



Jesse Eugene Davis

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Jesse Eugene Davis passed away peacefully on the morning of Tuesday, January 6, following complications from a stroke. He was born on May 6, 1943, and lived a life defined by quiet strength, devotion, and kindness. Friends, neighbors, and colleagues called him Jesse while family called him Gene or “Genie.” Jesse/Gene was a quiet man with the biggest heart.

Coming from a proud military family, Jesse Eugene Davis was inducted into the United States Army on April 22, 1965, and served until April 21, 1967. During his service with the Corps of Engineers, he was stationed at Fort Ord, Fort Lewis, and in Thailand. While living at home in Belmont, Jesse Eugene Davis attended college and worked alongside his father building houses throughout California. Together, they built and settled into the Belmont home overlooking San Francisco Bay—the very house where Jesse grew up and one that meant everything to him.

Jesse Eugene Davis attended Cañada College, where he earned his associate degree, and later received a bachelor’s degree in anthropology and cartography from San Francisco State University. In 1975, when his beloved mother became ill, Jesse Eugene Davis devoted himself to her care until her passing on June 17, 1978, a reflection of his deep sense of responsibility and love for family.

Throughout his professional life, Jesse Eugene Davis held two meaningful careers. He worked in archaeology with Holman & Associates, conducting field studies and mapping burial sites, primarily at Native American burial grounds. He also worked for the U.S. Geological Survey in cartography and later as a land surveyor with Operating Engineers and the San Jose Water Company, retiring in 2005.

In his free time, Jesse Eugene Davis could often be found tinkering with his motorcycle collection; favoring Triumphs and Suzuki’s, never a Harley. He had a deep love for animals, especially cats. His beloved cat, Rex was a special friend. Jesse Eugene Davis was a gentle, soft-



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spoken man of humble beginnings whose quiet presence left a lasting impression on all who knew him.

Jesse Eugene Davis was preceded in death by his father, Jesse Davis; his beloved mother, Doris Alyene(Gaddis) Davis; his older brother, Robert “Bob” Davis; and his nephew-in-law, Chris Mallick. He is survived by his dear partner, Susie Payne and her children Rachel and Lincoln; his late brother’s family, including his sister-in-law Carolyn (Watkins) Davis and their children Frank (Connie), John and (Karen), and Kim (Davis) Mallick. Great Uncle Gene was devoted to his nephews and nieces Jesse, Emily, Garrett, Olivia, Will, Wade, Matthew, Madison, Kasey, and Katelyn. He is also survived by close cousins Phil Scatena, Barbara Garten, and their families.

A Celebration of Life will be held on February 6, 2026 at noon at Skylawn Memorial Park 888 Lifemark Rd, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019, which will be his final resting place next to his beloved Mom.




Events


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Celebration of Life

 **Friday**, February 6, 2026

 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM PT

 **Skylawn Funeral Home**
Route 35 at Highway 92, San Mateo CA 94402





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LR

Lincoln And Rachael sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Davis family.

January 16 at 3:39 AM



Rachael Payne January 16 at 4:05 AM
Much love, Lincoln and Rachael xx

LR

Lincoln And Rachael planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Jesse.

January 16 at 3:39 AM



SQ

Suzie Q sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Davis family.

January 16 at 3:25 AM



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LP

Lincoln Payne posted:

Jesse was a dear friend from when I first met him in high school. I recall many ball games, tinkering around on motorcycles, events, bbq's, and just hanging out as he was a very easygoing person. Also parents weekends in SB where we would always have fun!!! 🍷 More importantly he was always there when you needed him during the hard times. God bless him & may he rest in peace. You will be missed dear Jesse...Your friend Lincoln

January 16 at 3:21 AM



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Susan Payne shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Jesse was my dearest friend for over 40 years. We have shared so much together: barbecues, pets, football games (both 49ers and S F State), graduations (we were graduation groupies), key events in each other's lives and just day to day loving. I will miss him more than I can say. Love always, Suzie Q. Xx



January 16 at 3:03 AM



Rachael Payne shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I have so many fond memories of Jesse. He was incredibly supportive of me growing up- helped with school projects, drove me to high school most days, barbecued better than anyone I have ever met! He was such a kind and gentle soul and I will forever be grateful for the love, support and kindness he showed my mum, my brother and myself. He will be in our hearts and thoughts forever. Rachael ❤️💜



January 16 at 2:10 AM



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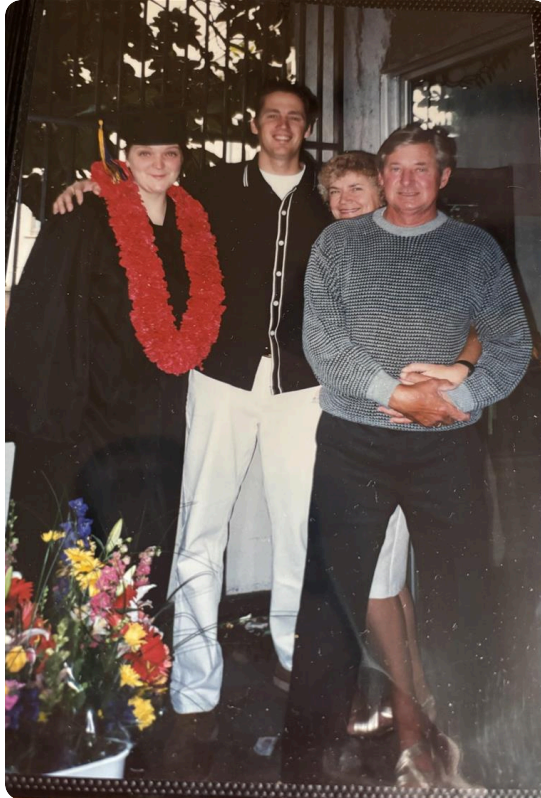
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Memories only last if you share them

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



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