



Jesse L. Bargas

February 13, 1959 - June 23, 2023

Jesse Lee Bargas was a beloved father, grandfather, husband, son, and brother. He passed away early in the morning on Friday, June 23, 2023, at the age of 64. Jesse passed peacefully in his sleep at his home with his wife, Mary Bargas, after a brief battle with cancer.

Jesse was born in Groton, Connecticut on February 13, 1959, to Paul V. Bargas and Frances “Bunny” P. Bargas. Jesse and his family moved to Hawaii in the fall of 1964 and, finally, to Topeka, Kansas in June of 1970. He graduated from Topeka High School in 1977 and married the love of his life, Mary May, on May 22, 1982. Together, they had four children, Emily, Jamie, Jesse, and Elaina.

In his early life, Jesse enjoyed spending time with his brothers and friends as a part of The Boy Scouts of America, where he only reached the rank of Tenderfoot. He much preferred spending time with friends and camping over earning merit badges and advancing rank. It was during this time that he met his future wife, Mary, in 1975 and they spent much of their time with friends and family – partying and living life to the fullest.

Jesse spent most of his life working as a cook, first at Taco Pete's, then Presbyterian Manor, followed by Knights of Columbus, and Engroffs. He finally began working in the kitchen at Plaza West Healthcare & Rehab Center where

he worked for nearly 30 years, starting on June 15, 1994.

Jesse had a notorious sweet tooth, often enjoying late night honey buns smothered in butter, and raspberry Zingers. He rarely backed down from a DIY home project, or an opportunity to make a good (bad) dad joke.

Jesse is preceded in death by his father, Paul V. Bargas; and brothers, Paul V. Bargas Jr., and Jaydee Bargas. Jesse is survived by his wife, Mary Bargas; children, Emily Lewis (Joel Lewis), Jamie Preisner (James Preisner), Jesse D. Bargas (Elise Bargas), and Elaina Liby (Aubrey Liby); grandchildren, Neako Lewis, Houston Lewis, Luca Bargas, and Malia Preisner; mother, Frances “Bunny” Bargas; brother, Pat Bargas; and one aunt; numerous in-laws; cousins; nieces; nephews; and loved ones.

Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Funeral service will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at the funeral home. Celebration of Life to follow at Lake Shawnee Event Center.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Jesse Bargas Memorial Fund and can be made out to the love of his life, Mary Bargas. Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Cemetery Details

Mission Center Cemetery

29th and Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
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Funeral Service

JUN 28. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jesse L. Bargas



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - June 30, 2023 at 10:29 AM

MJ

“ He was mean azz hell..

mike jones - September 15, 2023 at 11:01 AM

GL

“ Bargas Family, I am so sorry to read about your fathers loss. I know you all loved him so much, and I sincerely hope his last few days were peaceful. He was a wonderful man who truly loved his family.

Germaine leuszler - July 03, 2023 at 01:50 AM

AH

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Jesse's passing. I have so many great memories of working together. One of my best memories is how he would talk about his family with such love and gratitude. He will be missed. May he Rest in Peace.

Allyson Haldeman - June 28, 2023 at 12:50 PM

NI

“ Thinking of the Bargas Family. Jesse was a beautiful light in this world, gone too soon. I pray God wraps his arms around you all in the days to come. My heart goes out to all of you.

-Nicole



Nicole - June 27, 2023 at 09:42 PM

DO

“ Jesse and Mary, a couple destined to be always as one, who shared each other and their love with so many. Jesse, you will be missed by all. A life taken much too soon. You leave us with so many remarkable and unforgettable memories. Your love for each other is an inspiration for all to emulate. Will miss you, my friend. Doug B.



Doug - June 27, 2023 at 01:22 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jesse L. Bargas.



June 26, 2023 at 02:57 PM



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June 26, 2023 at 02:53 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jesse L. Bargas.*



June 26, 2023 at 01:55 PM



“ *Mary, kids & family - Mary, I could always feel the love you & Jesse had for one another, it was so obvious. To you all, my thoughts & prayers are with you all. I'm so sorry for the loss of your father.*
Diana Sabatino
Thorndale, Texas

Diana Sabatino - June 25, 2023 at 10:12 PM

A:

“ Mary, from Hawaii to Topeka makes so much sense to me as I look back. Jesse had that vibe, a breath of fresh air, outdoorsy, completely gorgeous already in junior high and on top of that my lord that beautiful hair. To me he carried himself like he already had life all figured out and was gonna walk through it peacefully. The people in Hawaii have a gentle way like old souls. He must of picked some of that up there. Your man owned every bit of who he was and did it in such a humble way. Girl you know you loved watching him walk down our lunch alley. I know you though, so much better and your gentleness, smile, laughter, easy ways and all of you presence. How could you two not connect. He was wise young and simply perfect for you. Four beautiful kids and all things to present. You gave him the best life and everything he wished for and he you. You guys so beyond best friends there are no words....My prayers ask God to cover each of your entire family with grace as you morn and celebrate his richness together. My heart is forever with yours and will always have room to hold space for you as the loss is so heavy. I am so proud of how he lived until the completion of his journey. He hears ya and loves you all. It's just a different connection for now. So keep those conversations with him going and take his best attributes and incorporate them in your lives every single day and shine them on others. Thankful I got to say to hi to him when we talked on the phone. LOVE and PEACE for Jesse in God's realm.

Amy Hensler :) - June 24, 2023 at 11:41 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Jesse L. Bargas.



June 24, 2023 at 11:36 PM

SG

“ Mary I want to express my condolences to you and children. You are in prayers for comfort during this time 🙏 Always Stephanie Garcia Lopez

Stephanie Garcia - June 24, 2023 at 08:34 PM

PM

“ Pam and Ray McComas are sorry for your loss, and offer our condolences to the Bargas family.

Pam and Ray McComas - June 24, 2023 at 07:23 PM



“ Mary and family: I am so sorry for what you've been through in the past few weeks. Although Patty and I did not get to know Jesse well, we would often see him in the yard taking care of the lawn, flowers, etc. Always quick with a smile and kind words. The neighborhood will miss him.

Joe Winslow - June 24, 2023 at 03:06 PM

JS

“ Mary and kids- I am very sorry for the loss of such a great family man. We love you.

Jodi Sturgeon - June 24, 2023 at 02:15 PM

LL

“ Jesse was always a bright spot in everyone's lives. Much love to everyone affected by his passing.

Lindsey Long - June 24, 2023 at 02:07 PM

KE

“ Always kind and gentle with the daycare kids- just a one of a kind guy, you'll never meet anyone like him. He will truly be missed. My heart is with you, Mary and family. Keely M

Keely - June 24, 2023 at 01:53 PM

RO

“ I enjoyed spending time with the family he will be truly missed ❤️

Rosa - June 24, 2023 at 11:53 AM

JP

“ My heart goes out to the family



Jan Preisner - June 24, 2023 at 08:26 AM

SG

My condolences to you Mary and all your family.

Stephanie Garcia - June 24, 2023 at 03:26 PM

DA

Mary (my sister) words don't describe how I feel and your heart is broken.. Jesse was a hard working man that care for everything and you. My prayers and lover with you and your family in this lose in your lives. God love you all. Debbie and Dave Gonzales.

Debra Jean Artzer - June 25, 2023 at 12:59 AM

DE

*So sorry to hear about Jesse, he was a very good person and loved his family very much. I always enjoyed talking to him when we had the rare occasion to meet.
Denver Erickson*

Denver Erickson - July 03, 2023 at 02:55 PM