



Gary Wayne "GW" Jordan

November 6, 1947 - April 20, 2026

It's with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Gary Wayne "G.W." Jordan, 78, of Henderson, Kentucky, formerly of Evansville, who passed on April 20, 2026, surrounded by his loving family at his home under the care of St. Anthony's Hospice after a battle with Parkinson's.

Born on November 6, 1947, in Evansville to the late Delbert King "D.K." and Margrett (Gibbs) Jordan, he was a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ in German Township. He was a 1965 graduate of FJ Reitz High School on the wrestling team winning the first state title for the school. During his senior year at Reitz, Gary, along with his double cousin Randy Gibbs enlisted in the United States Marine Corps serving in Vietnam from 1965 to 1967 and awarded the Purple Heart by Gen. William Westmoreland for injuries suffered during his service. Gary was an insulator joining Local 37 in 1969, in 1985 he was one of the co-founders of Gribbins Insulation LLC where he retired in 2021.

Gary loved anything with a motor. He owned many cars and boats during his lifetime, especially Corvettes. He loved hearing the roar of an engine and working on cars, especially restoring his 1965 Big Block Corvette from the frame up and loved boating on Kentucky Lake. He also enjoyed spending winters in Ft. Myers, Florida with his wife Charlene and more recently in Destin, Florida with Charlene and his brother and sister-in-law, Rick and

Barbara Jordan.

GW loved sports and stayed very active. He was a 68-year member of the YMCA. He and Charlene would run 3-5 five miles every morning before work, completing 5 mini-marathons together. He played softball, basketball, racquetball and pickleball but his favorite game to watch was football he could tell you about every play and followed the Indianapolis Colts. He found great pleasure watching his grandkids play sports. GW was known for his shenanigans and stories making great friends along the way. He was always on time but never stayed for long and whatever he was doing he gave 110%.

Preceding his death are his parents and Randy Gibbs.

Surviving GW are his wife of 23 years, Charlene (Mattingly) Jordan; daughter, Patti Cosby (David); sister, Linda Jung (Ralph); brother Rick Jordan (Barbara); stepsons, Brian Willett (Kelly); Chris Stone (Laura) and Mark Stone (Stephanie); sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Darlene and Parvin Latta; grandchildren, David Gary, Jordan, Sydni, Brock and Brooke Cosby, Taylor and Talan Willett, Adelyn, William, Sophiann, Abel Stone and Landon Chandley, and eight great grandchildren, nieces and nephews along with his lifelong Reitz high school friends and his fur baby, CoCo Chanel

Funeral services for GW will be held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at Pierre Funeral Home, Pastor David Clifford officiating.

Friends may visit with the family from 11:00 AM until service time on Thursday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation or to St. Anthony Hospice in Henderson.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **23**. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



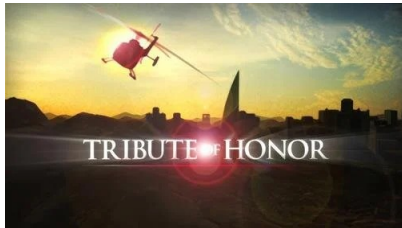
“ Pierre Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Gary Wayne "GW" Jordan



Pierre Funeral Home - April 23 at 02:53 PM



“ Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary Wayne "GW" Jordan



Pierre Funeral Home - April 21 at 06:11 PM



“ Elite Environmental purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Gary Wayne "GW" Jordan.



Elite Environmental - April 23 at 09:08 AM

EE

“ Elite Environmental planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Wayne "GW" Jordan.

Elite Environmental - April 23 at 09:08 AM

DM

“ Sorry for the loss. Gary was one of the good ones. May he rest in peace.

David & Cheryl Mills

David W Mills - April 22 at 05:27 PM

DB

“ *THOSE WERE THE DAYS MY FRIEND*

GARY

*Once upon a time there was a tavern
Where we raised a glass or two
Remember how we laughed away the hours
Think of all the great things we would do
“Those were the days my friend
We thought they’d never would never end
We’d sing and dance forever and a day
We lived the life we’d choose choose
We’d laugh and never lose
For we were young and sure to have our way
As the years went rushing by us
We lost our starry notions along the way
But when we would all be together
We’d laugh at one another and we’d say
Those were the days my friend...
Now today we stand before you
And hear you calling out our names
Oh my friend we’re older but no wiser
For in our hearts the dreams are still the same
“those were the days my friend
We thought they’d never would never end....*

*Forever loved,
Debbie, Tom, Marcia and Tony*

Debbie Wicker Borries - April 22 at 04:25 PM

BJ

“ Bobby & Missy Johnson purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Gary Wayne "GW" Jordan.



Bobby & Missy Johnson - April 22 at 04:18 PM

LM

“ Love, Tim & Nichole McClarney purchased the *Serene Retreat* for the family of Gary Wayne "GW" Jordan.



Love, Tim & Nichole McClarney - April 22 at 03:26 PM

JT

“ Jason & Misty and Aaron & Toni purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Gary Wayne "GW" Jordan.



Jason & Misty and Aaron & Toni - April 22 at 03:18 PM



“ 68 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pierre Funeral Home - April 22 at 10:05 AM

JW

“ Sympathy and prayers to Gary’s family. He was such a kind man. May he rest in peace.

Joyce Wilzbacher - April 22 at 07:56 AM

JK

“ Sending sincere condolences to your family in the passing of Gary. Our times together at Kentucky Lake on Pier 3 are ones we treasure as Good Times with Good Friends making lasting memories. 🙏 Prayers for comfort during the days, weeks, months ahead, especially for Charlene. May Gary soar high on his Angel Wings! God’s Blessings, Jack & Pam Kaffer

Jack & Pam Kaffer - April 22 at 07:44 AM

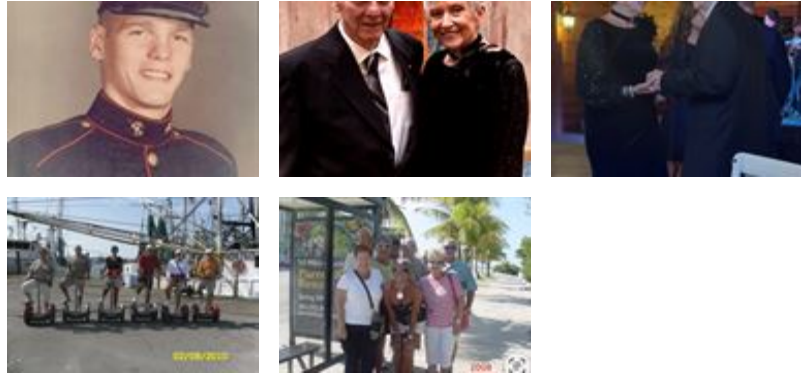
JB

I am so sorry to hear about Gary. To his family, I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Gary off and on in Local 37, and we played on a softball team together, Bills Body Shop. I liked Gary and he was always kind to me, treating me with respect. He was a good man. God bless you all, Jim Bonenberger

Jim Bonenberger - April 22 at 12:55 PM



“ 173 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Pierre Funeral Home - April 21 at 06:06 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Gary Wayne "GW" Jordan.



April 21 at 05:31 PM



“ *Derek, Tiffany, Rick, & Robin Beck* purchased the *Emerald Garden Basket* for the family of Gary Wayne "GW" Jordan.



Derek, Tiffany, Rick, & Robin Beck - April 21 at 11:48 AM

DB

“ Derek, Tiffany, Rick, & Robin Beck planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Wayne "GW" Jordan.

Derek, Tiffany, Rick, & Robin Beck - April 21 at 11:48 AM

JT

“ James T. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gary Wayne "GW" Jordan.



James T. - April 20 at 07:49 PM