



Mr. John Perry Jordan

September 21, 1944 - June 16, 2025

Mr. John Perry Jordan age 80, of Forrest City, Arkansas died on Monday, June 16, 2025, at his home in Forrest City.

Mr. Jordan was born on September 21, 1944, in Limestone, Tennessee. He was the son of Errock Jordan and Mary Campbell Jordan. He had a Masters degree in agriculture from the University of Tennessee and was huge Vols fan, was very active in the Forrest City Rotary Club, Ducks Unlimited, St. Francis County Historical Society, and Soup Kitchen at the Presbyterian Church in Forrest City. John was a active member of the Ridgewood Baptist Church and was a loan officer for the Production Credit Association of Forrest City for over 30 years.

John married Margie Nell Rickett in 1985, and she preceded him in death earlier this year. He is survived by a brother James Jordan and wife Joyce of Arkansas City, Kansas; a niece Maryellen Willens and husband Chris; brother-in-law Clarence Greene; great niece Alexis Willens; great nephews Joel Willens and Carson Willens all of Johnson City Tennessee; nephews Tony Glisson and wife Leeza of Bowling Green, Kentucky, Tim Wallace, Mark Wallace and wife Angie, Joey Rickett and wife Lylaine all of Corinth, Mississippi; niece Tamy Davidson and husband of Brentwood Tennessee.

There will be a visitation held at Stevens Funeral Home on Tuesday, from 6 to 8. The funeral service will be held at Ridgewood Baptist Church on Wednesday, June 18, at 2:00 p.m. Burial will follow at Mt. Vernon Cemetery in Forrest City. In lieu of flowers the family request memorials be made to

Ridgewood Baptist Church, P.O. Box 785, Forrest City, AR 72336. Visit online registry at stevensfuneralhome.net.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Vernon Cemetery

Highway 284
Forrest City, AR 72335

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stevens Funeral Home
220 North Washington
Forrest City, AR 72335
(870) 633-5400
info@stevensfuneralhome.net
<https://www.stevensfuneralhome.net/>

Funeral Service

JUN 18. 2:00 AM (CT)

Ridgewood Baptist Church
4002 Hwy 1 North
Forrest City, AR

Tribute Wall

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“ *Angela Wilburn lit a candle in memory of John Jordan* ”



Angela Wilburn - June 16, 2025 at 11:45 PM

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“ My dear friend, fellow Rotarian, historian, and most of all, my friend, John Jordan,

I was looking forward to sharing one more meal with you and updating you on the Forrest City Colored Cemetery. You were the one who refused to take no for an answer when I hesitated to visit an old, forgotten cemetery. You kept inviting me to Rotary, and eventually, I accepted—not just the lunch, but the membership.

A year later, I was on the Board of Directors. Two years in, I served as both Secretary and Treasurer, simultaneously. Then I made history by serving two terms as President. In just a few weeks, I'll pass the gavel, and I truly wish you were here to see it.

You paid for my first meal at the Blue Flame Café, surprised that I'd never been. You didn't rest until I sat down and had that first bite. That was you, thoughtful, persistent, and always nudging people toward what mattered.

Our love for history and community connected us deeply. But you gave me space to tell my stories, the stories of African Americans who looked like me. You were open-minded enough to want to know, to listen, and to care. That meant more than I ever said aloud.

And how could I forget, we were both chosen to serve as Grand Marshal of the Forrest City Parade. I cheered you on with pride when you received the honor, never imagining I would be given the same title two years later.

John, the conversations, the work, the memories... I'll carry them with me. You didn't just inspire me to love history, you encouraged me to write it, preserve it, and share it through the St. Francis County Historical Society.

You will truly be missed. But something tells me your heart was ready, to be with Marjorie again.

Rest well, my friend. The community will miss you, and so will I.

*With love and gratitude,
Angela*

Angela Wilburn - June 16, 2025 at 11:34 PM

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“ *Such a very caring man loved Ms Margie til her death and beyond. He loved his community with deep passion and was a life long member of Ducks Unlimited, he will be missed prayers for his family and friends.*

Randy & Robin Gehring - June 16, 2025 at 09:42 PM