



Jesse Chew

May 18, 1985 - May 11, 2012

Jesse William Chew, 26, beloved son of William and Melba Chew, passed away Friday, May 11, 2012 after a courageous battle with brain cancer. Born in Philadelphia in 1985, Jess lived most of his life in the Phoenixville area. He was a member of the Phoenixville Area High School marching, jazz and concert bands, concert choir, and held a 5 year District record for pole vaulting as part of the PAHS track and field team. After graduation, Jesse attended Kutztown University and Colorado Mountain College where he earned a degree in Outdoor Recreation. After college, he founded his business, "Ascent Outdoor Services" which offered trained, experienced guides for adventure outings along with leadership skills for "at risk youth." Jesse was part of Outward Bound in Philadelphia and Maryland offering experiential education. His spirit and presence was a source of inspiration for all who knew him as well as those who knew of him. His smile, gift of kindness, humor and love for life and universe will be greatly missed. In addition to his parents, he is survived by 3 brothers, Casey T. Chew, Ryan M. Martinez, Oliver H. Martinez, sister, Allison Ireland, sister-in-law, Joanne Martinez, brother-in-law, Ross Ireland, nieces and nephews, Joshua and Hannah Martinez, Olivia and Finley Ireland, girlfriend, Elizabeth Carter, and the endless friends who Jesse cherished and viewed as extended family. Family and friends will be received on Wednesday evening, May 16, 2012, from 6:00-8:00 pm, at the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Main Street at Fifth Avenue, Phoenixville. Memorial services will be held on Sunday, May, 20, 2012, at 2:00

pm at the Phoenixville Area High School auditorium, 1200 Gay Street, Phoenixville and on Wednesday evening, May 23, 2012, at 7:00 pm at Christ's Church of the Valley, 1560 Yeager Road, Royersford. Memorial contributions may be made in Jesse's name to the Jesse Chew Athletic Memorial Fund, c/o Phoenixville Federal Bank & Trust, P.O. Box 708, 120 Main Street, Phoenixville, PA 19460 or In The Light Fund, 2 East High Street, Phoenixville, PA 19460, www.InTheLightFund.org. Condolences may be offered online at www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com.

Tribute Wall

AN

“ Our family is grieving with you at the loss of someone so special. We were all touched by Jesse's beautiful spirit in a differnt way. My children went to school with him and share wonderful memories of him on the track field and within the high school. I will always remember Jesse's dynamic smile that spoke of his positive inner spirit. Jesse would always respectfully seek me whenever we were at the same function and take the time to speak with me. In a way, he "spoke" to me at the Memorial Celebration where he inspired me by his amazing positive spirit, his self sacrificing work ethic, and mature, philosphical wisdom. Jesse was an amazing, multi-talented person who will always have a special place in our hearts. We look forward to seeing him in heaven one day.

Angie and Laura Ng - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

BF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Bob Matcovich & family - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

JK

“ Melba, there are no words adequate enough to comfort you as you mourn Jesse's death. His life was far too short. But we are so in awe of how he lived that short life, with such enthusiasm and determination, including how bravely and fiercely he fought his cancer. Many folks live decades longer and do not live so well. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and Casey and all your family.

John & Linda Keenan - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

EE

“ *Isaiah 40... Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of His understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to those who have no might he increaseth strength. ... But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Jesse has renewed his strength, he can now fly with eagles, he can run and not be weary, he can easily set a world record in the pole vault. He can run and not be weary. He waited upon the Lord, and is with Him now forever....God bless him....Earl Samuel*

Earl Samuel - esamuel@epix.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

JM

“ *Dear Bill & Family, I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of your son. May God be with you & help your breaking heart to mend. Hal Hawthorne sent me a note re your loss.*

Joan Mack - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

SD

“ *Dear Bill, My heart goes out to you and your family as you adjust to life without Jesse. He sounds like a wonderful young man. He was God's gift to you for a time. God must have had a special reason for sending him to you and then taking him away. We can't know God's reasons but we must trust He does what is right. God knows the number of days each one of us will live on earth; the key is to be ready to meet God when our time is up. Bill, I am praying that God will comfort you and your family and that God will fill the empty space with His own presence.*

Sue (Garrison) Tyson - davesuetyson1@verizon.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

TB

“ Dear Bill and Family, I am so sorry for your loss of this fine young man. I hope your memories of him and the prayers and thoughts of your friends will see you through these sorrowful times. With deepest sympathy, Tom Boyle

Tom Boyle - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

LW

“ Dear Bill and Family, We were so saddened to hear about Jesse's passing. Please know we are thinking of you and wish you peace in the coming days. Sincerely, Linda and Jim

Linda & Jim Wilkinson - wilkie64@msn.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

DN

“ My deepest heartfelt sympathies in the loss of your dear son and brother, Jesse. I could not imagine the pain that must be felt upon the loss of a child and sibling. It is my hopes and prayers that your family will find comfort in the God of the Bible that tells us that if we draw close to Him, He will draw close to us. - 2 Corinthians 1: 3&4. The Holy Scriptures tell us that "The righteous themselves will possess the earth, and they will reside forever upon it."- Psalm 37:29. Yes, we are promised that our dear loved ones lost in death shall arise to life again here on a restored paradise earth in perfect health. -Acts 24:15. May we all live our lives in such a way that we will be there to greet them! I encourage you to investigate these promises so that you too may express faith in them. It is my hopes that these words will prove to encourage and comfort you at this time. Respectfully submitted, Denise Brown neiceybrown-mail@yahoo.com

Denise Brown - NeiceyBrown-mail@yahoo.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

SS

“ *The Martinez, Jack & Akins Family send our deepest heartfelt condolences and will keep you in our thoughts & prayers.*

Sue Martinez Jack - sjack@amazingpictures.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

BB

“ *Melba/Bill, Just now heard of Jesse's passing. I cannot imagine the depth of your pain at the loss of a child. Losing him just as he was beginning to demonstate his real potential must make it doubly difficult. All my best to to the boys and Ali. Bruno*

Bruno Carnovale - bruno.carnovale@att.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

KC

“ *Jesse was wonderful soul. He enjoyed life and had a love of nature. He knew God's handy work first hand.May his soul climb forever.*

Karen Coogan - coogankl@verizon.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

AF

“ *jesse was a special person who touched many lives. he was a terrific person. my condolences to jesse's parents and siblings for your loss.*

a friend - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

CD

“ *Dear Bill, I am so very sorry to learn of the passing of your son, Jesse. Children are the greatest gifts to us and we pour out our hearts and souls to them. I trust your memories will sustain you and your family through these very trying times in your lives. Affectionately, Carl E Dunn*

Carl Dunn - deldunn@embarqmail.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

AN

“ Bill, So very sorry to hear of the loss of your beloved son after his struggle with cancer. We came so close to loosing our son when he was twelve from a bike accident with a car involved. We were blessed that he survived after months of rehab. May God give you the strength to make it through the days to come.

Alan W. & Judy Newkirk - newkirkalan@comcast.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

MD

“ Bill and your lovely wife, I was so saddened to receive this notice of the loss of your precious son. After reading Jesse's obituary, I have come to the conclusion that he must have truly been a very special man. My sincere sympathy to you both. After seeing the pictures of Jesse, I can certainly see the resemblance to his Dad. I really enjoyed talking to you at the reunion, Bill, and getting to know you better than I ever did in high school. Cherish the memories.
Sincerely, Marsha

Marsha Crispin Dominic - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

PJ

“ Melba & Casey, So very sorry for your loss but now Jesse is @ peace. Having a son his same age I feel for you. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Hold on to all those wonderful memories you have and take care of each other. Sincere Sympathy, Paula Jennings & Family

Paula Jennings - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

JJ

“ RIP Jesse i knew you more as a kid when we were growing up and we were on the Wrestling team together in middle schol ,but you were a really great guy than and throughout high school. I hope that you are in a better place now. To the Chew family i wish you all nothing but the best and i am deeply saddened by the death of Jesse. I hope that all of his friends and family are holding up ok during this very sad time. RIP Jesse.

Justin Carbone - justincarbone@hotmail.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

DN

“ Wow. I am at a lost for words. Jesse was such an amazing person. He will be deeply missed. I know that he is in a better place. Love you Jesse!!!

Denia Gibson - NiaB4685@gmail.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

EF

“ Dear Bill and Family, Janet andI offer our condolences to you and your family. Your Family will be in our prayers. Ed and Janet

Ed Fitzgerald - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

MT

“ Jesse was a light in this dark world. I am comforted that he knew the true light, Jesus.I am glad because, I know we will meet again. Jesse had so many talents. I think his greatest gift was friendship. I pray we all can learn to be a friend like he was. Tricia

Martinez-Anderson - teha67@yahoo.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

BW

“ We have very fond memories of Jesse who was a very nice friend to our kids Rob & Kim. He rock climbed with them and kept in touch over the years. What a nice guy. He will be missed for sure, but on a more positive side, we know that he will serve others well in heaven just as he did here! Our best wishes are with your family.

Bill & Diane Cushman - wdrk1446@gmail.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

ML

“ I am so proud and honored to have known this wonderful young man who left this world way too soon. My heart and thoughts are with his loving family. Rest easy.

Marcia Leithead - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

B.

“ To the Chew Family: As a member of your Juniata family I would like to say how sorry I am to hear of Jesse's death. From the accounts in the class newsletters Jesse sounded mature and courageous way beyond his years. I join the others of those from the class of 64 who are surely thinking of you at this sad time and praying that the knowledge of the inspiration that Jesse was to others will comfort you in the days ahead.

B.Hueglin'64 - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

MN

“ For someone who loved and lived such an active life, Jess' was sadly much too short.

Milt & Barb of NS - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

TF

“ It was a pleasure and an honor to work side by side with Jesse. He taught us all about living everyday with purpose and a mission. He taught and inspired countless Outward Bound students and staff who carry his message every where they now journey. We are sending peace and love to Jesse's family and friends.

The Outward Bound Baltimore Family - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

C6

“ May the Lord send you comfort in the loss of your dear son, who blessed so many with his short life. It is not how long we live-but how we live-that matters in Eternity.

Carole Banse-Doyon 64' - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

JN

“ Bill, I am so sorry about your loss. I can't imagine what you are going through right now. May you find peace in remembering the good times and what a wonderful son he was.

janice (snowden) novachcoff - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

CP

“ It's the pain that never goes away - my Deepest Symphathy and much love

Carol Penn - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

JB

“ May wonderful memories and the love of family and friends help see you through this difficult time. Jesse's spirit will certainly live on in the many hearts he touched and all who he inspired throughout his short journey on this earth. May God be with you all as you celebrate his life.

john and janet bowe - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

CW

“ So sorry you have to go through this. We cannot imagine your pain.

Carl & Luci Webb - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

JJ

“ CHILDREN ARE A GIFT FROM GOD TOBE ENJOYED WHILE WE ARE ALLOWED TO KEEP THEM. YOU HAVE SUCH FINE MEMORIES OF ALL JESSE WAS TO YOU DURING HIS TOO SHORT LIFETIME--LOVE AND PRAYERS FOR ALL OF YOU FROM YOUR COUSINS UP NORTH.

JAY, BEV AND FAMILY - jayandbev2@hotmail.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

CC

“ My deepest sympathy to the Chew family for your loss. I am thinking of you and sending you love and strength to help you through this most difficult time. May the light surround your family for deep healing. Carlton May the light surround all of you.

Carlton Ann Daily - carltonbat@aol.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

VF

“ "Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us every day, Unseen, unheard, but always near, Still loved, still missed and very dear" There are no words that anyone can say at this difficult time to ease your pain. Please know your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Barbara, Bill, Rochelle and Lindsey

Vitabile Family - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM

DD

“ To the Chew Family, There are no magic words of comfort one can say during this difficult time, but hopefully the outpouring of love and support from family and friends will help ease your grief and bring you some sense of comfort and peace. Jesse's strength, courage and determination to make a difference will continue to be an inspiration to us all. You are in my thoughts and prayers, Please accept my heartfelt sympathy. Sincerely, Denise Wisneski

Denise Wisneski - dwdoremi@gmail.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM