

Special Thanks

To our family's earth angel, Cousin Charles Morrison, for your tireless support for Jesse.

To our family, Lori and Ron Johnson, thank you for your agency's early intervention.

To Birdie and Doug, for your love, your special calls and visits.

To Eldridge Taylor, thank you for being an amazing support system.

To the Staff at VITAS Hospice Healthcare - Thank you for your service and warm care, and for supporting Jesse through his critical time.

To each and every staff member at the Missouri Veterans Home, St. Louis, Missouri - Thank you for your exemplary care and service over the last three years.

And lastly, and most wholeheartedly, thank you to Jesse's personal caregivers, Ms. Diamond Whitby, Ms. Rosalind Williba, Ms. Tasheka Brown-Jones, and Ms. Shaina Weaver, for sacrificing your days, nights, weekends, and holidays to ensure Jesse always felt loved.

Earthly Resting Place

Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery
1501 West Maryland Ave • North Little Rock, Arkansas



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Jesse

LEE CARRIGAN

Service

Wednesday, September 30, 2026 • 11:00 AM
Carrigan Memorial Chapel
336 East Grand Avenue
Hot Springs, Arkansas

An Incredible Life, ...An Incredible Career for an Incredible Man"

Jesse Lee Carrigan, 92, of St. Louis, MO, transitioned on Thursday, September 3, 2026, at the Missouri Veterans Home. He was born on April 30, 1934, to Eddie and Hazel Carrigan. Jesse grew up in Hempstead County, Arkansas. His grandmother, Mrs. Ada Mae Fellows, the matriarch of the family, had a huge impact on his upbringing, as well as the upbringing of his siblings and immediate cousins.

After graduating from Blevins Training School in 1953, Jesse answered the call of duty and enlisted in the United States Army at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas, in 1956. His military career spanned more than 20 years, with foreign service including tours in Germany and Vietnam.

During Jesse's first tour in Vietnam, his military infirmary came under attack, while serving as a senior operating room specialist. The bombing severely damaged the hospital, leaving many of his comrades dead and Jesse seriously injured. He was subsequently transferred to Germany to recover, but his unwavering dedication led him to voluntarily return to Vietnam for a second tour. Jesse's compassion and selfless commitment to his fellow soldiers was always his driving force.

Jesse Carrigan was a decorated soldier who was bestowed numerous medals and awards for his dedication and valor, including the Army Commendation Medal, Expert Field Medical Badge, Aircraft Crewman Badge, 82nd Airborne Division Certificate, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal with 1 Silver Service Star and 2 Bronze Service Stars. Sergeant Carrigan retired from the United States Army in June 1976.

Following Jesse's military service, he continued his passion for caring for others with a 22-year career as a surgical technician at the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs in Little Rock, Arkansas, and St. Louis, Missouri.

Jesse enjoyed spending quality time with family and lived in both Little Rock and St. Louis for many years. Jesse brought so much joy to everyone with his sense of humor, his wisdom, and his fierce, protective character. He was a member of the Clayton Missionary Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri.

He joins his parents and his sister, Pauline, in eternal rest.

Those left to cherish his memory include his sister Irene; his son, Dwayne (along with Judy, Orion, and Harlem), and a host of family and friends to celebrate his legacy.

*We honor you, Sergeant Jesse Lee Carrigan.
Job well done, my good and faithful servant. Take your rest.*

Order of Service

Musical Prelude/Processional Family

Reading of the Scriptures
(Romans 8: 38,39) Rev. Jarvis Carrigan

Prayer of Comfort..... Rev. Jarvis Carrigan

Selection..... "God Has Smiled on Me" - Rev. James Cleveland

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Obituary Reading Family

Selection..... "Stand" - Donnie McClurkin

Eulogy..... Rev. Jarvis Carrigan

Recessional "Take Me To The King" - Tamela Mann

