



Harold L. Jordan

January 9, 2023

Harold L. Jordan, 90, of Lancaster, PA, passed away on Monday, January 9, 2023. He was the son of the late John J. and Eva J. (Spencer) Jordan. He was with his beloved wife, Nancy E. (Misch) Jordan for 44 years.

Harold graduated from J.P. McCaskey High School. He proudly served in the United States Army for 23 years. He served in the 82nd Airborne Paratroopers, Rangers, Special Forces and other units in Korea, Germany, Dominican Republic, and three tours in Vietnam as Platoon Leader and First Sergeant. He retired from Fort Benning, GA, after being one of the senior instructors at the Airborne School. His service earned him The Silver Star for Gallantry, 3 Bronze Stars with Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Assault Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Korean Service Medal, Korean Presidential Citation, National Defense Medal, Master Parachutist, and Combat Infantry Badge with a Star.

Harold then worked as a Lancaster County Sheriff and was the founder and executive director of Manos House. He was a proud Mason. He enjoyed watching Westerns, traveling, and jazz music.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughters, Bonita Kilgore, of Clarksville, TN, Joi Jordan, of Lancaster, Gai Jordan-Luszczek, wife of Jan, of Lancaster, stepchildren, Yara Graupera, wife of Scott Richardson, and Carlos

Graupera, husband of Marnie Brady, grandchildren, Ramon Graupera, Mali Richardson, Oscar Richardson, Maeve Graupera, Robert Holmes, Nakita Grandison, Norman Jordan, several great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Silvia Jordan, and siblings, Elmer Jordan, Mary Jordan, Beulah Jordan, Hazel Jordan, Ella Jordan, Alice Jordan, Clarence Jordan, Gertrude Jordan, Helen Jordan, and Granison Jordan.

Relatives and friends are invited to Harold's Funeral Service at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603, on Saturday, January 14, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. Visitation from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service.

Burial at Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Lancaster Early Education Center (Formerly Lancaster Daycare Center) or Building Bridges Foundation at Anderson's Farm.

Cemetery Details

Indiantown Gap National Cemetery

Annville, PA 17003

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **14**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Harold L. Jordan*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - January 13, 2023 at 03:24 PM

CL

Beautiful tribute to an icon of a man. Fondly nicknamed Black Kojak he served his country and community well. Prayers and love sent to his family. 🙏❤️

Christina Ladson - January 14, 2023 at 08:14 AM

BK

Beautiful tribute....Dad!! Rest now Soldier....love you forever...

Bonita Jordan Kilgore - January 14, 2023 at 09:47 AM

SA

What a wonderful tribute to Mr. Jordan. So honored I was able to meet him and spend time with him. Prayers, hugs and so much love sent to his family... 🙏❤️🇺🇸

Sharon Allbert - January 14, 2023 at 10:27 AM

BE

*Absolutely Beautiful
My Deepest Condolences to your Family Mr. Jordan.*

BESTONE7@YAHOO.COM - January 14, 2023 at 12:11 PM

AG

My condolences to Harold's wife and his daughters. I have known Harold since I was 16 and working at Thriftway market also met his daughters, 60's and 70's. timeframe. He was a great person and friend.
Angie Crespo Glenn

Angela Crespo Glenn - January 15, 2023 at 08:00 PM

TA

A year late just learning. What an absolute loss to humanity this is. As a former (late 80's) inmate of "His" Manos with Bob Monzon I can truly say I am crushed reflecting. What an absolute loss. From sweeping South Queen Street or being chose for local theft prevention duty I can truly say THIS MAN CHANGED LIVES DAILY gifting me tools that still are valuable today. Enough cannot be said and feel choked learning of this. I'm a Co at a Correctional facility now and apply what I have learned on a daily basis being clean 25+ years and it all started at his Manos which I heard changed since his retirement. I'd be proud to bump into him now and a terrible loss his passing. His Para Military approach should not be set aside and nobody left His Manos without being changed forever. God Bless you HJ and RIP ..

Timothy G. Alden - January 22, 2025 at 06:25 AM

MR

“ *Madge Robinson lit a candle in memory of Harold L. Jordan*



Madge Robinson - July 28, 2025 at 08:53 PM

TA

“ Was one of HJ's Manos Guy's in late 80's. Stripped me down Old School and built me back up to be the 1%. Many times still throughout my life I revert back to HJ and Bob to imagine what they'd say. Ultimate Integrity always wins because a man knows inside his fabric he did right, even in a wrong situation. The Little things like not leaning on a wall or not gawking at a attractive woman pushing a baby carriage all add up as examples of what makes a good man's fabric great. I'm special because the experience I absorbed from those men. We need more in society. HJ if you are watching, I know you would be proud and won't ever forget. I use my tools everyday and they serve me well. God Bless You.

Timothy G. Alden - March 10, 2025 at 11:07 AM

AM

“ I was sentenced to Manos in the 90's. I remember Harold coming in, looking like a badass, and laying the law down. I once watched a kid throw a chair at him. He sidestepped it, and put that kid in his place. If it was not for Harold, and the rest of the staff at Manos, I don't think I would be the person I am today. I was saddened to just learn that Harold has passed. As a middle aged man, I find myself looking back on things and Manos. It was a sad time for me, but Harold, Phil, and the rest of the counselors made me a better person. I straightened my life out, have 3 amazing kids, and a wife of 25 years. Harold truly made an impact on many lives, God rest your soul good sir.

Aaron Morris - January 11, 2025 at 10:56 PM

FK

“ I was at manos house in the 70s mr.jordan was a very nice person and I thank him for all of this support to change my life around

Frederick kissinger - July 22, 2024 at 02:36 PM

MA

“ There are no words that can be put together in describing Harold L. Jordan. He truly was one of a kind and larger than life. I know because I am one of his MANOS children. When I was in trouble Harold rescued me and took me under his wing. He instilled a set of values in me that carries with me to this day. For that I am eternally grateful to him and will never lose the memory of his kindness and spirit. My most fond memory will forever be the last moments we spent together, one on one sharing his expensive scotch with me at his home. He told me stories, gave me advice and made me laugh. From the very first day I met him he became a huge part of my life. He encouraged me and always checked up on me, never judging me. My respect and admiration for Harold will remain always in my heart. Thanks HJ for everything!

Mike Acosta - January 04, 2024 at 01:27 PM



“ *Harold L. Jordan*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM

NI

“ *HJ was how we knew Mr. Jordan. In 1988 I graduated after 11 months in Manos and that experience under HJ is indelible and indeed a happy memory. Harold was one of the wisest people I've ever met. " I READ YOUR BOOK!" was what new guys coming in with an attitude would hear. I'm deeply sorry to hear he's gone but man what a life he lived....salute*

Neil P Nelsen III - March 10, 2023 at 07:47 PM

SL

“ I am so sorry to learn of this! My father and Mr. Jordan grew up together in the 7th Ward. Through Dad I had the life-altering experience & blessing of working for Mr. Jordan at Manos on Prince Street in the summer of 1987 while I was in seminary. His integrity, character, self-respect, pride, and dedication to civic responsibility remain with me to this day. I had no idea he was a Mason!!!! Mr. Jor I just learned in this obituary that Mr. Jordan was also a Masonic Brother. "Brother Harold" is precisely the kind of Man that Masonry attracts and trains. These words are a deserved and glowing tribute. He was the kind of man I hope that in some way my life emulates in terms of patriotism, duty, and service. He saw people in the terms Dr. King taught us: character as the content of our identity. I hope my words convey tribute to this stellar American, Patriot, Man and Mason. Mr. Jordan, Sir, You blessed and changed my life. May God sustain your soul in Eternity and your family here on Earth.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Rabbi Steven M. Leapman
US Navy Chaplaincy 1993-2000
Master Mason and 32d Degree SMJ
San Antonio, Texas*

Steve Leapman - January 14, 2023 at 02:56 PM

CW

“ Charmaine Williams lit a candle in memory of Harold L. Jordan



Charmaine Williams - January 14, 2023 at 08:53 AM

CW

“ *Joi, our sincere condolences to you and the family! An amazing mentor and person! Nothing but great memories. Our deepest sympathy.
Charmaine and the entire Williams Family.*

Charmaine Williams - January 14, 2023 at 08:52 AM

AT

“ *Joi and Gay, my sincere condolences to you and the entire family! Your Dad was truly a wonderful father and mentor. We had such great times during our youthful days at your Dauphin Street home. May God surround you all with comfort today, tomorrow and always.*

*With deepest sympathy,
Arlene and the Weeks-Hudson Family*

Arlene Traore - January 13, 2023 at 08:06 PM

KP

Joi & Gay, My Deepest Sincere Condolences to you and the Family ..As I sit and remember our child hood times with your Mom & Dad!! Our sleep overs , And Girl Scouts (Such awesome memories) Remembering you at this time of sorrow..Love you ..Kim

Kimberly Padilla - January 13, 2023 at 11:41 PM

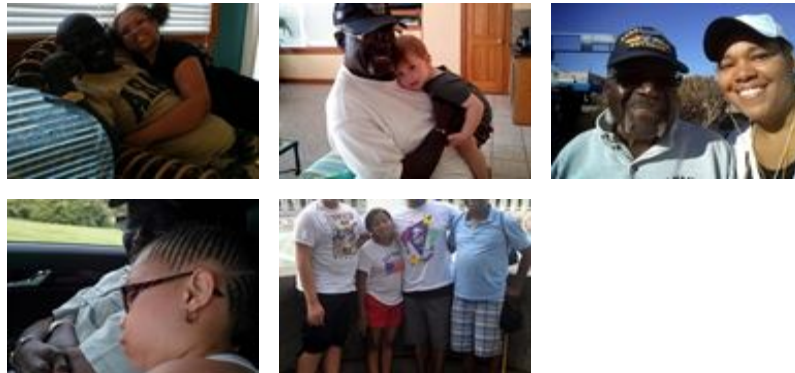
MB

“ *Prayers and condolences to the family and long time friends. Harold and I worked together in the drug and alcohol field for many years. He was a member of Vantage Advisory Committee, we served together on multiple D/A Task Forces, Dr.Carpenters Annual Millersville summer Symposium and the list goes on regarding all he gave to the young men at Manos and the greater Behavioral Recovering Community! I am not sure they make them like you anymore sir, for your commitment I salute you! Mary Bair*

Mary Bair - January 13, 2023 at 08:01 PM



“ 16 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - January 13, 2023 at 03:13 PM

JW

“ Jackie Wright-Draughn lit a candle in memory of Harold L. Jordan



Jackie Wright-Draughn - January 13, 2023 at 08:55 AM

JW

I Had The Pleasure Of Sharing Conversations And Laughs With Mr.Harold Jordan. If You Knew Him You,d Surely Like Him.He Loved Dominican Republic Where He Visited Often.I Went To School With Joi Jordan His Daughter And Were Friends.Sorry For Their Loss. Mr.Harold Jordan Was And Still Is The Man. Much Love And Respect.

Jackie Wright-Draughn - January 13, 2023 at 09:03 AM



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The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - January 12, 2023 at 03:25 PM



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The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - January 12, 2023 at 01:55 PM

GM

“ Blessings to all the family and friends who love and miss you dearly already Harold.

Always a pleasure meeting and spending time with you. May you rest in Heavenly peace. Stars shine brighter in heaven with you there....just as they did around you here on earth.

George Mummert - January 12, 2023 at 07:54 AM

AG

My condolences to the family, I have known Harold since I worked at Thriftway market, he served as a guard there, many moons ago. Miss and love you Harold.

Angela Crespo Glenn - January 12, 2023 at 07:02 PM

EB

“ Sending prayers n condolences to Nancy n Jordan family members. Harold gave me my first job when I got out of the Navy in 1974 at the Manos house. On 12/26/22, I stopped by his house to visit with Harold. He was not only a mentor to me but a great friend, who I had great respect as a man. I called him Uncle Harold out of respect, who I will miss his wisdom, who he often shared with me when we would C each other.

Earl Papa Boots - January 12, 2023 at 12:01 AM

WB

A really fine gentleman.

william boyd - January 12, 2023 at 09:50 AM

AB

“ You definitely made your mark on many lives Mr. Jordan! Thank you for your friendship and wise counsel over the years. I'll miss hearing you say "hey young fella, lemme hold something".
Rest well sir... you won't be forgotten.

Art "G.i" Brinson - January 11, 2023 at 10:43 PM

LB

“ La Shandra Bryant lit a candle in memory of Harold L. Jordan



La Shandra Bryant - January 11, 2023 at 08:36 PM

BT

“ My deepest sympathy to the family, my heart goes out for the loss of Mr. Jordan, he was a close friend of my family. He and my mother were friends for years. He will surely be missed, such a kind man, always had a smile whenever I seen him..R.I.P...❤️
Betty Turner



Betty Turner - January 11, 2023 at 07:07 PM

CP

“ *My Deepest Condolences, many memories with Mr Jordan and daughters, him over seeing our teenage gathers in the basement of his home!!*

Fun times!!

And Mr J was a childhood family friend of my mother!!

Sleep in peace Mr Jordan!!

Prayers and Love to his wife, Joy and Gay, and rest of family!! 🙏🙏



Cookie Williams Plowden - January 11, 2023 at 04:58 PM

DP

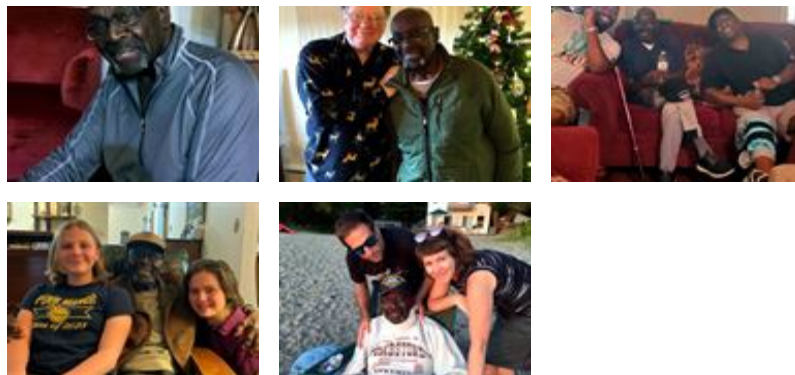
“ *Dory Preston lit a candle in memory of Harold L. Jordan*



Dory Preston - January 11, 2023 at 04:26 PM



“ *24 files added to the album Life Tributes*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - January 11, 2023 at 04:11 PM

AL

“ Harold was a no-nonsense person who was respected and admired. Harold helped provide security at the Thriftway Supermarket on 900 South Duke Street while I was the manager there in the 1970's. We would practice using firearms at the Southern Lancaster County Gun Club in New Providence on a weekly basis. He provided part-time employees from the participants at Manos. Usually they were very good workers. Harold was a great resource in the community. I know he will be missed.

Alan Loss former Manager

Alan Loss - January 11, 2023 at 02:56 PM

BD

“ I just asked about Harold last week. Can't believe he is gone. Harold was a good friend, a special friend who generously gave his time & himself to others, always with a smile & without hesitation. Harold was a great example of goodness for everyone. I am so proud to have known him.

Barbara Stewart Dorsey

Barbara Dorsey - January 11, 2023 at 02:44 PM

MW

“ To the Jordan family;

I was so heartbroken when I heard the news of Mr. Harold Jordan aka Pumpkin- a name I and others gave him when we work with him at the Thirtway store on South Duke street.. He was a father to us all, giving us good advise, making sure we made the best decision when it came to living a good life.

I will always remember his great smile and laugh. I'm so glad he was apart of my Village growing up in Lancaster.

Will keep the family in prayer during this time

Love ya Pumpkin

Marcei Woods

marcella rose woods - January 11, 2023 at 02:08 PM

MW

“ *Marcella Rose Woods lit a candle in memory of Harold L. Jordan*



marcella rose woods - January 11, 2023 at 01:57 PM

NF

“ *Harold was a never-to-be-forgotten friend, loved and trusted by my husband, son and me. Met his nephew just weeks ago and planned to visit him because it has been so long since we've talked. Our sympathies to his family and friends. He will be missed in many hearts and lives. Nancy Frankhouser*

Nancy Frankhouser - January 11, 2023 at 01:02 PM

JS

“ *Harold will be missed. He and my husband will meet in heaven. They were the best of friends. My deepest condolences to the family.* ”

Janet Simms - January 11, 2023 at 10:23 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Harold L. Jordan.* ”



January 11, 2023 at 09:42 AM

TC

“ *The Colonel purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Harold L. Jordan.* ”



The Colonel - January 11, 2023 at 09:25 AM

LA

“ *My condolences for the loss of this great man. Steve and I loved our vacations with him and Nancy and always enjoyed visiting and hearing him laugh. RIP my friend.* ”

Lori Austin - January 11, 2023 at 06:45 AM

WC

“ *Harold worked hard, loved strong and relaxed deeply. Deservedly so. I shall miss him.* ”

William W. Campbell - January 11, 2023 at 06:23 AM

CM

“ *My condolences to your family. Thank you for your service to our great country.*

Cindy Mercer - January 11, 2023 at 01:38 AM

DJ

My sincere condolences and prayers for all of the Jordan family. Mr. Harold was great man with a great personality. May God bless and comfort Mrs. Jordan and all of the Jordan family.. He will be missed but never forgotten. Rest in Peace Mr. Harold! We love you but God loved you best!

Dontina and the Jones Family

Dontina Jackson - January 12, 2023 at 12:01 PM

PA

Thank you sir, for your service and your bravery in serving our country. God bless your family in this time of greving. Thoughts and prayers for the family.

Patrick - January 12, 2023 at 03:39 PM