



# Jesse Abram Harl

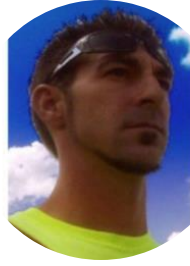
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## **Jesse Abram Harl**

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**J**esse Abram Harl, 31, died July 12, 2012 near Fairfield, Iowa as a result of a swimming accident. Jesse was born October 29, 1980 in Rapid City, South Dakota. He was the son of Richard G. (Rick) and Jane Anne (LaPaglia) Harl, and the brother of Christopher S. Harl. His grandparents are Doris and P. J. LaPaglia (deceased) and Robert and Doris Harl (both deceased). In his short life Jesse accomplished many things, but what he was most proud of were his children. Throughout his various adventures in life what remained constant was his love for them. Drake James Harl (age 10) is the son of Jesse Harl and Emily Nicholson of Ottumwa. Madalyn Dessamarie Harl (age 5) is the daughter of Jesse Harl and Justine Davis of Ottumwa. Jesse's children were paramount in his life as he was in theirs. Jesse attended school in Centerville until moving to Fairfield where he completed junior high and high school (Class of 1999). He went on to receive his Associates Degree in Auto Mechanics from Indian Hills. He had many skills and in the past few years worked for Drish Construction of Fairfield, Iowa and Golden Eagle Distributors of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. He had recently started Flying H Construction, which was going very well for him. Jesse was looking forward to a bright future as a carpenter, a trait he acquired from his grandfather, P. J. Jesse was a natural athlete. He was a great football, basketball, and baseball player during junior high and high school. But it was High School Rodeo which fulfilled his mother's dreams by taking her all over the state and to Wyoming for High School Rodeo Events. Through his rodeo career he and his mother acquired many rodeo family and friends. An association she hopes to be able to continue through the rest of her life. He was a team roper, successful at both ends (as a header and a heeler). He played around at calf roping on a few occasions. He had continued roping until this past year but had planned to get back into it soon. Dakota Joe, his devoted heeling horse, remains on the farm for his children, along with his dog, Diablo. At the time of his death, Jesse was engaged to Hopi James of Fairfield, Iowa.



## Obituary

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Jesse will be remembered as a free spirit and a loving father. He will be deeply missed by his parents, brother, children, family and friends. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 19, 2012 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Fairfield with Father Stephen C. Page officiating. Visitation will be from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 18, 2012 at St. Mary Catholic Church, with Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. A graveside service will take place at 1:30PM Thursday afternoon at Oakland Cemetery, Centerville. Cards and memorials may be sent to JaneAnne Harl at 1713 Hackberry Way, Batavia, Iowa 52533 Lange Funeral Home & Crematory is in charge of local arrangements. Condolences may be left at [www.langefh.com](http://www.langefh.com)

Mass of Christian Burial  
July 19, 2012 10:30 AM  
St. Mary's Catholic Fairfield, IA



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**Thomas Funeral Home** posted:

October 21 at 11:26 AM



**Thomas Funeral Home** shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 11:47 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Jane Anne, Rick, Doris, and Family, Words cannot express our sorrow or our love for all of you. Please accept our sympathy and prayers, and may your loving memories give you peace. Posted by Dennis & Bev Sisul Laurson Family - Centerville, IA July 15, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Your time on earth was too short of long, but your memory through love will forever live on. Due to miles and distance being close we weren't able, but still you were a special cousin at our family table. I was not able to know Jesse very well, due to living in different states, but I was blessed with a memory of meeting him at a sad time in both our lives with the death of Uncle P.J. , who was also Jesse's grandpa. I remember Jesse's big smile and open heart in meeting a cousin whom he knew of but hadn't met. I will forever hold that memory dear to my heart! I know you are with the Lord, and will be greatly missed. May we meet again someday in the arms of heaven. Heartfelt love Jesse, your cousins, Danette and family Posted by Danette, Terry, Andrew & Megan Fisk - Lincoln Park, MI - cousin July 16, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

May God give you strength to make it through this most difficult time and your memories ease your pain Posted by JoAnn Laurson July 16, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

JaneAnne, Rick, and Chris How very sorry I am for your loss. You all played an important role in my teenage years. You will all be in my prayers and I am here if any of you just need an ear to lean on. Jesse was very young when I knew him but I would like to share a memory that has never left me to this day. As you know I slept over at your house often and it seemed Jesse would never find his bed as I would get up to use the bathroom or sneak one of Ricks beers and almost always find Jesse crashed in the middle of the hallway or doorways to a room. He always looked so comfortable even though he was in the most comfortable place. I remember him with his big smile always trying to join his big brother and I in pool, basketball or even pillow fights which he lost at but kept on laughing anyway. I hope in some way I made you all smile. Darren Posted by Darren Johnson - Goodyear, AZ - Close friend July 16, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

To the family of Jess Harl, we offer our sincere condolences. Words can never describe the feeling of losing someone dear to you. Our prayers are with you. Posted by Norman & Kay Guffey - Centerville, IA July 17, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I cannot express to you my profound sorrow that Jane Ann and Rick are joining this exclusive club. What a wonderful young man. Anytime you need support just call on me...I feel your pain. Jeanie Zimmer Benac Posted by Jeanine Benac - Columbia, MO - friend July 19, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Rick and family, I was so sad to read of your loss. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Posted by Dixie Broshar Thomas - Grain Valley, MO July 19, 2012

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**Anonymous** posted:

Please know that your entire family is in my thoughts and prayers at such a difficult time. Posted by  
Cindy Donovan-Steahr - Centerville - friend July 19, 2012

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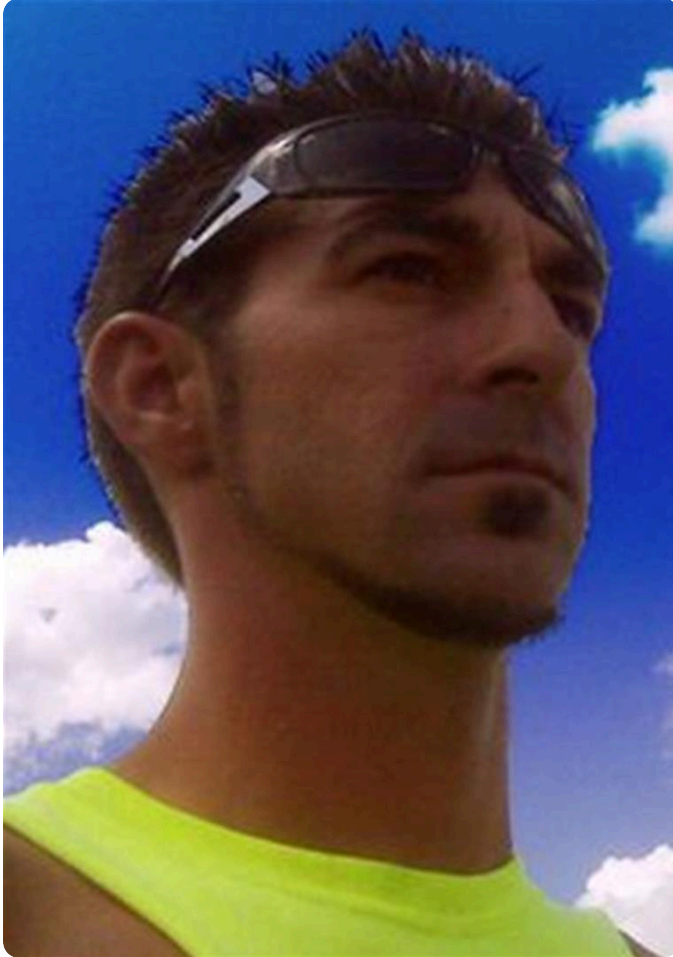
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