12:48 AM



“ *Wendy Michaels lit a candle in memory of Jesse James Steed*



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**Wendy Michaels** - July 14, 2013 at 07:03 PM



“ *Tricia Piper lit a candle in memory of Jesse James Steed*



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**Tricia Piper** - July 14, 2013 at 01:22 AM



*so often in life it takes a tragedy to bring people together, in my case this is how I know you. Your smile lite up the world and you will be so miss and are loved tremendously by those who know you and the ones who didn't get the chance. my prayers are with you and your loved one at this time. to a true hero, you will never be forgotten.*

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**Tricia Piper** - July 14, 2013 at 01:36 AM



“ *Charley N Sarah Davis lit a candle in memory of Jesse James Steed*



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**Charley N Sarah Davis** - July 11, 2013 at 10:56 PM



“ *John Robideau lit a candle in memory of Jesse James Steed*



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**John Robideau** - July 11, 2013 at 09:56 PM



“ *Thank you Jesse for all of the good you did on this world! God has the BEST first responders now. God bless your family and friends. We bury you in our hearts.*

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**Tracy** - July 11, 2013 at 08:16 PM



“ *Jordan Deyloff lit a candle in memory of Jesse James Steed*



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**Jordan Deyloff** - July 11, 2013 at 04:43 PM

KG

“ *Karen Wainscott Gullish lit a candle in memory of Jesse James Steed*



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**Karen Wainscott Gullish** - July 11, 2013 at 04:07 PM

JS

“ *Jerry And Jan Sargent lit a candle in memory of Jesse James Steed*



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**Jerry and Jan Sargent** - July 11, 2013 at 04:05 PM

MA

“ *A great loss to all the lives he's touched. Jesse was a wonderful classmate and gave his all in any venture. You will be forever remembered Jesse.*

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**Melissa Adams** - July 11, 2013 at 02:34 PM

CR

“ *You are truly a hero to me. You helped save my parents home and many friends homes in the dolce fire a few weeks ago. Prescott will never forget you.*

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**crystal** - July 11, 2013 at 02:04 PM

SN

“ *From Everglades National Park Fire and Aviation Staff. We are sorry for your loss and pray for Jesse.*

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**Steven Newland** - July 11, 2013 at 01:53 PM

PS

“ *Peggy & Ed Schlipf lit a candle in memory of Jesse James Steed*



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**Peggy & Ed Schlipf** - July 11, 2013 at 01:27 PM



Christina  
Marshall

“ *My Prayers and Condolences go out to Jesse's family. Whenever I think of the boy I once knew in school I will remember his smile and his larger than life personality..Whenever I think of the man he became, I will remember him as a hero! Rest in Peace Jesse!!*



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**Christina Marshall** - July 11, 2013 at 12:43 PM

KB

“ *Karen & Steven Briggs lit a candle in memory of Jesse James Steed*



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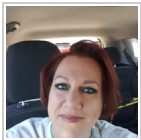
**Karen & Steven Briggs** - July 11, 2013 at 12:34 PM

TK

“ Since first hearing of this tragedy, I have been heartbroken for the Steed and Federwisch families. I remember so well when these kids lost their mom, and to lose Jesse now is so hard. Please know you have been continually in my prayers, and I have shared in your grief from the sidelines.  
Nurse Trudy (School Nurse)



Trudy Kannenberg - July 11, 2013 at 12:08 PM



“ Jesse was in my graduating class of 1995, I feel extremely sad for his loss, he was way too young. I may not have known him his entire life like a lot of people around Chino Valley, but I do always remember him as the jokester, prankster and always laughing and having a smile on his face. That is how I will remember him. I love all the stories and videos of Jesse over the past week as I feel I have gotten to know him better, I am happy he lived life to the fullest, because there is no other way to live. To his wife and children and the rest his family and friends, my heart is heavy with sadness and all of you are in my thoughts and prayers as the healing process begins. I know you don't know me, but if there's anything you need, I am here. RIP JESSE



Gwen King - July 11, 2013 at 11:02 AM

JG

“ In 2000 just prior to deploying to Kuwait with Battalion Landing Team 1/4 and the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit Special Operations Capable, Jesse joined me as I began singing a Kareoke song in the Naval club in San Diego. Together we sang a duet to Runaway Train by the band Soul Asylum in a packed club of Marines, Sailors, and civilians. Jesse of course managed to keep a smile on his face while singing the entire song. We received a standing ovation from the over 200 club patrons. Jesse's smile was even larger. It was a blast. Thanks for the memory Jesse.

James Golden - July 11, 2013 at 10:41 AM

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James Golden - July 11, 2013 at 10:41 AM



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Sheila Petersen - July 11, 2013 at 10:37 AM

CT

“ *Celeste Taylor lit a candle in memory of Jesse James Steed*



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**Celeste Taylor** - July 11, 2013 at 10:28 AM

CF

“ *With sympathy on this day that is sure to be difficult, and as the healing process begins, we wish you strength, peace and love.*



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**cori and michael feldman** - July 11, 2013 at 10:26 AM

 Niki Welker

“ *Prayers are with your whole family today! My heart is heavy today thinking of all of you. God bless! Niki welker*

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**Niki Welker** - July 11, 2013 at 10:26 AM

SA

“ *Sabrina lit a candle in memory of Jesse James Steed*



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**Sabrina** - July 11, 2013 at 01:36 AM

CP

“ Thank you for your service. You are hero in my eyes. You will be truly miss here on earth. Hope to meet you in Heaven some day.  
Chaplain JP



Chaplain J Perez - July 10, 2013 at 01:45 PM

GB

“ My heartfelt gratitude to Jesse, for his ultimate sacrifice. May the Almighty bless and keep you all safe. You are family to all Arizona now.



Gary Boivin - July 10, 2013 at 10:40 AM

Linda Cunningham

“ Linda Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Jesse James Steed



Linda Cunningham - July 10, 2013 at 04:21 AM

SD

“ Sheryll & Dan Diasio lit a candle in memory of Jesse James Steed



Sheryll & Dan Diasio - July 10, 2013 at 12:29 AM

DE

“ *As a wife of a wildland firefighter myself, I would like to send my deepest sympathy to the family. Find strength in his memory.*

Debbie - July 09, 2013 at 06:51 PM

SA

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. What a wonderful man to have shared your life with, albeit too short. My prayers are with you as you deal with your sorrow and try to heal. God will be with you every step of the way.*



Sandi - July 09, 2013 at 10:04 AM

TJ

“ *Sending sincere condolences to the family. So very sorry for your loss and pray that you all will find comfort and hope that God gives through His word the Bible where He promises a time in the very near future where families will no longer be torn apart by death. (1Cor. 15:26; Rev. 21:3,4)*

TJ - July 09, 2013 at 12:37 AM

SU

“ *Susan lit a candle in memory of Jesse James Steed*




Susan - July 07, 2013 at 10:54 PM

ML

*I remember a wonderful family man whose face lit up at the sight of his children and his wife. He had a very infectious smile always. My heartfelt sympathy to all. RIP Jesse*

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**Marie Louria** - July 11, 2013 at 12:02 PM

 Stefanie Culver

*I met Jesse in high school and I remember that he was the sweetest and funniest big teddy bear of a guy. He had a fire in his eyes and heart to do great things! It was good to see that all he had hoped for in his life back then came to being! He is an inspiration to us all! I was blessed to have had him in my life so long ago. Praying for his family that the Lord comfort them and bless them through this hard time! God bless- Stefanie*

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**Stefanie Culver** - July 11, 2013 at 01:21 PM