



David "Randy" Jordan

August 17, 1945 - October 7, 2014

Eliot, Maine - David "Randy" Jordan, 69, passed peacefully with grace on October 7, 2014 at Exeter Hospital. He had not been in pain, and was surrounded in a room full of people that loved him dearly and thought the world of him.

Formerly of Exeter and Hampton, NH, Randy had only recently moved to Maine. Born and raised in Exeter, NH on August 17, 1945, the son of the late Gerard William Jordan and Mary Frances (Kudaruska) Jordan. One of the many ways that Randy was blessed was that he had the good fortune to be raised in a household full of loving Lithuanian women that doted on him. Besides his mother and grandmother, Christine Grigas Kudaruska, his beloved "Aunt Betty" Elizabeth Kudaruska showered him with love. Aunt Betty was like a second mother to him and his two sisters.

Randy attended Exeter High School before joining the Air Force, serving from 1962 to 1966 he remained in the reserves until 1968. While in the Air Force, and home on leave, Randy went on a blind date that would lead him to the love of his life. Marrying in 1965, he and Audrey went on to share 50 years of marriage. Receiving an honorable discharge he left the service and went on to study court reporting at the Emery School in Boston, MA.

After graduation Randy became an official reporter with the NH Legislature,

working primarily with the House Appropriations Committee. His soon to be lifelong friend, Jim Connelly had made his way there not long before Randy, and took him under his wing showing him the ropes. By the mid 1970's Randy was sworn in as an official NH Superior Court Reporter, working the NH Circuit. His next venture was establishing David R. Jordan & Associates, a freelance court reporting firm in Exeter, NH, which continues to serve the legal community, taking depositions throughout the state of NH and beyond. Randy was well-accomplished and highly regarded in his field. He loved court reporting and was proud to have received his certificate as a Registered Merit Writer from the National Court Reporters' Association.

With Randy, there was nothing more important than family, period. Although even if you weren't immediately related, if you needed shelter or support and came into the Jordan home you were taken in and treated like family, as many friends and relatives can attest to their extended stays with the family.

Randy's heart like his hands, was as big as they come, and always open, always giving. He gave something of his specialness to everyone that was lucky enough to cross paths with him; always giving of himself, never asking or expecting anything in return. It was this very spirit of Loving kindness and generosity of soul that shone through him on all humanity. He had genuine warmth and a light within him that touched people in soft and gentle ways, even in the briefest encounters. Humble, unassuming, and unpretentious, people felt at ease in his presence and were moved by something that emanated from him.

His nature was peaceful and calm, and Randy's compassion and kindness knew no bounds. An extraordinarily loving person not only with people, Randy loved all animals as much as he loved his family. Whether you were two-legged, four-legged, winged or what-have-you, if you had Randy on your side, you knew you were in the best hands. Aside from his devoted dogs, and cats,

Randy took much pleasure in sitting quietly in his backyard sanctuary, observing the birds that he always fed, and other critters that he welcomed. A hobby-naturalist, he even liked to give the regulars names and keep mental tabs on the activity he saw, sharing it with his family if they were not on watch with him.

Randy loved music and dancing, and this was one of the passions he and Audrey shared. He was especially fond of the music he grew up with: Doo-wop, Elvis, early rock-and-roll, and the blues, which he loved and always brought joy to him. Dancing is a great way to express joy, and the joy that was created from these two people coming together in life was also manifest on the dance floor. It was contagious watching these two swing, slide, and twirl in delight, you could not help but feel the love and jubilation between them. Though they never danced professionally, no one doubted their abilities, watching them win dance contests for fun. This love of music and dancing was shared with their children, who both count this as one of their most influential factors that helped to shape their own passions.

Gracious, sincere, and thoughtful were his manners; Randy was charming and always a gentleman. As gentleman do, he always enjoyed a fine conversation, sharing views and opinions, always listening carefully to what the other person had to say, and always respecting differences of opinion. He could converse with anyone about state or national politics, this was one of his favorite things to do. If you didn't want to talk politics, he'd be happy to talk sports. An avid sports fan, Randy himself grew up playing baseball, basketball and football, which were some of his fondest childhood memories.

Simple, yet deep; humble, yet remarkable, Randy was the rock of wisdom and love that held together his whole family. He was able to bring out the best in people, he brought out love.

Randy leaves behind his wife, his soul mate, Audrey Jordan of Eliot; his son David J. Jordan and wife Jennie Olean-Jordan of Stratham, NH; daughter Heidi Jordan of Eliot; sisters, Joyce Jordan and Linda Jordan of Exeter; grandchildren, Sarah Gay, Danielle Olean; great-grandchildren, Kaya Norton and Clara Gay; and his devoted dog Rogue, as well as many nieces and nephews, and dearly treasured friendships.

Visiting hours will be from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Sunday, October 19, 2014 at the Remick and Gendron Funeral Home, 811 Lafayette Rd., Hampton. A Celebration of Life will immediately follow at 12:00 PM in the funeral home. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to the Center for Wildlife, PO Box 620, Cape Neddick, ME 03902.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Remick & Gendron Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of David "Randy" Jordan*



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - October 17, 2014 at 03:31 PM



“ *David "Randy" Jordan*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Audrey,*

*Just heard of Randy's passing. Our sympathy and prayers are with you
and your family.....stay strong.*

Frank & Evelyn McAuley

Frank McAuley - October 29, 2014 at 10:17 AM

CI

“ Dear Jordan Family,

For many years I worked in the legal field in Portsmouth and had the pleasure of calling on Randy for many a deposition. When I first met him, he exuded charm and friendliness and professionalism and I knew right then and there that he would always be our "go to" guy. As the years passed, I changed employment and didn't see him for a long time. Then one day, I was in Market Basket in Stratham and there he was--his great big self! And, to my surprise, he remembered me and we talked awhile and caught up on life and off I went, feeling so happy to have seen him again. He was a kind, caring, selfless man and I am so sorry that he is no longer with us. He will be missed. Please accept my sincerest condolences.

*Carol Ingoldsby
Cape Coral, Florida*

Carol Ingoldsby - October 26, 2014 at 06:57 PM

HJ

Dear Carol~

Thank you for sharing this story about my father. Each story that is shared about him is a gift for me and my family, and an honor to my father's legacy. He was such a beautiful human being, and I know he will be missed deeply by so many. Thank you, again.

Sincerely,

~Heidi

Heidi Jordan - October 27, 2014 at 08:18 AM

HM

“ Dave "Randy" Jordan was a gentle man. He was also a very generous man. Although, until the time I was arrested at the Exeter Town dump for petitioning my government on the Seabrook evacuation planning issue, I really didn't know him. I only knew "of him" through his daughter Heidi (one of my Ecology students at Winnacunnet High School, and a lover of all things environmental. Heidi used to start the class by entering and giving me a big hug; boy were they welcome additions to my day). I digress !

When I was arrested and convicted in Exeter District Court for doing what our First Amendment gives all Americans the right to do, Dave offered me(and the law firm of Sanders & McDermott, who took my case Pro Bono through the generosity of attorney David Wolowitz) the additional generosity of providing the court transcript at no cost to me. David believed in the inherent dignity of all, and did not countenance injustice. He will be remembered well but missed by many still on this earth.

My sincere condolences to Audrey, Heidi, and all of the other family members.

Herb Moyer - October 22, 2014 at 07:56 AM

HJ

Dear Herb~

Thank you for sharing this story of your history with my beloved father, and thank you for your condolences.

Love and hugs, and blessings to you and your family.

~Heidi

Heidi Jordan - October 22, 2014 at 04:22 PM

HJ

“ 1 file added to the album Randy Jordan



Heidi Jordan - October 20, 2014 at 06:20 PM

JR

“ SO sorry to hear of Randy's death. Our condolences to the Jordan family.

Jim & Janis Reams

Jim Reams - October 18, 2014 at 03:59 PM

HJ

Dear Jim and Janis~

Glad you had an opportunity to know my father. Thank you for your condolences.

By the way, I have the 8 x 10 photos of the whitewater rafting trip you guys did together. Looks like it was a great time.

Sincerely,

~Heidi

Heidi Jordan - October 22, 2014 at 04:24 PM

HJ

“ 5 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Heidi Jordan - October 16, 2014 at 06:42 AM

HJ

“ 7 files added to the album *Randy Jordan*



Heidi Jordan - October 15, 2014 at 08:31 AM

HJ

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Heidi Jordan - October 15, 2014 at 08:24 AM

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Heidi Jordan - October 15, 2014 at 08:20 AM

JT

“ Dear Audrey and family, I was so sorry to hear of Randy's passing. He was much too young, but he made the most of his life and touched so many people. Audrey, I know you will cherish the 50+ years that you had with Randy. Everyone will miss him terribly, but he will always be with you.

Thinking of all of you. Joyce Camire Tremblay

Joyce Camire Tremblay - October 14, 2014 at 08:52 PM

HJ

Dear Joyce, Thank you for sharing with us. Yes, he was far too young. I am grateful that my family has so many beautiful memories to cherish. My dad was a beautiful man and a great human being, and yes, he will always be with us, he will live on through us.

Heidi Jordan - October 15, 2014 at 08:47 AM

EG

“ *The the Jordan family: Please accept my sincere condolences. I grew up in Randy's Exeter neighborhood and spent a lot time with him playing sports or swimming in the river at Pickpocket during the summer. Randy was also influential in my decision to join the Air Force. He was always a good guy.*

Ed Garland - October 14, 2014 at 08:41 AM

HJ

Dear Ed, thank you so much for sharing your thoughts and memories. I hope you can make it on Sunday, I would love to meet you - and hear more about the old days.

Heidi Jordan - October 15, 2014 at 08:44 AM

 Bob
Barton

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Randy was a great guy and always made me feel welcome when I visited his home.

Bob Barton - October 13, 2014 at 06:03 PM

HJ

Thank you, dear Bob. I hope we will see you on Sunday.

Heidi Jordan - October 15, 2014 at 08:49 AM

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Heidi Jordan - October 12, 2014 at 05:27 PM

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“ 6 files added to the album Randy Jordan



Heidi Jordan - October 12, 2014 at 03:10 PM

HJ

“ Dear friends and family, please be aware the current obituary on this website is the one we put in the newspaper. There will be a more detailed obituary coming soon to replace this one. Thanks for your patience and understanding while you wait. Love, Heidi

Heidi Jordan - October 11, 2014 at 09:19 AM

HJ

Hello everyone. The full length obit is now here on this website.

Heidi Jordan - October 12, 2014 at 02:51 PM