



Jesse Medina Menchaca

October 16, 1947 - November 14, 2004

Jesse Medina Menchaca, born October 16, 1947, passed away on November 14, 2004. He was 57. Jesse was an avid marathon runner. He loved fishing, traveling and the ocean. He worked for over 38 years for the Federal Aviation Association as an Air Traffic Controller. Jesse was preceded in death by his father, Eulogio Z. Menchaca. Survivors include his wife of 30 years, Faine H. Menchaca; his mother, Rosie M. Menchaca; a daughter, Shannon Marie Belford and husband John; two sons: Ricardo J. Menchaca and Ron J. Menchaca and wife Amy; 3 grandchildren: Ren and Kerrigan Menchaca and John Christopher Belford.

Three sisters: Rose Marie Salinas, Helen Quintero and Olga Salazar; and numerous uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends. Jesse will always be remembered as a wonderful and precious individual who will be missed by all who knew him.

Tribute Wall



“ I just found out about Jesse's passing. He and I were roommates in Adak Alaska while in the Navy in VP-22. He was our radio operator in crew 4 and a great friend. Still remember the good times in Hawaii. Rest in peace my friend! Dave Church

David Church - September 19, 2025 at 02:20 PM

TL

“ DEAREST FAINE, THE ANNIVERSARY OF JESSE'S GOING TO THE FATHER IS APPROACHING. I KNOW THAT YOU MISS HIM TERRIBLE. I PRAY TO GOD THAT HE MAKES THIS DAY LESS DIFFICULT FOR YOU. REMEMBER HOW MUCH JESSE LOVES YOU. JESSE WOULD NOT WANT YOU TO SUFFER AND BE LONE

TINA LOPEZ - October 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Faine,

My heart was full of pain when I heard that Jesse had passed. Of course, I never had a chance to meet your Jesse in person, but I felt that I knew enough about him through you. Last year on the first day when I reported to work at SRC, when intr

Barbara Williams - February 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Faine and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Some days will be more difficult than others, but keep looking to God for comfort and guidance. His eye is on the sparrow and I know he watches you. Much love and prayer.

Dave and Sharon

David & Sharon Morton - February 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CZ

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Con mucho cariño y bendiciones.

Connie Z.

Connie Zadoorian - February 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Faine, you should know our thoughts will be with you everyday. Roy

Roy M. Savary - February 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Faine and family I would like to send once again my heartfelt condolences for the lost of your beloved Jesse. May GOD continue to bless you with the courage and strength of his love to get through each day.

Bridgetta Bedford - February 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ With sympathy for you and your family. Sandra

Sandra Monreal - February 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Faine,
Not a day goes by that I don't pray for you. You and Jesse had such a special and wonderful love that I always looked up to. I will never forget how he and I would laugh when he'd call for you every morning and you were always out getting a taco

Michelle Salas - February 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ What a gift to have known Jesse, and to still continue to know him even better through sharing moments with Faine with laughter and tears. What a contribution he made while he was on this earth. He will surely be missed. We are there for you Faine..take car

marcie goodwin - January 31, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Thank you Jesus, for giving my Faine a wonderful partner for 30 years. Jesse was the smile in Faine's face, not to mention her soul mate. Please Dear Jesus..take special care of this lady.

Julie Cowan - January 31, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Faine, I was sorry to hear about Jesse and our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.. I met Jesse when we started doing the Amistad meetings in Mexico. Jesse was very well respected by our counterparts in Mexico and was always the perfect g

Roger Trevino - January 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Jesse was my supervisor and mentor for most of my FAA career starting back in Santa Fe, NM in 1985. There are many memories and many different sides to Jesse. I especially enjoyed his sense of humor and insight into whatever was going on at the time. B

Sam Teague - January 20, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Your warm smile and bright ideas will be missed. Thanks...

Jesus J. Aguilera - January 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Helen,

You have my deepest sympathy for your loss. I can comprehend the pain and sorrow you are going through. You will be in my prayers along with the family. God will give you the strength to get through this, as I have.

Pat Martinez

Pat Martinez - January 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ My deepest sympathy to Jesse's family. I worked with Jesse from the Regional Office in Fort Worth. It was always a pleasure to work with him and he will be missed. May God bless you and comfort you as only He can.

Susan Ruddy - January 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ Jesse,

We finally met in person in 2000, but we knew each other for many years before that. You will be remembered for your kind and gentle demeanor, and your unselfish and giving spirit to others.

God bless your memory, and keep your family in

Martin A. Otero - January 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ *I, too, worked with Jesse from the FAA's Southwest Regional office. I knew that when Jesse was on the scene, whatever it was would be done. He was a joy to work with.*

Nancy J. Cullen - January 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

VJ

“ *I worked with Jesse for many years and he is sorely missed. We shared a passion for fishing and not a week went by when he was in town of course that I didn't grab a cup of coffee, stroll into his office and ask "been fishin"?" which would then turn into a*

Victor Jimenez - January 12, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Dear Faine and family,
You and your family have been in our prayers. Your loss was such a shock to all of us at SAT. I am so sorry. Just last week Jesse and his love of fishing was the topic most of the day in the tower. I remember, esp. his great sense*

Janet Birkner - January 10, 2005 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Faine.....I will never forget Jesse's contagious laughter and the unending love he had for you. Your marriage was an inspiration to us all! I love you and pray that God will continue to strengthen you. Love Pam

Pam Fenrich - January 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Jesse and Faine had the type of marriage that everyone envied. They truly loved loved each other and that was such an example to all of us. We are so sad for you and your family for this unbelievable loss.

Terri Swim - January 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Jesse was my boss and friend and I will miss him. I cannot come in to work each day and not think about him. When I see his office, his desk, all the things he used, I get very emotional, still -- how can you not, when you saw and talked to him on a dai

Mary Ann Johnson - January 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ Faine, your "sweet Jesse" has gone to be with our Saviour, our precious Lord Jesus, and, no doubt, will greet you whenever you cross over to that heavenly land. He is sorely missed by all at work. I especially miss the sound of Jesse's laughter, his sense

Kathy B. Newman - January 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss.
I could always tell how deeply in love with Jesse you are! Hang in there. God will see you through this time of sorrow.

Love ya!
dana

Dana Smith - December 13, 2004 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ Faine,

Your loss is heartbreaking. I always thought that you two had such a special relationship, and although I only met Jesse one time, his qualities as a good human being were obvious. I hope that the memories of your precious time together will p

Nina McDonald - December 02, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Dear Faine,

I am so sorry to hear about your loss of Jesse. I know he is the love of your life. You are in my thoughts and prayers and I will pray for Gods peace and strength for you and all of your family at this time of great sorrow. May you take comfor

Sharon Browning - November 26, 2004 at 12:00 AM

KV

“ Faine,
Kirk here. I not only knew your Jesse from the pictures in your Q/A office but from seeing your smile every day. You have this confident note in your voice that comes from strength. Strength from your firm faith and firm bond with Jesse. From

Kirk Angie VanDyke - November 25, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Noone could ever imagine how hard this is for you at this time. I hope God will comfort and reassure you. Henry Van Dyke wrote:
"Time is: Too short for those who wait, Too swift for those who fear, Too long for those who grieve, Too short for those

Debra Peterson - November 24, 2004 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Faine,
Just wanted you to know you are in my thoughts and prayers. I'm so sorry and I'm here for you anytime.

Kelli Finch - November 24, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Faine,

I am so sorry to hear about your husband, I know he meant so much to you and will miss you by all. I'm sorry I didnt get to come to the service didnt find out till after the service was over. I have you in all my prayers and have asked GOD to

Ralph Atkinson - November 24, 2004 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ *our prayers are with you and the family. love Eddie*

edwin lopez - November 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ *Faine, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. There is nothing I could say to comfort you. Just, that God is there with you. He gave us all memories to hold on too. Our entire family loves you. God Bless Larry*

Lawrence Lopez - November 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Faine,
Be strong. I love you!!*

Sherri Musson

Sherri Musson - November 22, 2004 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Faine,*

You're in my thoughts and prayers.

Theresa Magaro

Theresa Magaro - November 22, 2004 at 12:00 AM

IA

“ Dearest Faine,
I just heard about your beloved Jesse, I am still in shock! My
prayers are with you and your love ones. Jesse will be missed!
Remember:
"Your faith and hope are in God" 1Peter 1:21niv
All my love always,
Irene

Irene Castillo Aguilar - November 22, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Faine and family: To all of us who new Jesse through our running in
McAllister Park, no longer having him with us is a sudden and
terrible loss. He was never ever without a smile and a kind word.
Our continual thoughts are with all of you. Faine, if an

Bob and Shannon Coopman - November 19, 2004 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Rick and your family. May
you
lean on the Lord for strength and
comfort. alicia

Alicia Arguello - November 19, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Faine:
My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Bo Campbell

Bo Campbell - November 18, 2004 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ *Faine and family,
We, like so many others, were tremendously shocked by your loss of Jesse. It wasn't more than two weeks ago I had a nice visit with him in HEB. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time. I don't believe I*

Harry Mathews - November 18, 2004 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ *May God bless Jesse's soul. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

Walter Stoneham - November 18, 2004 at 12:00 AM

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Walter Stoneham - November 18, 2004 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *I am sorry to hear of the passing of your "Beloved Jesse". I know the deep love you share has been an example to others and will be in your heart forever. I will pray for God's peace and strength for you and your family. God Bless.
Love in Christ, Tan*

Tanya Blaylock Moody - November 17, 2004 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *Dearest Faine:
I'm at a loss for words, but you know I care. Please hang in there, take care of yourself, and let others help when they can. I will always smile recalling your funny stories about you and Jesse.*

Leah Palombo & Martin Burt - November 17, 2004 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ FAINE, I AM SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT THE LOSS OF YOUR BELOVED TRUE LOVE, JESSE. I REMEMBER HOW FONDLY YOU ALWAYS SPOKE OF HIM AND THE CHILDREN. I KNOW IT DOESN'T MAKE IT EASIER, BUT GREAT MEMORIES ENDURE A LIFETIME! YOU ARE IN MY PRAYERS, AND MY GOD BLESS Y

sylvia ogden torres - November 17, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Faine-- I am very sorry to hear about Jesse passing. We ran together at the park years ago. I will always him as being a great friend.

Rick Taylor

Rick Taylor - November 17, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ May God's healing power be with you.

Bob & Patsy Teives - November 17, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Faine
It's been years since we saw you and you probably do not remember, but Carl and Jesse worked together at the Tower. We are shocked and saddened that you have lost such a vital and wonderful Husband--Our Friend. We had a long chat with Jesse in July

Carl Fields - November 17, 2004 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Faine,
It was my pleasure to have worked with Jesse for over eleven years at the tower at SAT. I will always remember him for his wonderful sense of humor and his willingness to help others.
Our condolences and prayers go out to you and your family

Larry Gelvin - November 17, 2004 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ Dear Faine and family,

We were so sorry and shocked to hear about your loss. We will all miss him. He leaves with a great deal of experiences, knowledge and character. Jesse always talked about his love for family.

We will keep you and the fami

Wm. Czervinske - November 17, 2004 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ I never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Jesse Menchaca but from what I have read and know from what was said by Jason Dean Quintero, he was a great uncle. I know that he will be missed greatly and now he's in Paradise with our Heavenly Father where he wi

Paula Rose Chavez - November 17, 2004 at 12:00 AM

YG

“ Dear Faine and family

I am very sorry for the loss of your husband. There are no words that can express the emptiness you and your family are feeling. All I can say is hold on to the fond memories you all had together and hope that carries you throug

Yvonne Goodwyn - November 17, 2004 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ *To the family of Jess;
God's grief is shared with us.*

Memories are sweet & lasting, our leaning place.

Forever my friend.

Gloria Rumsey Rife - November 17, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Dear Ron and Family,
Our prayers are with you and your entire family.*

Ed, Denice, Chad, Crystal and Matt

Carlile Family - November 17, 2004 at 12:00 AM