

Vincent “VJ” Jordan
January 30, 1938 - June 25, 2023

Mass of Christian Burial
Thursday, July 6, 2023 10:00 a.m.
St. Mary Catholic Church
Fannett, Texas

GATHERING RITE

GREETING AND BLESSING OF THE BODY

As a reminder of Vincent’s Baptism, his casket has been sprinkled with Baptismal water. Then, a pall, recalling the white garment of his Baptism, is placed on the casket.

“If we have died with Christ, we are also to live with Christ in glory.”

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Lamentations 3:21-26

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23

Response: *“Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.”*

Second Reading

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading

John 6:35-40

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: *“Lord, hear our prayer.”*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts	<i>“Here I Am, Lord”</i>
Eucharistic Acclamations	Holy, Holy, Holy Mystery of Faith Great Amen
Communion Rite	The Lord’s Prayer Sign of Peace Lamb of God
Communion	<i>“One Bread, One Body”</i>
Meditation	
Prayer After Communion	

FINAL COMMENDATION

Invitation of Prayer

Song of Farewell

Response: Come to his aid, O saints of God;
Come meet him, angels of the Lord.
Receive his soul, O holy ones;
Present him now to God, Most High.

Response: May Christ who called you, take you home,
and angels lead you to Abraham.
Receive his soul, O holy ones;
Present him now to God, Most High.

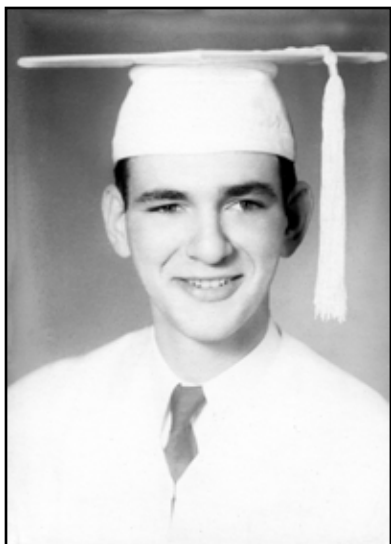
Response: Give him eternal rest, O Lord.
May light unending shine on him.
Receive his soul, O holy ones;
Present him now to God, Most High.

Response: I know that my Redeemer lives;
The last day I shall rise again.
Receive his soul, O holy ones;
Present him now to God, Most High.

Prayer of Commendation

PROCESSION TO PLACE OF COMMITTAL

Recessional *“On Eagle’s Wings”*



Vincent "VJ" Jordan, long-time resident of Labelle, Texas, died Sunday, June 25, 2023, in Huntsville, Texas, at the age of 85. He was born January 30, 1938, in Beaumont, to Annie Catherine Orlando Jordan and Joseph Jordan. His grandparents all immigrated from Palermo, Sicily around the turn of the century and settled in Beaumont where Vincent grew up along with his two younger sisters and numerous Italian cousins.

He began working at an early age delivering newspapers on his bicycle for the Beaumont Enterprise. He met his future wife, Noreen Aubey, when she was 12 and he was 14 because she happened to live on his paper route. They were smitten from the start, and he soon began altering his route so he could deliver the paper to her house last and then stay and visit with her and her siblings in the front yard for a while afterwards. They both attended St. Anthony Catholic School where they dated for over 5 years. He graduated from St. Anthony in 1956 and she in 1958. He then attended St. Thomas University in Houston for two semesters before the urge to start their life together interrupted his college plans. They married in April 1959 and had their first child, Joseph, in 1961, daughter, Ann, in 1962 and son, Richard, in 1963.

He began a full-time job with the Beaumont Enterprise where he worked the grave-yard shift composing the classified ad pages in the days of lead type. He always said he not only had some of the fastest fingers in the business but could also read upside down and backwards faster than anyone he knew!

Always a very skilled wood-worker, he won numerous awards for his model building including four Fisher Body Championships where he placed first or second in the State of Texas for his original automobile designs and hand-made balsawood models.

He moved his young family to Labelle in 1966 building their home on three acres on the corner of the Aubey land where they planted dozens of pine trees that eventually stood out conspicuously in the rice fields and pastures along Burrell-Wingate Road. He soon began building cabinets and taking on other carpentry projects in his spare time until eventually, he decided to quit the Enterprise and become his own boss which he was for the next 40 years. His reputation for quality work was so good that he never had to advertise and always kept busy from repeat customers and referrals. In addition to providing for his family, he also taught both his sons, and later his grandson, carpentry skills that would last their lifetimes.

Vincent loved his family and attending their school events, especially the Hamshire-Fannett High School football and playoff games. He loved traveling and would always try to get away during the summer for at least a week to go camping and canoeing, usually along the Guadalupe or Neches rivers. Later in life, he loved to fly up to Red Lake Ontario where he would spend several weeks each season doing renovations on a dozen remote fly-in fishing cabins.

He traveled twice to Italy and saw the Pope on both occasions and got to visit the small towns of Corleone and Chiusa Sclafani where his Sicilian grandparents had once lived. He always longed to go back again and loved talking about those trips for the rest of his life.

He adored his 4 grandkids and 8 great-grandkids who were truly the joys of his life. He never tired of visiting with them and was always bragging on one or another of them whenever an opportunity arose. He loved to tell stories and never met a stranger. People loved him for never being too busy to strike up a conversation and spend time getting to know them.

He became an Aggie Dad when his oldest became an Aggie in 1981 and was an avid Texas A&M fan for the rest of his life. He always had an Aggie hat or an Aggie shirt and his Aggie flag on his wall, truck or flying from his flag pole.

He was a life-long faithful Catholic who tithed in both good and hard times and he never turned down an invitation to use his skills when he could help the Church. Much like Joshua, he taught his family that he and his house would serve the Lord.

He is survived by his children, Joseph Jordan and his wife, Valerie, of Southlake; Ann Jordan Bartosh and her husband, James, of Huntsville; Richard Jordan of Huntsville; daughter-in-law, Leigh Jordan of Fannett; grandchildren, Chris Hefner and his wife, Melissa, of Pflugerville; Sherri Elder and her husband, Donny, of Fulshear; Whitney Matak and her husband, JR, of Fannett; Shelby Walker and her husband, James, of Hamshire; great-grandchildren, Benjamin, Sophia, Nicholas, Jordan, Brielle, Natalie, Ayla, Gentry Blaire; and numerous extended family members, loved ones, and friends through the years.

Vincent is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Noreen; and his two sisters, Connie and Catherine Jordan.

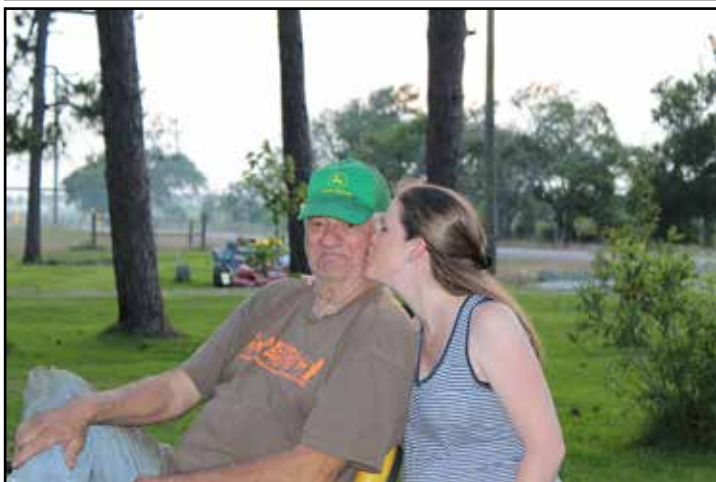




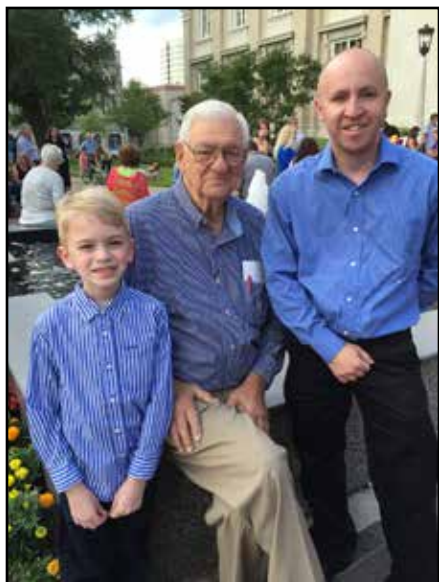






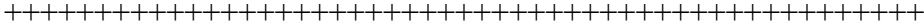




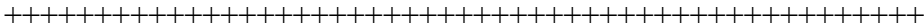








Celebrant	Reverend Eathan R. Oakes
Placing of the Pall	Joe Jordan and Ann Bartosh
Gift Bearers	Sophia Hefner and Brielle Elder
Lectors	Melissa Hefner, Whitney Matak Shelby Walker
Eucharistic Minister	Belva Dallison
Altar Servers	Natalie Matak and Ayla Matak
Music Minister	Denise Broussard
Pallbearers	Chris Hefner, Benjamin Hefner Donny Elder, Jordan Elder James Bartosh, Joe Jordan
Honorary Pallbearers	Nicholas Hefner, JR Matak James Walker, Jim Aubey Everett Dallison, Coy Broussard Sergio Jimenez



Interment
Jordan Family Cemetery
LaBelle, Texas



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