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Thomas L. Jordan, 73, of Eldridge formerly of Clinton, Iowa, passed away Monday, June 24, 2024 at Genesis Medical Center - East. Per his wishes Cremation Rites have been accorded and no services will be held.

A Celebration of Life is being planned for a later date. Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes & Crematory is assisting the family and online condolences may be expressed by visiting his obituary at www.snellzornig.com.

Tom was born December 11, 1950 in Clinton, Iowa, the son of Leonard and Marilyn (Johnson) Jordan. He was a 1969 graduate of Clinton High School and earned his Bachelor's degree in teaching and coaching from Northeast Missouri (Truman) State University in 1974. While attending college he was a member of the Phi Sigma Epsilon Fraternity. He married Suzanne Reed on June 9, 1978 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Clinton, Iowa.

Tom taught middle school Industrial Technology and Physical Education at Riverdale Middle School in Port Byron, Illinois for 32 years. Coaching many sports during his career, including baseball at Clinton High School for more than 30 years. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed bow hunting, canoeing, kayaking, and biking. Tom participated in several Ragbrai rides over the years. He was an accomplished downhill snow skier. A 35 year member of National Ski Patrol and worked as a ski patroller and instructor at Chestnut Mountain in Galena, Illinois. He and his wife enjoyed camping, hiking, and biking while visiting many states in their motorhome.

Most of all, Tom enjoyed spending time with his family. He loved watching his granddaughters grow and participate in their sporting and school activities. He was thankful for the opportunity to meet his first grandson, watch him grow, and celebrate his first birthday.

Tom is survived by his wife Suzanne Jordan of Eldridge; children: Lindsey (Corey)



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Ramsey of Eldridge and Ryan (Brittany) Jordan of Parkview, Iowa; grandchildren: Ainsley, Teagan, Morgan, Kari, and Zachary Ramsey and Cillian Jordan; siblings: Sandy Sander of LeClaire, Debbie (Art) Snodgrass of Camanche, Steve (Ann) Jordan of Clinton, Mike (Lynn) Jordan of Parkersburg, West Virginia and Linda (Travis) Gregory of Ames. In-laws: Brian and Barb Reed of DeWitt, Jeff and Tina Detterman of Toddville, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister Cathy Franzen and several aunts and uncles.



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WC

Woody Miller Chs '85 posted:

I just learned of "Coach" Jordan's passing October 1st. My condolences on his passing. I played on Coach Jordan's 1st CHS sophomore baseball team along with "Coach" Leemhuis. We really enjoyed Coach Jordan & I always loved seeing him long after I got into umpiring baseball. He will be so missed by so many. Please take some comfort in knowing he made such a positive impact in so many players & students lives. God bless.

October 3 at 5:16 AM

CB

Christine Bock posted:

My condolences to the Jordan family for the loss of Tom. I would occasionally see him at family gatherings and funerals throughout the years, and always enjoyed his company. We have lost so many members now, including his parents and his sister, Cathy. I miss my aunt and uncle so much, as we often spent time together on vacations to Vegas, and playing Bingo at the Moose. I remember attending Tommy's wedding reception at the Moose as well. Always good times together, but just not enough of them. I know his suffering is over, and I pray his family finds strength and peace in all their memories with Tom. Rest well, dear cousin.

September 24 at 10:50 PM

SA

Sue Annear posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. Our family knew the Jordan family, from way back in the day, and his Mom and Dad stood up for my Mom and Dad's Wedding. Last time I saw Tommy, was at LK Stadium after a game...was a wonderful time to talk about our friendship from the past...I had not seen him in about 50 years...RIP Tommy...Sue Annear

June 29 at 4:49 AM

RR

Ron Reuter posted:

Sorry to hear of the passing of Thomas Jordan mailman, Ron Reuter

June 28 at 7:19 AM



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LH

Larry And Elizabeth Howe posted:

Liz and I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Sue, Lindsey, and Ryan and their families for the loss of Tom. Tom was a wonderful person who worked hard with the CHS freshmen and sophomore baseball players to develop not only "on the field" skills but also held them accountable for off the field behavior. He also loved the Mississippi river in the summer for canoeing with friends and family. He will be missed by the CHS family as well as his own family and friends. We wish you all peace and understanding in this most difficult time. Larry and Elizabeth Howe

June 27 at 3:03 PM

SW

Sue And Lenny Weih posted:

Sue and I send our most heartfelt sympathy to all the Jordan family! Tom stood for everything good that one can find in education-.whether it be in the classroom or on the baseball field!He helped me so much for years with River King baseball but more importantly helped countless young men which his life touched. He was tireless in giving of his time and talents to teach not only baseball but more importantly lessons in life ! Those fortunate to be his students or players learned the value of hard work, discipline, respect for all and being a team player.OUR only wish is that those same students saw him later in life when he was handed a struggle that he fought with tireless courage and never giving up so he could be the same AWESOME husband, father and grandfather til the end of his days. I NEVER heard him complain about "the deck he was handed in life!"I hope you were as blessed as Sue and I were to call Tom Jordan -OUR AWESOME friend!"Sue's favorite word was AWESOME when joy was brought to her heart -Tom did that for countless!!God bless you Sue and your wonderful family!

June 27 at 3:39 AM

AS

Angie Stone posted:

I had Mr. Jordan as a teacher at "the old Junior High" in Hillsdale. I became a teacher and would see Mr. Jordan when we would take our annual Ski Field Trip. He was always kind, had a smile, and claimed to remember having me as a student in study hall. Even if he didn't truly remember me; he never let on! Prayers for comfort and healing for all his family and friends.

June 26 at 5:52 PM



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BU

Beth Unrath posted:

Dear Sue, Lindsey, and Ryan, I am so sorry to hear of Tom passing. I taught with Tom at Riverdale Middle school for 16 years. He was such a pleasure to share the gym with..always had a great idea to improve the equipment or a better way to teach the kids a new skill. We took our 8th graders every year (when the snow cooperated) on a physical education field trip to Chestnut Mountain. Tom taught me to ski also! So many great memories! I know his family meant everything to him and I'm sure you all will miss him greatly. May he rest in Gods grace and peace. Beth Unrath

June 26 at 10:53 AM

RE

Rebecca posted:

Tom, a.k.a. Taco, was a large part of me being a successful ski patroller. I also taught and coached and shared many conversations with him. He will be deeply missed. Prayers of comfort for his family. Rebecca

June 26 at 9:57 AM

DS

Denise Schweer posted:

Tom was a Great mentor with Chestnut Ski Patrol. I can remember when he spent a whole day with me working on my "separation" he was so patient and kind to me. I really appreciated his expertise and his way in which he presented new ways to do things. He will be greatly missed. Denise Schweer.

June 26 at 4:48 AM

JS

Judy Sexton June 26 at 10:17 AM

Tom was coaching Clinton High Baseball when my son Darryl Sexton was playing- I loved his style and determination ! Chs was using the soccer field for our games and he wasn't happy! Great guy!!



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DA

Deb Allison posted:

Sue, Lindsey and Ryan, I cannot express how much Taco will be missed. He was always eager to help anyone at anytime. He was a great mentor to many people and made a lasting impression on Chestnut, Southern Region and Central Division ski patrol. He will be missed.

June 25 at 1:59 PM

SD

Steve Doane June 28 at 4:04 AM

So sorry to hear, Taco was a good man, I loved skiing with him. He will be missed.

SM

Sharon Monaghan June 26 at 4:43 AM

So sorry for your families loss

SB

Shawn Burden posted:

Sue i am so sorry to hear of Tom's passing . Cherish all your memories and know your friends and family are there for you. Take care !

June 25 at 12:02 PM

TS

Thelma Schaver posted:

Oh Sue I'm so sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed Tom coming into the Y, and especially talking Cubs 😊 I bring out the Cubs sign he made me every year for baseball season. He was a great guy. He will be missed. Prayers for you and the family and many hugs.

June 25 at 10:51 AM

RS

Ron Soenksen July 4 at 4:58 PM

Dear Sue and family, I am sorry to hear of Tom passing on. Tom and I had good times in high school and rooming together after college. We played slow pitch softball together and made 3 skiing trips to Colorado after college. He was a great friend all these year.

DM

Donna Matz June 26 at 12:38 PM

Sue, Don and I are so sorry to hear about Tom. You were both good neighbors.



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KC

Kate Cavanagh posted:

It was my absolute pleasure to work with Tom for 20 years at RMS. He was a perfectionist in the classroom as well as on the court or matt. A true friend and colleague. Thanks Sue and kids for sharing your dad with all of us at Riverdale Middle School. Kate Cavanagh

June 25 at 10:36 AM

DS

Don & Sheila sent a virtual gift in honor of Thomas.

Sue and family, Our sympathy to you and children Don & Sheila Franzen

June 25 at 10:13 AM



DW

David Ward posted:

Tommy was a true Clinton legend. We can not thank him enough for what he did for high school baseball. He had a true love of the game and caring for the young men he taught. He will be missed. His fight is over and he gave it his all. I will miss seeing him on his bike or when he kiyaked. Say hi to my dad

June 25 at 8:25 AM

SJ

Suzanne Jordan July 6 at 5:14 PM

Thank you Dave. We will miss him terribly, but know that he is pain free and at peace. I'm sure he and your dad are talking baseball!! 🙏❤️



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Thomas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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