



## Russell Eugene Jabs

December 4, 1963 - January 12, 2025

Russell Eugene Jabs, age 61 of Mattoon, IL passed away on Sunday, January 12, 2025, at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center.

A burial will take place at a later date at Resthaven Memorial Gardens in Mattoon, IL. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 is in charge of arrangements.

Russ was born on December 4, 1963, in Hiawatha, KS to the late Kenneth Eugene and Mary Ellen (Goetzfridt) Jabs. He married Dawn M. Welsh on October 27, 1984, in Mattoon, IL; she survives and resides in Mattoon, IL. He is also survived by one son, Austin M. Jabs and wife Hayley of Neoga, IL, Ashley M. LaBoube and husband Jonathan of Wagoner, OK, Andrea M. Orr and husband Nick of Charleston, IL; seven grandchildren: McKinley and Penelope Jabs of Neoga, IL, Chantry, Chase, and Maverick LaBoube of Wagoner, OK, Mayzie and Madden Orr of Charleston, IL. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Rick A. Jabs and Brian J. Siford.

Russ was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Mattoon, IL. He was the owner of Jabs Construction in Mattoon, IL.

Construction was his professional passion, and he loved seeing a project go from start to finish. That passion taught him the value and merit in a hard day's work, a trait he made sure to pass down to his children.

If you knew Russ, you knew a friend. His kindhearted nature never allowed him to know a stranger. Whether at the grocery store or a restaurant, he was certain to run into someone he knew. His big, contagious laughter could

envelop a room. His love of cooking a large Saturday breakfast (or any meal for that matter) kept you coming back for thirds. He loved music, with country being his genre of choice, but could belt out any 70's or 80's tune on command.

Most of all, Russ was a dreamer and an optimist. No matter the circumstances, he expected the best outcome and even if the odds were stacked against him, he continued to believe.

Of all the things that Russ loved, he loved his wife, children, and grandchildren the most. He will be sorely missed but his memory will live on in all the stories each of us will forever tell.

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# Cemetery Details

## **Resthaven Memorial Gardens**

1701 Dewitt Avenue  
Mattoon, IL 61938

# Tribute Wall



“ Sue Bullock lit a candle in memory of Russell Eugene Jabs



Sue Bullock - January 18, 2025 at 11:52 PM



Russell was a great friend with a big heart. He's going to be missed immensely and I'm so sorry to hear of his passing RIP Russell

Sue Bullock - January 18, 2025 at 11:58 PM

SC

Sad to hear Dawn

Sandra Craig - February 15, 2025 at 12:32 PM

BS

“ Brenda Starwalt lit a candle in memory of Russell Eugene Jabs



Brenda Starwalt - January 16, 2025 at 12:12 PM

RS

“ I've known Russ for 55+ years rest in peace my dear Friend ❤️🌹  
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Rick Shook - January 15, 2025 at 07:37 PM

TL

“ So sorry to hear this. I have known Russ and Dawn almost all my life. I babysat the twins when they were babies. My heart goes out to all of the family.

Tawnya Lloyd-Fairchild - January 14, 2025 at 09:29 PM

KI

“ Russ and I grew up around the corner from each other in Pine Acres. From our Franklin School days up until his family moved sometime in high school, he was always one of the good guys. I always enjoyed talking to him at class reunions or any time I ran into him when I was in Mattoon. He always had a smile on his face and just the best laugh. Rest well, old friend...until we meet again. My prayers are with his family.

Kelly (Plotts) McDevitt, Effingham IL - January 14, 2025 at 01:20 PM

KC

“ Kathi Sewell Cobble lit a candle in memory of Russell Eugene Jabs



kathi sewell cobble - January 14, 2025 at 12:16 PM

AS

“ This man was a great best friend to my husband and our family . He loved are kids like they were his treated them the same always there to support what ever fund Raiser there was. Gave our son A job at 15. He was just always there pallbear for my husband a friend who really cared. He will be truly missed . Dawn we will always be there to help you and your family anyway we can. Love the Larry Stevens Family

Angie Stevens - January 14, 2025 at 12:12 PM

RC

“ Russ will be missed. He has been a great friend. Always fun and uplifting with a wonderful sense of humor and community with a large presence there will be an emptiness without him on this earth. , sincerely, Becky Craig’s and Peshha Tanner’s family

Rebecca Craig - January 14, 2025 at 09:32 AM

RD

“ You were big brother to us all you were all heart all the time you will never be forgotten

robert donnell - January 14, 2025 at 08:44 AM

EO

“ Russ was a blessing of a friend. He always had something hilarious to talk about, his smile and laugh were truly infectious. Russ had a huge heart and was always so kind to me. Dawn, my prayers are with you and the kids. Big hugs to you all.

Eileen Osborn - January 13, 2025 at 10:44 PM

JE

“ Damn I will miss you my brother, all the fun we had at the lake playing cards and going boating with the kids is something that I will never forget! Love you my friend

Joey Ealy - January 13, 2025 at 09:19 PM

UC

“ United Church purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Russell Eugene Jabs.



United Church - January 13, 2025 at 05:40 PM

SS

“ *Stacy Sewell lit a candle in memory of Russell Eugene Jabs*



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**Stacy Sewell** - January 13, 2025 at 05:28 PM