

# Remains of missing Tamaqua man found 10 years later



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Partial remains of Jesse Farber, the Tamaqua man who went missing over a decade ago, have been found.

News of the discovery was announced Friday by Rachel Carroll, the mother of Farber's children.

"This is a bittersweet moment," Carroll posted on the "Finding Jesse Farber" Facebook page. "While I am deeply grateful to finally have confirmation that the remains are Jesse's, it's also heartbreaking to let go of that small hope that he might still return to us someday."

Carroll, along with Farber's family and friends, law enforcement and others have continued their search for Farber following his disappearance in the summer of 2015.

“A few weeks ago, while searching for Jesse with a group of dedicated volunteers, we discovered several bones. Law enforcement was immediately notified, and the coroner later confirmed the remains were human,” Carroll wrote.

Those remains were in a spot where similar bones were discovered a few months earlier, she said.

“Together, these partial remains have been positively identified as Jesse,” Carroll said.

Farber was last seen walking on the “S curves” to Tamaqua from the New England Valley on the evening of Aug. 11, 2015. He called Carroll and told her that he was being chased by coyotes. His phone then died, and he was never heard from again.

Despite extensive searches in the weeks and months following his disappearance, no clues were found.

Carroll said Farber’s remains were located in a new search zone recently identified through further analysis of his cell tower data.

“The search is not over yet. The remains recovered so far are only a small portion of Jesse’s,” she said. “I remain determined to bring all of Jesse home.”

She noted that specialized searches will begin Sunday to continue the recovery effort.

Carroll said that over the past 10 years, countless people volunteered their “time, resources and hearts” to spread awareness of the case and to search the mountains around Tamaqua. Search parties had been meeting frequently this summer.

“From the bottom of my heart, thank you for standing by me, our children, Jesse’s family, and friends, and for helping us move one step closer to closure,” Carroll said.

She thanked Pennsylvania State Police, the Schuylkill County Coroner’s Office and the Tamaqua Police Department. She added that Tamaqua Police Chief Michael Hobbs “went above and beyond” and never forgot Farber’s case.

“(Hobbs) welcomed outside search assistance and shared critical data that ultimately helped identify the search zone where Jesse was found,” Carroll said.

In her post, she thanked members of the media, missing persons advocates and others who kept Farber’s story alive, including Steve Fischer and Stephen Crabtree.

“Your continued coverage and compassion helped ensure that Jesse was never forgotten, and that people across the country continued to care, share and search,” she said.

Thanks to so many, she said, Jesse “is finally coming home.”

Carroll said updates will be issued as the recovery continues.

A public celebration of life for Farber will be planned “so that everyone who has stood by us, searched with us, and grown to care about Jesse over the last ten years can come together to honor him and share in this journey toward closure.”

Carroll noted that “Finding Jesse Farber” is not over.

“We will continue doing what we have been doing in helping support other missing families and helping bring the missing home,” she said. “In Jesse’s name, ‘Finding Jesse Farber’ will continue on.”

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