



Jesse Pratt

July 11, 1945 - January 29, 2021

Jesse James Pratt was born on July 11, 1945 to Ola Mae Boxley and Curtis Pratt in Shreveport, Louisiana. He was the third child of four; he was very loving, caring, and protective of his siblings. Jesse attended Booker T. Washington High School, in Shreveport, Louisiana. After his studies, he began his employment at Ford Motor Company.

In his early twenties, from a previous relationship, Sonya and Kenneth Edwards were born.

At twenty-three years old, one day after work, Jesse went to pay his account at Hemmingway Furniture and this is when his life would change forever. He met the love of his life, Ernestine Gipson. Working as an elevator operator, Jesse fell in love, at first sight and pursued her. Although, it wouldn't be easy, Ernestine was reluctant to give him her telephone number. "It's in the telephone book," she said. As time progressed, Jesse did his research, contacted Ernestine and their courtship began. In 1970, they were married and God blessed them with their first child, Yetta Yvette Pratt in 1971.

In 1972, wanting to start a new journey together, they moved to San Pedro, California. By 1976, Ernestine gave birth to their second child, Leslie Deshon Pratt. Jesse loved to protect and serve people, so he started his profession in security. Working several jobs for top companies; such as, Samuel Goldwyn Studios, Kaiser Permanente, Allied Signal, Jessie Lord, and many others. Jesse was an extremely diligent employee and during his employment, if he lost a job to layoffs, he would simply work two jobs, if it was necessary to provide for his family. He never complained. His motto, "In life, if you want nice things, you have to work hard for them." Jesse continued striving for success. In 1981, Ernestine welcomed their third child, Jekemea Janae Pratt. He loved his daughters deeply. Guiding them over the years, to become strong educated women who would become fearless to society.

During the early eighties, Jesse accepted Christ and was baptized, by Pastor Michael

Halcrow at Grace Baptist Church, in Wilmington, CA. He later united with Judson Baptist Church in Carson, CA. He loved serving the Lord and Savior. In 2003, Jesse was blessed with the highest paying employment of his career. He worked at PMA, in security cargo for eighteen years. Until he was called home to be with the Lord.

Most importantly, Jesse was a man who loved and cherished his family who will miss him dearly. He leaves to cherish his legacy and memory. A devoted wife of fifty years plus, Ernestine G. Pratt, dedicated children Sonya Edwards-Rogers, Kenneth W. Edwards, Yetta Pratt, Leslie Pratt-Totress, Jekemea Pratt-Hargraves, his grandchildren Shadaria N Edwards, Kristopher P. Edwards, Lyric Wesley, Jaelyn and Devin Hargraves, great grandchildren Krystalyn F. Ellis, Khole E. Chandler, Khallie E. Chandler, son-in-laws Wayne Hargraves, Ronald Totress, sister Mary Edwards and brother Melvin Pratt of Shreveport, LA and a host of relatives and friends Curtis Johnson of Shreveport, LA (Los Angeles) William Sargbah of Garden Grove, CA, Mitchell of Longview, TX. and ILWU Local 26.

His mother Ola Mae and father Curtis Pratt, sister Curtis Mae Pratt-Lawson, aunt Ora Lee Boxley-Milling, Francis Boxley-Bolt, Bernice Boxley, niece Linda Norwood, cousin Shirley Jack, his grandmothers, grandfathers, uncles, and a host of other relatives who preceded him in death.

Cemetery

Residence (Need Name and Address)

Events

MAR 16 Visitation 09:00AM - 01:00PM

Cove Suite
27501 S. Western Ave,, Rancho Palos Verdes,
CA, US, 90275

Comments



“ I'm so grateful for all the memories (there are soooo many). I'm going to miss my dad (physically). I'll miss the chats that we had while at work in the early AM. I know he will always be with me and I'll honor him for the rest of my life. I love you so much Daddy. Thank you for being, not just an amazing Dad but an amazing person. You will never be forgotten.

Jekemea Hargraves - March 21 at 05:59 PM



“ Daddy, I will always cherish all our moments together talking about old times when I was younger and us joking around. Thank-you for being a great dad and teaching me life lessons and to fight for what's right. You will always be in heart and on my mind...I love you daddy O...your knee baby

Leslie Pratt - April 01 at 02:44 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Tribute Slideshow



Green Hills Mortuary & Memorial Chapel - March 16 at 06:04 PM



“ Beautiful....he lived a Beautiful life.
Never forgotten

Jekemea Hargraves - March 21 at 06:02 PM



“ Heart full or love for my uncle n family thanks for the memories

Teresa - March 31 at 04:52 PM



“ Daddy worked hard but he played harder! lol

Yetta Pratt - April 01 at 02:31 AM



“ Thanks for being the best!!! I love you always and forever!!! RIH

Yetta Pratt - April 01 at 10:12 AM



“ Thanks for the fun loving memories. Missing you but always thinking of you.

leslie_pratt28@yahoo.com - April 26 at 07:27 PM



“ We Love you sooo much Daddy. We miss you. Thank you for everything

Jekemea Hargraves - May 17 at 05:51 AM



“ Words can't express how much I miss you my big brother. We often would talk on the phone with each other concerning our youth and how much fun we had together. when I was in the hospital battling cancer, although far away you never missed the opportunity to call and pray with me. When you came home to visit I hated to see you leave. I enjoyed you so much big brother. I will cherish each and every memory of you for the rest of my life. I will be playing my guitar for you so be listening lol. I love you big brother rest in peace

Melvin Pratt,

Melvin Pratt - March 16 at 02:58 PM



“ I love you Sweetheart, until we meet again 🥹

Ernestine Pratt - March 17 at 01:49 AM



“ I love you, Daddy! Thank you so much for being the best father and an awesome best friend! I will continue to make you proud. Rest In Heaven,

Yetta Yet

Yetta Pratt - March 17 at 01:53 AM