



Donald L. Jordan

June 24, 1939 - June 24, 2016

PORTLAND- Colonel Donald L. Jordan, USAF, Retired, of Naples, ME. and Beverly Hills, FL., passed on Friday, June 24, 2016 at Maine Medical Center in Portland, after a four year fight with pulmonary fibrosis.

Born in Lewiston, Maine to Leon S. and Shirley D. Jordan on June 24, 1939, raised and schooled in Lisbon and later graduated from University of Maine. He was predeceased by his parents and a brother, Wesley D. Jordan. He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Phyllis Burnham Jordan and wonderful children Kelly Dawn Freedman and husband Gary and granddaughter Alexis and grandsons Andrew and Michael of Dallas, Texas, and son Richard Donald Jordan, wife Julie and four grandchildren, Sydney, Hunter, Donovan and Alyssa of NH. He is also survived by two loving sisters, Phyllis and husband Dan Gamache and Carolyn (Pip) and husband Randy Jones, all of Lisbon Falls, plus numerous nieces and nephews, mostly living in Maine. He is also survived by close cousins and high school classmates that were a big part of his life in later years.

After college he was commissioned in the Air Force and spent 30 years of both active and reserved time, retiring in 1993. In this capacity, he served 3 ½ years in South Carolina for the Air Defense Command, and a year remote in Thule, Greenland. Later he made many trips to Europe and also traveled to the Far East including the Philippines, Okinawa, Japan and Korea on Air Force business. Promoted early to Colonel, he spent 11 of his 30 years in that grade with assignments as Squadron Commander at Hanscom AFB, MA, and later as Deputy Wing Commander at McGuire AFB, NJ. In the later capacity, he commanded six squadrons, four in NJ and two in MA that included 1000 men of a 4000 man C-141 Military Airlift Wing. At the end of his career he was Air Force Liaison Officer to the Adjutant General, State of NH.

Having a dual career as a civilian, he initially lived in Edgewater Park, NJ and worked for RCA Service Company, requiring work in Alaska, Greenland and England. He later moved to Hudson, NH and worked for RCA Automated Systems, then GE Aerospace and Martin Marietta in Burlington, MA for over 32 years, retiring in 1994. Working initially in Logistics, he was later a Program Manager with responsibility for fielding weapons systems. This work required frequent travel that had him in Germany 2 to 3 times a year for the Army and in Hawaii working on Marine Corps weapon systems. A fortuitous set have

circumstances having to do with a plant closure, allowed him to accept a golden handshake and retire at age 55.

Early retirement allowed him and his wife to winter in FL where they have spent the last 19 winters, golfing and enjoying the warm winters. Many new friendships in FL were made and he was active in their wonderful neighborhood. He and his wife also did lots of traveling. Purchasing a motor home in 2000, they traveled throughout America, in 40 states for 4 months and 16,000 miles, visiting most National Parks and seeing this beautiful country. Later they traveled with the older grandchildren to some of these same spots and a trans-Canadian trip from the Pacific to the Atlantic. Together they traveled throughout Europe many times, including a recent trip that had them in the Baltic States and Russia. One of their favorite trips was west to Australia and New Zealand for 3 glorious weeks in 2009. Hawaii was also a favorite and between work, the Air Force and leisure, over a dozen trips were made to the islands.

Frequent cruisers, they covered nearly all the Caribbean with over 15 cruise trips, most recently with son and his family. They also did a European river cruise from the Black Sea to the North Sea in 2014.

He was an avid sports fan and loved his Red Sox and Patriots, who provided him lots of enjoyment in the past decade. He was a political junkie and followed politics closely and was a longtime critic of liberal policies.

Still the most important thing to Col Jordan was his family and the countless hours spent at their lakeside home in Naples, ME and their pool home in FL with children and grandchildren. He was very proud of his children's success, but more important, was proud of the good people they grew up to be. His grandchildren were also a great sense of pride.

Online condolences and sharing of memories may be expressed at www.lynchbrothers.com .

NOTICE

Jordan- Died in Portland on Friday June 24, 2016. Colonel Donald L. age 77 a resident of Naples, Maine and Beverly Hills, Florida. Funeral services honoring Donald's life will be celebrated on Thursday at 11:00 AM at the Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home with Pastor Gary Leet officiating. Committal services along with military honors will follow at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Sabattus. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Donald's memory to the American Lung Association 122 State St. Augusta, Maine 04330 or to a charity of one's choice. Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 2-4 & 7-9 PM at the Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home 305 Alfred A. Plourde Parkway, Lewiston 784-

Cemetery

Events

**Pleasant Hill
Cemetery**
Pleasant Hill Road
Sabattus, ME, 04280

JUN 29 Visitation 02:00PM - 04:00PM

Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home & Cremation
Services
305 Alfred Plourde Parkway PO Box 181, Lewiston, ME, US,
04240

JUN 29 Visitation 07:00PM - 09:00PM

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JUN 30 Service 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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JUN 30 Committal 12:15PM - 01:00PM

Pleasant Hill Cemetery
Pleasant Hill Road, Sabattus, ME, US, 04280

Comments



“ With Deepest Sympathy!
Love you,
Winford and Connie Cothren



Barbara - July 08, 2016 at 08:12 PM



“ Bruce St. Louis purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald L. Jordan.



Bruce St. Louis - June 29, 2016 at 06:19 PM



“ Dear Phyllis and Family,
It was my pleasure to have met Mr. Jordan and you in the last couple of years. He was a happy man and always had the best hugs. Even though I never met the rest of the family, he talked about you all often, and had a complete adoration for his grandchildren. He was very humble, always appreciative, and had a zest for life with a smile on his face. I am thankful that I did get to talk to him about a month ago on his way back to Maine. This has all been very sudden and unexpected, but I know that he was at peace. He lived a full life with many blessings and was very thankful for that. You are all in my thoughts and prayers today with the visitation today and funeral tomorrow. May you sense God's peace through this difficult time. All the girls in the office send their love and prayers to you too. Love and prayers, Mary Bradley

Mary Bradley - June 29, 2016 at 10:01 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald L. Jordan.



June 29, 2016 at 09:51 AM



“ A remarkable man will be missed by all that knew him.
Only a special person gets to pass into eternity on the same day that he came into this world. Truly memorable.
Sending love and prayers from Florida.
Debbie & Eric Shumway

Debbie Shumway - June 29, 2016 at 09:13 AM



“ Dear Phyllis, Kelly, and Ricky,
My heart has been aching with you! It's a time that is hard to believe is here. So many joyful years. I feel truly blessed to have known your husband and dad. What a gift it is in life to have the blessing of a loving father here on earth. Please know that we pray for your hearts to heal quickly and your sorrow to turn to joy for having had this precious man in your lives for so long. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4. Take heart that the LORD will carry you.

Much Love,
Kathy Pacsay (Levesque)

Kathy Pacsay - June 29, 2016 at 05:59 AM



“ Dear Phyllis, Kelly, Rich, Phyllis, Pip -- and the whole Jordan family,

I was so very, very sorry to hear this sad news tonight. My hearts are with you all.

There are no right words, no correct thing to say or do, to help you with your pain and sorrow. So instead, please just know that you are loved and Don will forever be missed.

Love,
June Prosser and the entire Prosser family in Cundy's Harbor and beyond.



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Donald L. Jordan.



June 28, 2016 at 04:55 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Always making us smile



Kate - June 28, 2016 at 03:50 PM



“ Carla and Mark Regna purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald L. Jordan.



Carla and Mark Regna - June 28, 2016 at 11:14 AM



“ Dear Phyllis,
Kent and I were so sorry to learn about Don. We always enjoyed his company and his "larger than life" personality, and I know that his passing will leave a huge void in the lives of his family and friends. Please know that our thoughts are with you and your children at this saddest of times.
Fondly,
Nan and Kent Higgins

Nan and Kent Higgins - June 28, 2016 at 09:56 AM



“ With love, Joan and Steve Freedman and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald L. Jordan.



With love, Joan and Steve Freedman and family - June 28, 2016 at 07:50 AM



“ Cherie and Rick Savard purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Donald L. Jordan.



Cherie and Rick Savard - June 27, 2016 at 10:51 PM



“ Dear Phyllis, you and Don are a wonderful role model for marriage. Your children and grandchildren are sure to take note of it as well as your many friends and relatives. You have shared life together and what a wonderful trip it has been for the two of you. All the many journeys that you shared together make for good memories for you.

He was such a good friend to Raoul in the RCA days. They had such a good relationship and Raoul treasured that. I loved getting his political emails. I will miss that. The fact is I agreed with him!

My sympathy to you and your family, he will be missed. A guy like Don leaves a big hole in the lives of those who love him.

Marietta Weyler-Robbins

Psalm 34:18 says:

The Lord is near to the broken hearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

He hears our cry and He heals us!

Marietta Weyler-Robbins - June 27, 2016 at 08:20 PM



“ My wife and i grew up with Donnie in the town of Lisbon.He grew up to be a gentleman of the finset kind.We did not see Dnnie much over the years,but when we did he always made it a point to stop and talk about the good old days.He came from a wonderful family.He will be missed by all who loved and knew him.To his wife and family we send our deepest sympathies.George,Louise Ruby.

IOUISE Ruby - June 27, 2016 at 06:58 PM



“ Ghirardelli & Fruit Condolences Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Donald L. Jordan.



June 27, 2016 at 02:31 PM



“ Fruits and Blooms Basket was purchased for the family of Donald L. Jordan.



June 27, 2016 at 01:07 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald L. Jordan.



June 27, 2016 at 12:23 PM



“ Lucy Ann Wines lit a candle in memory of Donald L. Jordan



Lucy Ann Wines - June 27, 2016 at 11:15 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald L. Jordan.



June 27, 2016 at 11:09 AM



“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



george mackey - June 27, 2016 at 09:02 AM



“ Phyllis & Family, Kathy & I send our condolences..we are sorry for your loss. I'm sure Donny will be missed by all. We remember the LHS mini reunion in Beverly Hills, amazing collection of friends and family. Wally & Kathy Donkus



John Donkus - June 27, 2016 at 07:43 AM



“ The passing of Colonel Jordan has struck an especially sad note with the former members of the 57th & 85th Aerial Port Squadron. “DJ” was loved and respected throughout the squadrons, not only because of his rank, but because he earned it through his actions. He always made a point to make sure his troop’s well being came first. He inspired us to do our very best at all times and epitomized our core values; Integrity first, Service before self, and Excellence in all we do. Rest in Peace Colonel.

Joe Rampino - June 26, 2016 at 08:46 PM



“ Phyllis, Butch and I are so very sorry for your loss. Words always seem so inadequate at times like this. Anyone who knew you, be it friends or family, could see that you and Don were true soulmates, God bless,
Butch and Brenda



Arthur and Brenda Wright - June 26, 2016 at 07:04 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. Your all in my thoughts & prayers.

Tracy Cole - June 26, 2016 at 04:42 PM



“ Phyllis, and family we are so very sorry to hear about Col. Jordan...He was such a wonderful man. He will surely be missed by all. Col. Jordan was such a wonderful commander in the Reserves, he was comforting, compassionate, caring and much more. Dick & I enjoyed you both stopping in to see us when you could, loved every minute we had with you both...

Please accept our deepest sympathies & condolences.

God Bless you and your family.

Lill & Dick Frost
Henry Demanche



“ To God, give the glory for making and sharing this kind man, with us all.

My thoughts and condolences are with the Jordan family.

Sincerely,

Keith M. Taylor
Air Force teammate

Keith M. Taylor - June 26, 2016 at 01:56 PM



“ Barbara lit a candle in memory of Donald L. Jordan



Barbara - June 26, 2016 at 01:48 PM



“ So sorry for the loss. He was a great man.
With love,
Fred & Barbara Cothren

Barbara - June 26, 2016 at 01:46 PM



“ It's hard to believe that Donnie is no longer with us - he always was such a presence-loved by everyone in our class of "57", and will certainly leave an empty space this year.

My most favorite memory of Don will always be our Junior year at LHS. We had 1 weeks to write a paper - Monday morning on the bus, the day it had to be turned in, Don got on in Lisbon and asked if I had completed the assignment. I had, of course, being the good little student I was. He asked if he could just borrow my paper to get some thoughts so he could write it in study hall. I told him he could look at it, but please only use ideas.

The following week our papers were passed back in class. The teacher made a comment about 1 papers being a lot alike- on one she gave an A, on the other a C. Donnie turned around and asked what my grade was - when I told him I had an A, he jumped up out of his seat and said " Are you saying I cheated?"

I then found out that he had pretty much used my whole paper - We had many laughs about it over the years.

Phyllis, i hope you will still come to our Golden Reunion- It sure will help fill the empty space.

Much love to you and your family.

Ginny

Ginny Starbird - June 26, 2016 at 12:38 PM



“ Kelly & Family: On behalf of the entire EmployeeMax family our heartfelt sympathies on the passing of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family during this difficult period.

Bob Curran

bob curran - June 26, 2016 at 10:55 AM



“ I will miss his e-mails, sense of humor, honesty and intelligence. His family will have many memories to blunt their loss.

Lucy Ann Wines

Lucy Ann Wines - June 26, 2016 at 10:43 AM