



Ferris Stephen Jelks

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Ferris Stephen Jelks, 59, of Decatur passed away Monday, November 23, 2009 in St. Mary's Hospital.

Ferris was born on January 2, 1950 in Decatur, IL the son of Harmon and Mary Jelks. He retired from ADM in 2005. He was a member of Life Changers Church. He enjoyed going fishing and gardening. He played football and ran track for the Stephen Decatur Running Reds from 1965-1969. He married Patricia Ann Ward on December 2, 1978 in Decatur.

He leaves not to mourn but to cherish fond memories, his loving wife, Patricia; mother, Mary Jelks of Decatur; children Wayne and wife Fauzia of Decatur; Suri Jelks of Jackson, TN; Tomiya Jelks of Jackson, TN; Mario of Rockford, IL; Rakia Jelks of Decatur; brothers and sisters, Harmon Jelks Jr. of Decatur; Mary Jelks and Gloria Hursey both of Bloomington, IL; Autry Mann and husband Ike, Ollie Jelks, Diane Jelks, and Terry Jelks all of Decatur; Helen Jelks of Chicago, IL; Mother-in-law, Ruth Dyson and husband John of Decatur; special cousin, Willie Jelks of Decatur; 11 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other family.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harmon Jelks and father-in-law, Harry Ward Sr.

The family would like to thank St. Mary's ER and ICU doctors, nurses and staff for all their care. The family would also like to thank Bishop G.E. Livingston, Elder Otis Livingston, Rev. Robert White, and Pastor Russell Weise for all their spiritual help. Home Going Celebration will be 2:00 pm Saturday November 28, 2009 in Life Changers Church, 1305 E. Prairie Ave. Decatur, IL with Bishop G. E. Livingston officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to service in the church. Following the service at Ferris' request cremation rites will be accorded.



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The family of Ferris Stephen Jelks is being served by Moran & Goebel Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2801 N. Monroe Street, Decatur, IL.



Tribute Wall

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SH

Shatavia posted:

HE WAS MY UNCLE I WILL MISS HIM A LOT I LOVE HIM VERY MUCH AND WILL SEE HIM WE THE TIME COMES DECATUR, IL US

March 14 at 7:00 PM

CJ

Carla Kirby Jelks posted:

My prayers go out to the family. I want you all to remember him in happier times. Keep your heads up. love ya, Carla Kirby Jelks jackson, TN US

November 30 at 7:00 PM

LJ

Lee A. Jelks posted:

You all will always been in my prayers and thoughts. Be strong and stay strong like he did !! decatur, IL US

November 29 at 7:00 PM

GJ

George And Shirley Jackson posted:

you are in our prays ferris was my good friend and i also work at the pharmacy victory decatur, IL US

November 27 at 7:00 PM

SB

Steve And Barb Brooks posted:

Trish and Family, Our most sincerecondolences on your loss. Know thatyou are all in our thoughts and prayers. Steve and Barb Decatur, IL US

November 27 at 7:00 PM

VB

Virginia Russell Beverly posted:

To Pat and family,Words can not express the sorrow i feel for your loss. It seems like it was just yesterday when we were in the old neighborhood telling stories on each other.Ferris will be truly miss.You are in my heart and prayers. Virginia Stockbridge, GA US

November 27 at 7:00 PM



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LC

Lisa Courtney posted:

Pat and Family, I am so very sorry for your loss. I will keep you in my prayers. Decatur, IL US

November 26 at 7:00 PM

AS

Anna Russellrice-Scandrett posted:

MRS PAT JELKS AND FAMILY; I AM ONE OF THE RUSSELL SISTERS. I AM SO SORRY TO HEAR OF THE PASSING OF OUR FAMILY AND THAT IS WHAT FERRIS WAS TO US. WE LOVED THAT GUY AS YOU WELL KNOW. HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY US ALL. WE WOULD SIT AND TALK OF THE TIMES WE HAD AS NEIGHBORS EVERY TIME WE SAW EACH OTHER. THE FIRST TIME I SAW THAT FORMOSA TREE IN THE FRONT YARD OF THE JELKS HOUSE AS WE CALLED IT I HAD FERRIS TO PULL ME UP ONE AND I PLANTED IT IN MY YARD. THAT WAS YEARS AGO BUT EVERY TIME I SEE ONE OF THOSE TREES I THINK OF HIM. WE HAD MANY GREAT TIMES AS KIDS LAUGHING AND GROWING UP TOGETHER, AND NOW HE HAS WENT ON AHEAD OF US. BUT WE WILL SEE HIM AGAIN ON THE OTHER SIDE. GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU ALL AT THIS TIME OF SORROW: FOR HE IS A GOD OF THE LIVING AND FERRIS HAVING DIED IN FAITH AND LOVE OF GOD IS NOW WITH HIM.. YOU ARE ON MY HEART AND IN MY PRAYERS.. JONESBORO, GA US

November 26 at 7:00 PM

SK

Sharese Read-Kidd posted:

Dear Pat & family; I am so very sorry to hear about Ferris, this was a real shock to me since I just seen him a few weeks ago, just smiling and waving like he's always done. My prayers are with you and your family. If I can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out and let me know. Continue to be blessed and please be comforted by knowing that Ferris is safe and feeling no more pain. Again, I am so sorry for your loss Love ya, Pat Sharese Read – Kidd DECATUR, IL US

November 26 at 7:00 PM

MM

Margaret & Dee Mathews posted:

Words can not express our deepest sympathy to you all at your time of sorrow. Our Father has picked another one of his flowers. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Trust, lean, and depend on GOD he will comfort you. Decatur, IL US

November 25 at 7:00 PM



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Ken And Renee Jelks Mccray posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this hour of sorrow. We know that only God's grace can sustain you and peace to cover you. May His touch comfort you in the days ahead. Love Pastors Renee Jelks and Ken McCray Danville, IL US

November 25 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ferris by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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