



## Jesse Long Saylor

November 27, 1944 - October 22, 2015

Jesse Long Saylor, age 70, of Drummond Island, Michigan, died unexpectedly on October 22, 2015, while enjoying nature on a walk near his home. He was born November 27, 1944, in Manheim, Pennsylvania.

Jesse grew up in Pennsylvania and then earned his Bachelor Degree at Goshen College in Goshen, Indiana. He furthered his education at Michigan State University where he earned his Master's Degree and then began teaching in the Horticulture Department at the University. He taught for over 35 years, retiring two years ago when his health would no longer allow him to teach. Jesse was a quiet gentle person who was a natural teacher, both with his students at the university and with his grandchildren on nature walks. He published "Jessie Saylor's Plant Encyclopedia" and shared much of his knowledge and beautiful plant photography on his website [www.saylorsplants.com](http://www.saylorsplants.com).

Jesse enjoyed everything about nature and loved going for long walks taking in the beauty around him, often with his camera. He relished his role as Grandfather and was devoted to sharing his love of learning and nature with his grandchildren.

Jesse is survived by his wife, Theresa Ann (Moser) Saylor, whom he married November 22, 1990, in Lansing; step-children, Sarah, Jessica, Jacqueline,

and Jacob D. Schuehrer; and grandchildren, Lily and Jacob M. Schuehrer. He is also survived by his mother-in-law, Audrey Moser; brothers-in-law, Fred, Charles, and David (Pat Prichard) Moser; sister-in-law and her husband, Joan and Pat Riordan; and several nieces and nephews.

Jesse was preceded in death by his parents, William Wenger Saylor and Esther Mae (Long) Saylor.

Services will be held Wednesday, October 28, at Drummond Island Lutheran Church, 29515 E. Channel Road on Drummond Island. Visitation will be held from 12:00 Noon until 1:00 P.M. with the funeral service beginning at 1:00 P.M. Burial will follow at Drummond Island Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **28**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Drummond Island Lutheran Church  
29515 E. Channel Rd  
Drummond Island, MI 49726

## Funeral Service

OCT **28**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jesse Long Saylor*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Jesse Long Saylor*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Jesse Long Saylor*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Just saw this in a Google search for Professor Saylor. So sorry to hear of your loss of him. Jesse was my professor at Michigan State in 1998 and 99. He was also my student advisor. And while I know that we were not that close, he always cared about his students in the program and his knowledge and voice will live with all of us for our careers in Horticulture and beyond. Glad to have known him and sorry to hear. Godspace.*

*Kristopher W. Lentner  
MSU class of '99*

**Kristopher Lentner** - December 07, 2020 at 01:41 PM

BH

“ I lived close to the Saylor's In our younger years. Jesse and I enjoyed running around together and went for pizza at one of his favorite places in Harrisburg. I always enjoyed sharing time with Jesse. Sorry to hear of his passing just now.

*Barry & Bonnie Huber*

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**Barry Huber** - November 10, 2018 at 07:32 AM

DH

“ My brothers and I used to catch bugs for Jesse as we lived on the same road and our farms were very close to each other. We loved catching anything and he put them in cases for projects. I also later mowed yard for his father and eventually worked with him as a flooring mechanic because he ran his own buisness out of the farm. My wife and I still live on part of the Saylor farm since 1974 when we bought a lot and built our home on it. Jesse was a great and very kind person. We are truly sad to know his retirement was so short. I only learned of this,,,how hollow the feeling is.

*Denny and Linda Huber*

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**dennis huber** - November 10, 2018 at 05:53 AM

M&

“ We're so very sorry for your loss Cherish the memories

*Mike & Diane Kelly*

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**m&d** - October 28, 2015 at 05:23 AM

CF

“ My heart goes out to Jesse's family in their time of sorrow. I knew Jesse in the early 1980s when I was a secretary in MSU's Department of Horticulture and he was a specialist. He was always friendly and engaging, and I have a fond memories of seeing him with groups of students as they moved around campus identifying trees. He was also something of a visionary when it came to computers, working to ensure everyone in the department—including staff—had one before most saw the necessity. He even provided advice and support for an adventurous few who opted to purchase and set up home computers. Jesse definitely made a contribution at MSU.

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**Cherylee Finney** - October 27, 2015 at 09:36 AM

BM

“ byron @ marilyn purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jesse Long Saylor.



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**byron @ marilyn** - October 26, 2015 at 03:51 PM

LB

“ Lorri Busick purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jesse Long Saylor.



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**Lorri Busick** - October 26, 2015 at 12:13 PM

LB

“ I was very saddened to hear of Jesse's passing. Jesse mentioned that he and Theresa hoped to move to Drummond Island so that the fresh air would help his breathing. I was pleased to see that his wish came true. Jesse will always be remembered by those in the Department of Horticulture as a person who loved to talk to everyone and share his love of plant identification and knowledge of computers.

*Lorri Busick*

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**Lorri Busick** - October 26, 2015 at 11:35 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose* was purchased for the family of Jesse Long Saylor.



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October 25, 2015 at 11:33 PM