

**IF ROSES GROW IN HEAVEN**  
If roses grow in Heaven  
Lord, pick a bunch for me.  
Place them in my father's arms  
and tell him they're from me.

Tell him that I love him and miss him,  
and when he turns to smile,  
place a kiss upon his cheek  
and hold him for a while.

Because remembering him is easy,  
I do it every day,  
But there's an ache within my heart  
that will never go away.

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**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**  
*Jesse Lee Staley*

**SUNRISE: MARCH 21, 1935 ~ SUNSET: MAY 3, 2026**



**CELEBRATION OF LIFE**  
May 16, 2026 at 1:00 pm  
Calvary Baptist Church  
Wichita, Kansas

**GRAVESIDE SERVICE**  
May 18, 2026 at 1:00 pm  
Veteran's Cemetery  
Winfield, Kansas

# Jesse's Story

Jesse Lee Staley was born on March 21, 1935 in Eufaula, Oklahoma to Mentha Hutcherson and Joe Smith. He graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in Eufaula.

Jesse proudly served his nation as a member of the United States Air Force before retiring with honor. Following his military career, he continued to serve the community through his work as a mail handler for the United States Postal Service. He was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Wichita, Kansas.

This man, who was a devoted husband, loving father, esteemed grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great grandfather, and dedicated military veteran, peacefully passed away on May 3, 2026, in Wichita, Kansas.

Jesse was preceded in death by his mother, Mentha Hutcherson; his sister, Bessie Laws; brother, Eugene Staley; his daughter, Theresa Speight; stepson Douglas Morris; and three grandsons – Ryan Speight, Steven Smith, David Staley, Jr.; a granddaughter, Dominique Crawford; and a great grandson, Michael Beasley.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Dora Staley; his sister, Arella Hayes; daughters, Jackie Staley and Patrice Staley Roberts (Quincy); stepdaughters, Lorita Mumford and Sonya Boston; sons, Lenard Staley, David Staley Sr., Curtis Staley, and stepson Bernard Morris; 43 grandchildren, 60 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends who will miss him dearly.



# Celebration of Jesse's Life

Saturday – May 16, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church  
2653 N. Hillside – Wichita, Kansas 67219

Dr. T. La Mont Holder, Officiating

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## Order of Service

**MUSICAL PRELUDE**

**PROCESSIONAL**

**OPENING HYMN:** *"I'll Fly Away"*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Old Testament – Psalm 23

New Testament – I Corinthians 15: 51-58

**PRAYER OF COMFORT**

**SELECTION:** *"I Shall Wear a Crown"* – Juliana Moore

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF CARDS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**REFLECTIONS** (*2 minutes, please*)

**OBITUARY** (*Read silently while soft music is playing*)

**SELECTION:** *"Precious Lord"* – Lenard Staley

**EULOGY:** Rev. Curtis L. Staley

**VIDEO TRIBUTE**

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

**BENEDICTION**

**RECESSIONAL:** *"Going Up Yonder"*

*Burial will take place on Monday – May 18, 2026 at 1:00 pm at the Winfield Veteran's Cemetery (1208 N. College St. – Winfield, KS)*

**FLOWER BEARERS:** Granddaughters

**CASKET BEARERS:** Grandsons