



Jesse James Shafer was born on September 14, 1976 in Sioux Falls, SD, the son of James and Jody (DenHerder) Shafer. He grew up in Valley Springs until moving to Dell Rapids in 1991. He attended school at Dell Rapids and graduated from DRHS in 1995. After high school, Jesse moved to Omaha, NE to attend art school. He lived in Omaha for four years before moving to Brandon, SD. He moved to Sioux Falls and started working at the Sioux Falls airport for the TSA.

It is true what they say, "Time is short". A person really does not think about it until a loss of someone close happens and it hits the

heart. We have all heard that people are either wolves or sheep. I put to you that there are in fact three types of people. Jesse loved super heroes and what they represented. The comics, shows, books and movies stood for more than just entertainment for Jesse. It is the creed, the message and a way of life to help others. To be there in the time of need. See, Jesse was not the wolf or the sheep, he was the guard dog. He was the one in the background quietly watching and making sure everyone was safe. Yes he had his bark to keep the wolves in check. Jesse also had the compassion and patience to make sure no sheep were forgotten. It is no wonder that he had the job that he had. Always at the ready, calm, vigilant for anyone that might need a hand. You knew you could count on him to be there for you when ever needed. Jesse could always sense when you were having a bad day, stressed out or just needed someone to talk to. He would take it upon himself to seek out what the problem was, would listen whole heartedly, and offer advice. Somehow he always would get you to laugh. You would always walk away feeling better, with a smile on your face. Jesse was a friend to all but a fierce son, brother, uncle for his co-workers and family. He will forever live on in our thoughts, stories and hearts. He will be dearly missed, but truly he will never be forgotten

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Wendell and Eva Shafer and Jack and Rosalie DenHerder; his step-dad, Mike Morrow and his cousin, Trevor DenHerder.

Jesse is survived by his father, Jim (Sandra) Shafer of Valley Springs; his mother, Jody Morrow of Dell Rapids; his brothers, Joel (Gena) Shafer and John (Blanca) Shafer both of Sioux Falls; his step-brothers, Jay (Sharon) Christensen of Sheboygan, WI and Jon Christensen of Monroe, MI; his nephews, Evan and Ethan; his nieces Jade and Jessa, his girlfriend, Barbara Osenga of Sioux Falls and his many friends and extended family.

In Memory of

Jesse James Shafer

Born - September 14, 1976 ~ Died - January 5, 2019

Funeral Service

Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids
Dell Rapids, South Dakota

Friday, January 11, 2019 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Clergy

Rev. Dr. Jeff Sorenson

Music

Pianist - Rachael Pierson

Violinist - Evan Shafer

Soloists - Steve and Donna Hey

Casketbearers

Jim Shafer

Jeff DenHerder

Joel Shafer

Justin DenHerder

John Shafer

Dylan DenHerder

Evan Shafer

Interment

Pleasant View Cemetery
Valley Springs, South Dakota

Footprints

One night I dreamed a dream.
As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the
sand,
One belonging to me and one to my Lord.

After the last scene of my life flashed before me,
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,
especially at the very lowest and saddest times,
there was only one set of footprints.

This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.
"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,
You'd walk with me all the way.
But I noticed that during the saddest and most
troublesome times of my life,
there was only one set of footprints.
I don't understand why, when I needed You the most,
You would leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will
never leave you
Never, ever, during your trials and testings.
When you saw only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you."

*Funeral Arrangements by Kahler Funeral Home
Dell Rapids, South Dakota*