



# Jerry M. Jordan

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## **Jerry M. Jordan**

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**J**erry M. Jordan, age 76 of Rehoboth Beach, DE passed away on Tuesday, February 7, 2017, at Delaware Hospice Center, in Milford, DE. She was born Friday, January 17, 1941 in Charleston, SC, daughter of the late Henry and Patricia McDaniel.

Jerry started her career with the US Agency for International Development (USAID) in the first year of its existence as a Clerk/Typist recruited from North Carolina back when clerk/typists were hard to come by in DC. She worked her way up to a GS-15 as the Administrative Management Staff in every bureau in the Agency before going overseas as a Foreign Service Officer with the original Tiger Team in Budapest serving all of the Eastern Europe & Eurasia Bureau. Over the span of her 49 years with USAID, she traveled to 96 countries. Jerry has been presented with numerous awards including the prestigious Luther I. Replogle Award for Management Improvement at the State Department. Most recently Jerry has served up until her death as a Senior Management Advisor with the Office of Transition Initiatives (OTI). She was truly one of a kind and the Agency has benefited from her years of commitment to it.

Ms. Jordan is survived by her daughter, Ninette Corey of Virginia Beach, VA; her son, John Douglas Johnson of Olney, MD; her four grandchildren: John Johnson, Jr. of Fulton, MD, Jennifer Corey of Raleigh, NC, Madison Chicovsky of Roswell, GA and Peyton Johnson of Mount Airy, MD; her sister, Mary Ann Blackwood of Rehoboth Beach, DE; and many beloved cousins and nieces.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, February 13, 2017, at 11:00 AM at St. Edmond Catholic Church, 409 King Charles Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE where friends may visit beginning at 10:00 AM. Interment will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation at, 230 East Ohio Street, Suite 500, Chicago, Illinois 6061 or at <https://pulmonaryfibrosis.donorpages.com/Tribute/JerryJordan>



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Please sign Jerry's online guest book located on this site.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017 TO PARSELL FUNERAL HOMES, LEWES, DE.





# Events


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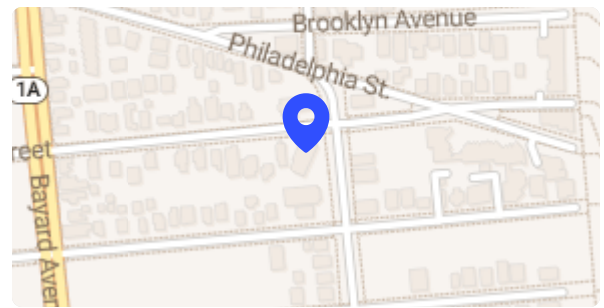
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## Visitation


 **Monday**, February 13, 2017


 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET


 **St. Edmond Catholic Church**  
409 King Charles Avenue, Rehoboth Beach DE  
19971

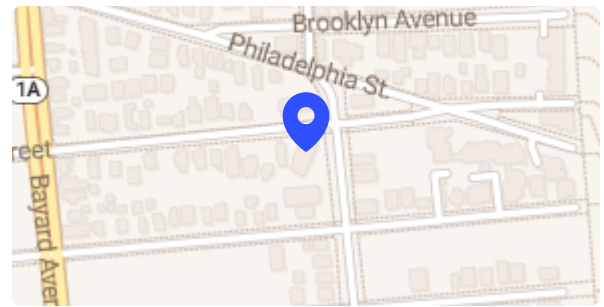


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## Tribute Wall

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CB

**Carla Barbiero** posted:

My dear friend Jerry and I met at work - she was someone I so looked up to because of her knowledge, class, discretion, and warmth - and because she was a champion for our agency, USAID, and for staffers that were serious about committing to our important work. She was tireless - always had time for you. As the years passed, Jerry became my girlfriend and I came to enjoy going to Rehoboth to see my Mom and Stepdad not only because they were there but because it gave me an opportunity to be with (at the casino or a restaurant or at her house) with Jerry! There will be another big void in my life with her passing. But I carry her in my heart always and thank God for the this wonder friend who had to confront too many challenges in her life - but had the strength to navigate thru them because of the love her children, grandchildren, sister, and other family members and many, many dear friends in the US and around the world where she served our country and her host countries AND because of the deep love and faith she had in her God. Hugs to you, Jerry. Love Carla

February 22 at 8:27 AM

DE

**Dena** lit a candle in honor of Jerry.



February 21 at 5:53 AM

WS

**Willette Jolly-Smith** posted:

So sorry to hear about the passing of Jerry. I remember the hospitality she showed me when I went to Budapest to do some training. She was the perfect hostess. My condolence to the family.

February 14 at 7:18 PM

SR

**Shirley Renrick** posted:

Family, Jerry and I worked together for some twenty years. We had much fun in the office and among friends afterwards. She had a keen wit and found humor in the most serious of situations. She was able to lighten the atmosphere for us all and make our working days more enjoyable. I will sincerely miss her. May you find peace in that she was well liked and made a wonderful contribution to society. Her friend, Shirley Renrick

February 14 at 2:13 PM



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FS

**Floyd Spears** posted:

I have great memories of the little red Vol. Wagon that Jerry and I shared for to and from work.

February 14 at 9:44 AM

CB

**Cousin Bunny** lit a candle in honor of Jerry.



February 13 at 4:20 PM

MC

**Merita Cana** posted:

Jerry was a special person, very kind and she always cared for people around her. It was truly a pleasure to know her and learn from the best expert. I'll remember her for the big spirit she had, and will miss her deeply. My sincere condolences. Merita

February 13 at 2:48 AM

RW

**Robert (Bob) Ward** posted:

To the Family: I had the pleasure of working with Jerry for most of my USAID career. Jerry was one of my mentors some 41 years ago when we both moved into the LAC/EMS Office. Jerry's warmth, generosity, bubbly personality and high energy always endeared her to me. She remained an exceptional colleague, friend and inspiration. I had the good fortune to reconnect with Jerry a couple of years ago; and the opportunity to spend the day with her, her sister Mary Anne, and friends one day last August. It was an absolutely great day getting reacquainted and sharing memories of USAID. A day I think of often with very fond memories. I always thought of Jerry as being like the "energizer bunny" -- all charged up and ready to move forward. I still saw this in her until the end. She put up a good fight, but God thought it was time that she rest. I will miss her deeply but will always consider my life brighter and richer for having known her for the past 41 years. To: Nanette, John and Mary Anne -- My prayers and heartfelt sympathies are with you. Robert A. Ward

February 12 at 12:29 PM



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JS

**Joycelyn Scriber** lit a candle in honor of Jerry.

To the Family: I'm so sorry for your loss. Jerry has left a wonderful legacy for you to follow and remember. Her high standards of professionalism, work ethics, character, values, sense of humor and love for all of mankind have been felt around the world. See will always be remembered. She loved and was concerned about her family. It was so funny, when she was end the office, especially on Friday, she would say, "I've gotta get out of here so I can get across that bridge before the traffic builds up!" She was a blessing to us on many occasions. RIP Jerry. JOB WELL DONE!To USAID: Jerry was like family! We just kinda always felt she would be there. I worked with Jerry for many years directly and indirectly. When I retired in 2009, she was working with the Tiger Team assisting the Europe and Eurasia Bureau. We could always count on Jerry. She loved to travel. She will surely be missed but she will forever be in my heart. Jscriber

February 12 at 8:01 AM



HL

**Hazel Corey Lovett** lit a candle in honor of Jerry.

February 11 at 2:28 PM



CS

**Cecilia Sun** posted:

Jerry, my courageous and true friend in Islamabad! I will miss the good times, fun, and laughter we shared. I was planning to come and see you but you said you were too busy. I'm so sorry I didn't make it! I will miss you! Cecilia

February 11 at 5:43 AM



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HH

**Howard Handler** posted:

The important thing in life is not how long a person lives but what the person accomplishes during their life. Jerry was an exceptional human being, She touched the lives of so many in so many ways. Just read the tributes. Need one say more? I have lost a special person; a person near and dear to me for over 35 years. Rest in peace dear Jerry. You will be missed, Howard Handler

February 11 at 4:49 AM

VJ

**Velma Jones** February 11 at 9:50 AM

Jerry, my dear friend, we worked together for so many years and you were always that energetic and smart Lady that kept things going. I will forever remember your kind spirit. Rest in Peace, my friend. Velma Jones (Vejay)



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Jordan family.



February 11 at 4:46 AM

HH

**Howard Handler** posted:

Condolences to the family on the loss of a wonderful human being.

February 11 at 4:41 AM

AC

**Andras Cseresnyes** lit a candle in honor of Jerry.



February 10 at 9:33 PM

LW

**Love, Chris And Nancy Ward** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Jordan family.



February 10 at 2:06 PM



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SS

**Susanna Karap-Szilagyi** posted:

We were colleagues of Jerry at RSC.Budapest (Tiger Team). Her commitment, dedication, and expertise to her work was amazing. She always had so much energy. She will be missed greatly. Rest In Peace. Susanna Karap-Szilagyi and Gabor Szilagyi

February 10 at 11:29 AM

RS

**Rebecca Salvaiz** posted:

Ms. Jerry was an amazing person with an amazing helping spirit for all. I will never forget her help and guidance. She was graceful and she was fearless. Her last text to me was "My spirits are high and i remain hopeful. I dont give up easily" I will miss her.Deep condolences to the family.Rebecca Salvaiz

February 10 at 9:45 AM

TH

**Thomas Holmes** posted:

The world and the rest of us have lost a very special friend but heaven has gained an angel. Jerry's smiles, wit and laughs will be missed! We will always hold Jerry in a special place in our hearts.LoveTom Holmes and Mario RochaRehoboth Beach, DE

February 10 at 9:22 AM

CS

**Csaba Szilagyi** posted:

You have touched our lives Jerry and we will remember you with love and great respect. Will miss you very much. Magdi and Csaba

February 10 at 7:26 AM

SK

**Soraja Van Greunen (Kruger)** posted:

Thank you for your openness and kindness to people of all walks of life. You treated us all the same, with the utmost respect and humanity. You were truly one of a kind!

February 10 at 7:21 AM



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NC

**Nancy Carroll** posted:

Jerry is my hero! She was so courageous dealing with her illness. She never gave up! I will miss her friendship and our luncheons with the other Divas. RIP dear friend. Nancy Carroll

February 10 at 6:27 AM

CM

**Caroline D. McGraw** posted:

I never thought Jerry would slow down or quit working. She was a short but great ball of energy and enthusiasm. She is quite likely the best known and universally respected AID staffer ever. Her integrity and professionalism was profound. And, of course, there was that unbelievable sense of humor. Will we ever forget the first class toilet paper airplane ride, the staple in the finger, the slap on the back at the water fountain, and of course, refusing to let Administrator David Bell into the bureau Christmas Party. There were times when she made me laugh so hard I got a cramp in my heart. Will she be missed? By people all over the world, of many nationalities, young and old, peers and supervisors, and so very many that she personally helped out in so many ways. I regret that we couldn't have gotten together again in recent years, maybe an encore performance of the "AB and the Precepts". She leaves us much to ponder -- how to succeed with honor and kindness and humor. Well, my friend. rest in Eternal peace and know that you were loved and made this earth a far better place for having been here.

February 10 at 6:12 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Jordan family.



February 10 at 5:22 AM

MB

**Margaret Bulin** posted:

How do you say good-bye to someone whose personality lit up a room everywhere she went? I will always cherish the years of laughter and love shared with cousin Jerry and will hold those memories deep in my heart. I take comfort in knowing she is with her dear Mom & Dad and my Mom, Martha Rose, who loved her first cousin dearly!!! I know there was a heck of a reunion going on up there. May God bless Jerry and all those who loved her! Margaret Mary Akra Bulin

February 10 at 4:27 AM



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TS

**Terry Stephan** posted:

So sorry for your loss. She was a joyous person with a loving and caring style that made her dear to us all. She will be missed.

February 10 at 4:26 AM

LT

**Ljiljana Testen** posted:

Great Lady, one of the kind... our dear Jerry. I hope that the grieving family may find some comfort in fact that their loved one was also very much loved and appreciated by so many people all around the world. She was helping, teaching, leading and supporting so many colleagues over so many years, being the best Ambassador of her country. Jerry will be missed in so many ways. I was privileged to know her and learn from her. I lighted a real candle when I heard the sad news... now may Jerry rest in peace. She will live in our memories forever. Deep condolences to her family from Sarajevo, Bosnia.Ljiljana

February 10 at 3:45 AM

JB

**Jean Anne Beasley** posted:

We knew Jerry in Budapest when she was with the Tiger Team. She always had such a positive attitude towards her work and her friends. She knew her stuff, but never lost her sense of humor and was definitely a participant in all our parties. Later on when we were all back in Washington and I would meet her in the hallways of the RRB, she always had the latest news of mutual friends and career advice as needed. Jerry, you will be missed by many.

February 10 at 3:42 AM

DS

**Dijana Spaseva** lit a candle in honor of Jerry.

February 10 at 2:30 AM



TL

**Tamara Leschenko** lit a candle in honor of Jerry.

February 10 at 12:49 AM





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DS

**Dejan Stojicic** lit a candle in honor of Jerry.

Great loss of great person. AID teams in Belgrade Serbia and Podgorica Montenegro will always cherish your guidance and expertise. Rest in peace

February 9 at 10:29 PM



AR

**Ani Retak** lit a candle in honor of Jerry.

February 9 at 9:34 PM



CF

**Carolyn Fields** lit a candle in honor of Jerry.

Will miss seeing her smiling face at future class reunions. Jerry was a special friend all through high school. All those wonderful slumber parties, staying up all night laughing and playing penny poker. Lots of laughs to remember.

February 9 at 2:24 PM



SA

**Sandra** lit a candle in honor of Jerry.

Jerry, my dear Jerry, you were an important person in my life. Thank you for your time and the wisely advice you gave me last November during the difficult time I was going through. You totally comforted and lighted me. I will miss you so much. Your Mexican friend: Sandra

February 9 at 2:13 PM



CV

**Charlie And Diana Venable** lit a candle in honor of Jerry.

February 9 at 1:52 PM



FE

**Faye Hardee Ewell** lit a candle in honor of Jerry.

February 9 at 12:34 PM





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FE

**Faye Hardee Ewell** posted:

Jerry was my Best Friend for 60 years. There will never be another one like her. She was so loving and was always there when you needed her. No matter where in the world she was you knew she cared. My thoughts and prayers go out to Ninette, John and Mary Ann and all her family. May God give you peace and comfort during this time. We have all lost someone very special. Faye Hardee Ewell

February 9 at 12:32 PM

CM

**Caroline Mcgraw** lit a candle in honor of Jerry.



February 9 at 12:09 PM

CW

**Cathy Welsh** posted:

To the family of JERRY so sorry for your loss, i go way back with Jerry back in our younger days Loss contact years she lived two house from me in Greenville, I moved a way to Massachuette loss contact with her,

February 9 at 9:18 AM

PS

**Patsy Styron** posted:

The world has lost a special person, and I have lost a special friend. Even living a long distance, she always made a special effort to attend our class reunions. She was an important member of the Class of '58 of JH Rose High and will be missed. Sincere condolences are extended to her family. Patsy Corey Styron Greenville, NC

February 9 at 5:32 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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