



## James Reed Jordan

May 7, 1957 - December 17, 2013

James Reed Jordan was born on the 7th of May 1957 in Wilmington, DE, the son of Mary Ellen and James McCrea Jordan and passed away on December 17, 2013 after a valiant five-month battle with leukemia. He was a loving husband, father, son and brother.

Reed is survived by his loving wife and best friend, Elizabeth Hughes Jordan, his daughters Melissa, Jennifer and Amy Jordan, all of Houston. He is also survived by his mother, Mary Ellen Jordan, brother Jeffrey Jordan, and sister Lynn Jordan Horton and her husband John. Additionally, Reed is survived by a large group of loving in-laws, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Jim Jordan. Reed spent his early childhood in Kansas City, Kansas until Gulf Oil brought his family to Houston in 1967. They established firm roots in the Wilchester subdivision and he and his family have remained in the area. He attended Rummel Creek

Elementary,  
Spring Forest Junior High and graduated from Westchester High School. He received  
his Bachelor of Business Administration from The University of Texas in 1979.  
It was  
during his “victory lap” that he met his wife, Elizabeth. Reed started his career  
at Peat  
Marwick Mitchell (KPMG) before establishing his own CPA firm, J. Reed  
Jordan, PC in  
1993. Reed worked tirelessly for his clients and considered them his friends.  
Reed  
would say that his biggest accomplishment was loving and taking care of the  
women in  
his life. He’s the guy who took care of things. He took care of his family very  
well  
through his love, devotion, service and faith. He was the ultimate “girl dad”  
and his  
daughters’ faces lit up when he walked into the room. They played well  
together and  
never took anything too seriously. Reed was the perfect husband. He gave  
wholeheartedly of himself throughout his marriage. He was a good friend.  
Reed’s  
friendships meant the world to him. He was always happy to head out with his  
friends  
to play golf, tennis or ping pong, ride motorcycles or shoot bottle rockets. He  
loved  
family vacations, traveling with friends, going out to dinner, watching his  
daughters  
activities. When he was home you could find him taking care of his yard,  
skimming his  
pool or playing with his pup-dog.

Reed touched many people's lives and the family is grateful for the dear friends, neighbors, clients and community who lifted them up and prayed with them during this time. They are especially grateful to his sister, Lynn Horton, who was his stem cell donor and a perfect match. They are also grateful to the many doctors and nurses at MD Anderson who worked tirelessly with such love and compassion for Reed. They were an inspiration.

The Jordan family will be present to receive friends Friday, December 20, 2013 from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM with a vigil service beginning at 7:00 PM at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Dr., Houston, TX 77079. The Funeral Mass will commence Saturday, December 21, 2013 at 10:30 AM at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 625 Nottingham Oaks Trail, Houston, TX 77079. A reception will follow the mass on the church grounds. Interment services will follow the reception at Memorial Oaks Cemetery via motorized cortege.

The family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions in Reed's name be directed to St. John Vianney Catholic Church or the Wintermann--Jordan Leukemia Research Fund, 1515 Holcombe Blvd., Unit 0428, Houston, TX 77030.

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Oaks Cemetery

13001 Katy Freeway  
Houston, TX 77079

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 20. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home  
14094 Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77079  
(281) 497-2121  
david@dettlingfuneral.com

## Vigil Service

DEC 20. 7:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home  
14094 Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77079  
(281) 497-2121  
david@dettlingfuneral.com

## **Funeral Mass**

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DEC 21. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church  
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail  
Houston, TX 77079

## **Reception**

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DEC 21. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church  
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail  
Houston, TX 77079

## **Graveside Service**

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DEC 21. 1:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Oaks Cemetery  
13001 Katy Freeway  
Houston, TX 77079

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Reed Jordan*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *James Reed Jordan*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *James Reed Jordan*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *James Reed Jordan*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Elizabeth,*

*My heart sunk when I read of Reed's passing. We were out of town most of December and missed the memorial services. Reed and I played many opponents on the tennis court ( we won many) and he helped me with my business in the early years as a CPA. I referred my mother in law Miriam Byrd to him and she continues to use the firm. She also extends her sympathy. As a past neighbor in Wilchester community, this must have been a shock to many. My wife Liz and I want you to know we know Reed was a good man and his time came too soon. Our best to you and the kids. Lew and Liz Arend*

**Lew Arend** - January 08, 2014 at 05:01 PM

TG

“ *very sad news  
It's been decades since I worked with Reed and Jeff at Baskin-  
Robbins. Great guys from a wonderful family. You all have my best  
wishes and condolences.*

*Todd Gibson  
Chester, NJ*

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**Todd Gibson** - December 24, 2013 at 07:42 AM

MA

“ *Dear Family:  
You have my deepest sympathy.  
May you find comfort in knowing that those asleep in God's memory  
will soon be awakened and reunited with loved ones, and without  
the things that make life so difficult to enjoy now. (John 5:28,29)  
They will also have the hope of living forever.(Psalms 37:29)  
Sickness and death will be eliminated. (Rev.21:3,4)  
If you don't have a Bible, you can read this online at [www.jw.org/en](http://www.jw.org/en).  
(Go to PUBLICATIONS-BIBLE)*

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**Maxine** - December 20, 2013 at 09:35 AM

RH

“ *Melissa, Jen & Amy - sending you lots of strength and love. Keep  
each other close and you will find strength in each other. You are in  
my thoughts always. Help hold each other up. Give my love to your  
mom as well. much love. Renee Harvey, Chi Omega Advisor*

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**renee harvey** - December 20, 2013 at 08:59 AM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of James Reed Jordan.*



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December 20, 2013 at 08:50 AM



“ *We are thinking of you and the girls during this difficult time. Reed was such a loving father and husband, he will be dearly missed. We are in Colorado so will miss his service but please know that we will be thinking of you. We will keep you in our prayers.*  
*Love,*  
*The Porter Family*

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**susan porter** - December 19, 2013 at 07:01 PM



“ *Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of James Reed Jordan.*



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December 19, 2013 at 04:24 PM

DD

“ Reed has been my friend, CPA, and hunting buddy for over 30 years. I was always impressed with his integrity and professionalism. Every time I talked with Reed, the conversation centered around his wife and daughters. My wife worked with Reed for several years at KPMG. Our sympathies and prayers are with Reed's wife and daughters.

*Dr. Frank Runnels and Jan DeCoux*

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**Dr. Frank Runnels and Jan DeCoux** - December 19, 2013 at 02:48 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Reed Jordan.



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December 19, 2013 at 02:22 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Reed Jordan.



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December 19, 2013 at 01:49 PM

TF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.  
God Bless you all,

*Joe, Kay, Caroline and Claire Heard*

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**The Joe Heard Family** - December 19, 2013 at 01:45 PM

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“ *The Joe Heard Family lit a candle in memory of James Reed Jordan*



**The Joe Heard Family** - December 19, 2013 at 01:43 PM

R.

“ *May Jehovah comfort the Jordan's family...With Sympathy*

**R.A.** - December 19, 2013 at 11:42 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of James Reed Jordan.*



December 19, 2013 at 10:50 AM

CG

“ *Reed Jordan was one of the finest gentlemen I have ever known! Every male should take special notice of his life both personally and professionally.Reed has served me personally for over 30 years starting with Peat Marwick. At his firm he built a team of people that are a extension of his own family.When my wife passed away a few years ago he treated me with the utmost compassion.There are no more Reed Jordans in the world.God Bless his family and all his associates. Coach Gavrel , honored to be a client.*

**coach gavrel** - December 19, 2013 at 10:12 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of James Reed Jordan.*



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December 19, 2013 at 09:31 AM