



Jesse Preston Brake, Sr.

October 19, 1932 - January 11, 2026

Jesse Preston Brake Sr., age 93, of Shenandoah, Texas, passed away peacefully on January 11, 2026. He was born on October 19, 1932, in Huntsville, Texas, to Annie Mae Plaster Brake and Ernest Brake.

Jesse proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War. In just four years of service, he achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6), a distinction typically requiring far longer service. During his military career, he was awarded the Army of Occupation Medal, the Korea Service Medal, and the Combat Infantryman Badge. These honors reflected his dedication, sacrifice, and courage.

Following his military service, Jesse built a life rooted in hard work and responsibility. He spent 35 years as a steelworker and later worked for 12 years as a painter for the Cy-Fair Independent School District. He took great pride in providing for his family and managing his responsibilities with care and integrity.

Jesse was known for speaking his mind, telling jokes, and making those around him laugh. He never met a stranger and was quick to strike up a conversation with anyone he encountered. Extremely hardworking, he was always up early tending to his home, vehicles, finances, and daily responsibilities. He lived by strong morals and ethics, believed in doing things the right way, and took great care to ensure everything in his life was properly planned and handled.

In his free time, Jesse enjoyed fishing, hunting, and going out dancing. These

activities reflected both his love of the outdoors and his joy for life. Above all, he cherished his family and the time spent with them.

Jesse is survived by his loving wife, Maryann Reidy Brake, along with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, who will carry forward his legacy of honesty, laughter, and steadfast dedication.

A viewing will be held on January 17, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., followed by a memorial service at 12:00 p.m., at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, located at 1700 Normal Park, Huntsville, Texas 77340. Burial will follow at Pine Prairie Cemetery, located at 73 Phil Wood Road, Huntsville, Texas 77320.

Jesse Preston Brake Sr. will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who knew him.

Cemetery Details

Pine Prairie Free Will Baptist Cemetery

77 Phil Wood Rd.
Huntsville, TX 77320

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340

Funeral Service

JAN 17. 12:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340

Graveside Service

JAN 17. 1:30 PM (CT)

Pine Prairie Free Will Baptist Cemetery
77 Phil Wood Road
Huntsville, TX 77320
(936) 291-2678

Tribute Wall

JW

“ Jesse you will be missed. I was happy you and grandma were able to love and take care of each other. I enjoyed our trips to AC. Always smiling. Love Julie Willson

Julie Willson - January 17 at 11:48 AM

AT

“ So honored to have met you and spend time with you when you visited New Jersey. Rest in Peace Jesse 🙏🙏🙏. Love -Anna Tuner and Cookie Toke

Ann Toke - January 16 at 06:35 PM

BI

“ Jesse you are missed dearly. It was our honor to have welcomed you into our family and once in our family it is so very hard to let go. Heartbroken, but I know you walk with our Lord and will keep a close eye on us all. Until we meet again. Rest in Peace Jesse!!! Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. Oh, I will practice taking the corners on two wheels a little better for you. All my love Brenda.

brenda ingenito - January 15 at 10:42 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jesse Preston Brake, Sr..



January 15 at 10:23 PM

AF

“ ALL OUR LOVE BRENDA INGENITO AND FAMILY planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jesse Preston Brake, Sr..

ALL OUR LOVE BRENDA INGENITO AND FAMILY - January 15 at 10:23 PM

DM

“ I had the honor of knowing Pops for a few years and what a man he was. Always ready to tease with a big smile to follow. I wish I had known him for more years to come but God needed him to be part of his bouquet that day. What a glorious day for Jesse.
Deborah Melder



Deborah P Melder - January 14 at 10:09 PM

YB

“ Your Loving Wife, Mary Ann Reidy Brake purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Jesse Preston Brake, Sr..



Your Loving Wife, Mary Ann Reidy Brake - January 14 at 03:42 PM

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Your Loving Wife, Mary Ann Reidy Brake - January 14 at 03:42 PM

MF

“ *Lifting up the family and friends of Jesse Brake Sr. for comfort and strength from our Lord Jesus Christ.*



Marvvin Hyvl & Family - January 14 at 01:49 PM

GK

“ *Gayle Kelly lit a candle in memory of Jesse Preston Brake, Sr.*



Gayle Kelly - January 14 at 12:45 PM