



## Jessie C. Selvey

January 1, 1952 - June 19, 2015

Jessie(Skip) Selvey, aka Harmless T Jester, lifelong purveyor of the Cosmic Joke, finally 'gets it.' He was born on January 1, 1952, and died on June 19, 2015. A clown his whole life, Harmless performed his own peculiar brand of comedy juggling entertainment for 37 years, appearing all over the country. He was an enthusiastic musician, performing in bands such as Whiskers and (in the 1980s) a political satire band called Ronnie's Ray Guns. He even ran for governor of Arkansas in 1981 (in clown face, of course) against future president Bill Clinton. But it wasn't only what he did that matters, it was who he was that made him special. He was always the first one to make a joke, crack a smile, or brighten a room. He always helped the people around him, and was known by everyone he met to be kind, generous, and above all else, funny. Thanks to him, the world is more full of humor, and is quite a bit stranger. In fact, it will probably take decades for the people he met to stop giggling. Harmless leaves behind his wife of 27 years Alysen Land, two sons Liam and Jessie, two daughters Mikal Childress and Rose Selvey, Three grandchildren Emily Childress, Abby Childress, and Atrayu Selvey

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jessie C. Selvey*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *He could even make Fort Smith giggle back in the late 80s & early 90s, that takes real talent and oodles of determination! Across Arkansas we are saddened he laughed his last laugh too young. Thanks for all the fun! Joe*

**Joe Wasson** - August 17, 2015 at 01:02 AM



“ *"Harmless for governor?" I voted for him! Last vote that I never regretted. Skip was a classmate and friend from McClellan High, class of '70. Condolences and prayers to the family. David Bowden*

**David Bowden** - July 19, 2015 at 02:58 PM



“ *I'm Elizabeth Glover, I'm married to Skips Nephew Jason (His sister Kathy's oldest Son) I've been told so many wonderful stories about Skip & his entertaining abilities (which I understand hasn't stopped even in his Death) & what a Great person he was in general. I regret to say that I never had the chance to actually meet him in person (not from lack of wanting to) and I feel like I missed out on knowing a truly great & wonderful person.*

**Elizabeth Glover** - June 25, 2015 at 05:19 AM

JS

“ We are Jim & Sherry Smith. We use to live on Redwood Dr. where his family grew up. We have had Skip and his family in and out of our home all their growing up life. We lost track of Skip except thru the paper when he would be in it and we cut and saved the articles. We are sorry for his passing but Skip had a good life and seemed to live it to the fullest. Prayers to all,

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**JIM & Serry Smith** - June 24, 2015 at 02:27 PM

EH

“ I am so sorry to hear of Skip's passing. I went to many of the festival's in the Little Rock area to see him perform over the years. In fact he once asked me to come to all his shows at one festival, because I laughed so loud. He also asked my brother to be his laugher. I will greatly miss his performances and his great humor.

*Sincerely, Eileen Hauser  
Maumelle, AR*

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**Eileen Hauser** - June 24, 2015 at 08:32 AM

GL

“ Skip and I were young together and have remained friends for forty years. He consistently brought smiles and laughter to my life. He was one of the kindest, most loving men I've ever known and I'll miss his presence a lot. Rest in peace dear one

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**Georgia Lance** - June 24, 2015 at 07:46 AM

LJ

*Skip taught me how to juggle back in '78ish, Now my little grandson knows. Skippy's legacy goes on. God Bless. Linda Jackson, McAllen Texas*

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**Linda Jackson** - June 26, 2015 at 09:54 PM