



Carson "The Jelly Man" Messer

August 11, 1948 - January 24, 2026

Carson McKliney Messer "The Jelly Man," born August 11, 1948, passed away Saturday, January 24, 2026 at his home surrounded by his family.

He was a devoted member of Allens Baptist Church on Dark Hollow Rd serving as Sunday School Superintendent and Deacon. He loved his church family.

He was preceded in death by his parents John and Rachel B. Messer; brothers Rev. Frank Messer, Rev. Doug Messer, and Ronnie Messer; sisters Christine Ball and Hester Turner; mother-in-law Jennie Greene; father-in-law R.L. Greene; brothers-in-law Glenn Greene, C.B. Hall, and Steve Hall; nephews Joe Messer, Nick Hall, Larry Hembree, and Rickey Hembree; and great-nephew Daniel Messer.

He is survived by his loving wife of 53 ½ years, Ruby Messer; daughter Melissa Messer; granddaughter Rachel Messer; he loved and was so proud them; sister, Lola Hembree; brothers-in-law Jessie (Robin) Greene and Clyde (Debbie) Greene; sisters-in-law Vanessa Messer and Flora Messer; four special little ones that called him papa Laynee, Brookstyn, Addie, and Truett; loved ones that called him Uncle Carson. Along with several nieces and nephews that he loved as his own; and his girls, nieces Nichole Huff, Stephanie Greene, Loretta Valentine, Michelle Johnson, Jennifer Jessie, Jessica Stuart, and Ashley Ferguseon.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. with funeral services following at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 27, 2026 in the Manes Funeral Home

Chapel with Rev. Leon Large and Rev. Jackie Swanger officiating.
Burial will be at 1 p.m., Wednesday, January 28, 2026 in the Messer
Cemetery.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

JAN 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Chapel
363 East Main Street
Newport, TN 37821

Funeral service

JAN 27. 7:00 PM (est)

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Burial

JAN 28. 1:00 PM.

Messer Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ *Manes Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Carson "The Jelly Man" Messer*



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - January 26 at 02:34 PM

RN

Praying for whole family 🙏

Rev Rex Norton - January 28 at 08:40 AM

MM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. He was a good man and will be missed.*

Melinda McDaniel - March 29 at 09:48 AM

VS

“ *I will always remember Carson opening up church at Allen'Chapel .Sending lotsaHe me always was a jolly person and full óf jokes.He will be greatly missed .Sending lot of love to Ruby and family .*

VanessCoggins Sutto. - January 27 at 07:25 PM

AB

“ *Ruby, Melissa and Rachel. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you very much.*



Ann Ball - January 27 at 04:14 PM

JM

“ *With deepest sympathy prayers and love Ruby and family may God give you peace and comfort during this time.*
Judy McGaha



Judy McGaha - January 27 at 02:02 PM

SH

“ *So sorry for your loss you all are n my prayers*



Sandy Hurley and Randy Hurley - January 27 at 11:54 AM

JO

“ *judine Oakley lit a candle in memory of Carson Messer*



judine Oakley - January 26 at 10:40 PM

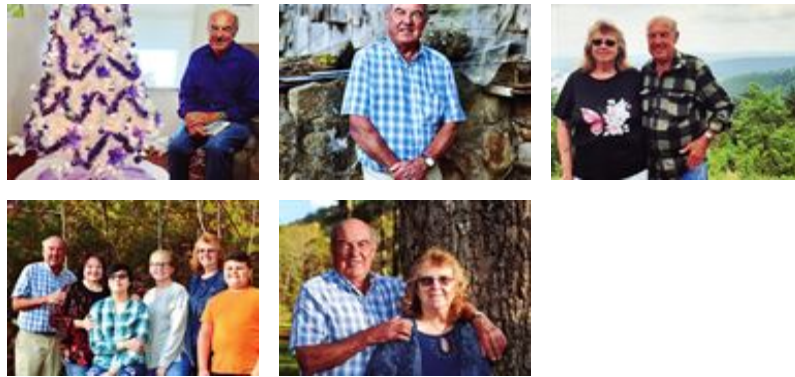


“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you Ms. Ruby, Melissa, Loretta, and all the family. Y'all will always be some of my favorite customers that were like family! Carson would soon aggravate me as eat! I know he will be greatly missed!*

Angie Haney - January 26 at 03:49 PM



“ *78 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - January 26 at 02:25 PM

BE

“ *Johnny, we're praying for you and your family during this difficult time. May God bring peace and comfort in your time of need.*

Benjamin Evans - January 26 at 01:34 PM

TM

“ *The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the salvation, and my high tower... Uncle Carson you were my favorite great Uncle. Sending many prayers and Love to your dear family..*

Tina Manos - January 26 at 12:52 PM

GW

“ Ruby my sincere condolences, Carson was a good man. I think of you often and I love your entire family.



Glenda Willis - January 26 at 12:27 PM

BR

“ This is such bad news. Such a good man I can't even think of what to say about him. A great friend and brother in Christ. He will be missed so much by all of us that loved him so much. I know, if anyone was sitting in heaven beside our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ it is Carson! Thus, I know I will see him again. I am praying for the Lords Grace that he can deliver at these times for the family. God Bless.



Ben Redding - January 26 at 08:59 AM

MF

“ Family, May God Bless and comfort you during this difficult time. Love and prayers. Johnny and Marlene Ferguson

Marlene Ferguson - January 26 at 07:07 AM

IT

“ So sorry to hear about Mr Messer
My thoughts and prayers are with the family



Imogene Turner - January 25 at 10:55 PM

BW

“ So sorry for your loss RIP Carson you will be missed (Terry and Betty) your bridge buddies



Betty Wise - January 25 at 09:36 PM

TO

“ Psalms 116:15

Tommy - January 25 at 04:28 PM

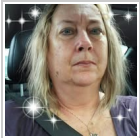
JF

“ Me and Carson was very close friends and family. We are praying for the family may god wrap his loving arms around you all. And I know one day I will see Carson again in heaven. God bless



Jerry Debbie and Jessica Hall

Jerry Hall and family - January 25 at 04:05 PM



“ SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS



Karen L Black - January 25 at 02:30 PM

SS

“ *Ruby and family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of Carson.*

Sandra Steward

Sandra G Steward - January 25 at 01:59 PM

BC

“ *Brenda cook lit a candle in memory of Carson*

Messer



Brenda cook - January 25 at 01:20 PM

VE

“ *Velmerpartin lit a candle in memory of Carson*

Messer



Velmerpartin - January 25 at 01:10 PM

LB

“ *So sorry for your loss*

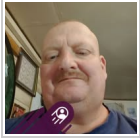


Lisa Branner - January 25 at 01:00 PM

DH

“ Ruby and Melissa I'm so sorry to hear about Carson. Praying for you all in the upcoming days ahead. May God bless you, love
Debbie Hartsell Hurst

Debra Hurst - January 25 at 12:35 PM



“ Carson was a good man a good brother in Christ he will be missed prayers 🙏 for the family and friends

Bert Naillon - January 25 at 11:10 AM