



David Victor Jordan

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David Victor Jordan PhD of Richland, WA passed away July 11, 2014 following a valiant battle with pancreatic cancer. Dave was born in Tacoma, WA and was preceded in death by his father Dick Jordan. He leaves his mother, Barbara J. Rauscher and various aunts, uncles and cousins.

Dave graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Washington in 1987 and received his doctoral degree in Nuclear Physics from MIT in 1994. Dave was devoted to his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and placed Him above all else in his life. Dave had great love and passion for mathematics and science and was described by Professor Wm. Bertozzi of MIT as being “one of the most highly intelligent and intrinsically imaginative” students he had ever mentored. He went on to say that this combination was not often found and gave Dave the ability to be an extremely gifted problem-solver. Dave’s great wit and subtle humor, his kindness and compassion for those less fortunate, and his unwavering devotion to God and family will be truly missed by those who knew him best.

A Celebration of Dave’s Life will be held August 3rd at 2 pm at Mt. View Funeral Home 4100 Steilacoom Blvd. SW Lakewood, WA 98499

In lieu of flowers, please consider Dave’s compassion for mistreated animals by making a donation to the Humane Society.



Events


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Celebration of Life

 **Sunday**, August 3, 2014

 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM PT


 **Mountain View Aspen Chapel**
4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood WA 98499

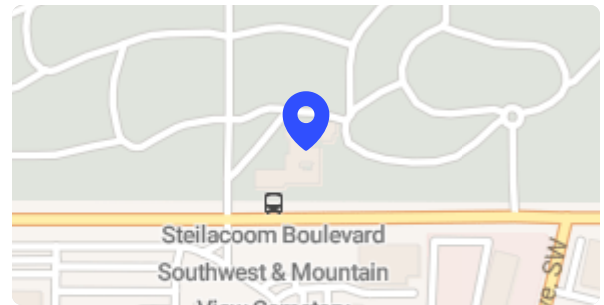


Reception

 **Sunday**, August 3, 2014

 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM PT

 **Mountain View Celebration of Life Center**
4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood WA 98499





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M

Michelle Vigna posted:

I did not know of Dave's passing until recently and I will always remember having my first piece of pecan pie at Johnny's in Fife with Dave... -I laughed the entire time as we shared a sweet time.... Dave defined "Independent study" at Fife High School Wearing his headphones and speaking fluent French on his own..... So funny and so humble - He always made me laugh..., I remember his iconic comic book collection and thinking - So people really do read these.... what a beautiful soul.

January 20 at 10:59 PM

GG

Gordon Gow posted:

Not sure my thing is posted G here D's best college bud I would appreciate anyone reaching out I am not good at this.

June 25 at 1:36 AM

GG

Gordon Gow posted:

He's not deceased I'm his best College friend. Nobody mentioned he was Presidential Award Best Student 1987. Walked up like a Champ, leaving me alone with his FAM who had Box Seats at Hec Eds with Dave,me and Dick that Day. I met Dave, knew Dave, Prayed and Rocked with Dave. Taught Dave all the Sociology he knows. He's playing Frisbee. If anyone wants a copy of his Binder of short stories I have it here somewhere but don't drink milk first unless you want it coming out of your nose. If you're reading this Dave I am the ONLY one who knows you are alive apparently.

June 25 at 1:12 AM



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PB

Paula Bachelor posted:

Dave Jordan was the principle investigator for a standoff radiation detection project, and I was asked to help develop large radioactive sources for use outdoors in a field demonstration of different systems. What we thought would be a 3-month effort took the best part of a year, and was the start of a very satisfying professional collaboration team. Even better, it was the start of a wonderful friendship. Who'd have thought that sitting outdoors for three nights in a row taking data could be so entertaining? I'll never forget going to the staff mixer at PNNL Laboratory Director Len Peter's home, where Dave, my husband, and I banded together to look like we were socializing. We actually did socialize with other folks a bit, but we were all looking at our watches to figure out when it would be safe to depart without giving offense. We all would have been much happier with a board game...

August 18 at 11:17 AM

AS

Adam Sarty posted:

David was the first graduate student I met and worked with at MIT when I arrived as a postdoc in his group in 1992 - and I remember vividly what a leader he was within the group, how much he taught me during our overlapping time, how much I continued to learn later from the work he left behind, and how his sharp wit and humour set him apart. I was saddened to hear of his illness and passing, and my thoughts and prayers are with him and his loved ones.

August 14 at 6:29 AM

RF

Richard Florizone posted:

I was very sorry to hear of David's passing. I met Dave in grad school at MIT, where we had the same thesis adviser and overlapped by about a year. I have vivid memories of his warmth, his smile and laugh, and his great sense of humor. My sincere condolences to all of his friends and family.

August 14 at 5:50 AM



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ST

Selena Triebwasser posted:

David was such a humble and brilliant person! He had this great mix of intelligence, athleticism, humor and humility all wrapped up together! I remember in 3rd grade we both had Mrs. Rogers (those of you that remember Mrs. Rogers know that you never wanted her for your 3rd grade teacher!). The cold/flu had hit our class hard, and David and I both had the sniffles. David and I sat next to each other and one day during class, David kept sniffing and sniffing and chose to sit in his seat as to not upset class (and Mrs. Rogers) instead of getting up and getting a kleenex, and Mrs. Rogers came UNGLUED and started yelling at me because she thought I was the one sniffing! David just froze and didn't speak up (Shoot...I don't blame him!). He apologized and apologized for that after class and felt so bad. The next day he brought us our own box of Kleenex so that we would NEVER have to bring attention to ourselves again in Mrs. Rogers class! He was just plain awesome!

August 11 at 6:49 AM

BG

Bryce Greenfield posted:

Working with David these past few years I got a tiny glimpse of his truly brilliant mind. I emphasize it being only a glimpse because just as others have pointed out he was humble. Very rarely in this world do you come across brilliance and rarer still is finding that brilliance coupled with humility. Dave was one of the best and his loss will be hard to overcome. To his family, you gave the world a gift by raising such an outstanding human being. Thank you for letting us borrow and work with such a great man. Take pride in his accomplishments as I know he credited you with making them possible.

August 8 at 1:48 AM

BM

Ben Mcdonald posted:

I was fortunate to work with Dave the last 4.5 years. I always learned something new in every interaction. I witnessed his brilliance in solving problems and his courage and even joy in the face of his diagnosis. He certainly never complained, but expressed gratitude for his years. His response showed a real depth and a mature faith, something I will remember. I miss his collegiality, his outstanding sense of humor, and stopping by his office to visit and talk science. My thoughts and prayers are with his friends and family.

August 7 at 5:19 PM



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MM

Mitchell Myjak posted:

Dave was a true gentleman and an inspiring character. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

August 4 at 12:06 PM

JV

Jan Vosler posted:

Rest in peace David. It was a pleasure and honor to help you in your time of need, you will be missed and god bless. Jan

August 4 at 8:13 AM

SJ

Susie Jodoin lit a candle in honor of David.



August 1 at 5:13 PM

SJ

Susie Jodoin posted:

I only knew Dave since Dec. but he had such love & devotion to his Mom, and she to him. In this world that's a special treasure. It was a profoundly sad event the day the left this earth. Our loss is heavens gain.

August 1 at 5:13 PM



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BR

Bruce Reid posted:

I had only recently met Dave at the Laboratory a couple of years ago. He was doing some cutting-edge mathematical modeling for my project. He was very focused and creative in his work. I really enjoyed working with him, since he was someone you could count on and take at their word. Even though I have only known him a couple of years, I judged him to be of strong character. Yes, he also had a subtle but clever sense of humor. We miss him greatly on our project. So much potential and lost too soon. My condolences to his family and friends, who have lost so much more than I.

August 1 at 4:34 PM

GG

Gordon Gow June 25 at 1:21 AM

As his friend I can say that is a nice thing how you say you consider those whose loss may be more difficult. For some like myself his best bud it's still simply impossible and I don't think he has departed. Hang in there.

CO

C. Orton posted:

I had the pleasure of working with Dave over the last few years. He was brilliant, funny, and kind. I always enjoyed our conversations, and I always learned something. He could always be counted on, not only for excellent work but also for a smile, for a laugh, and as a friend. He is greatly missed.

July 30 at 3:02 PM

CP

C. Parker posted:

Dave was quiet and humble and filled with hope and faith regarding his diagnosis. A group of us prayed over him at church and he was calm and at peace. Dave's absence from his friends and family is such a great loss. My heartfelt condolences to all of you. His presence with Christ is full of hope and new life. Blessings! C. Parker

July 30 at 4:14 AM

PK

Paul Keller posted:

As a co-worker of Dave's, I was saddened to hear about his passing. He was highly intelligent, a good problem solver, but also humble and down to earth.

July 29 at 5:26 AM



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CJ

Clayton Johnson posted:

One of the very best, if not the best, student I ever had the honor of teaching beginning Chemistry in High School. He was everything a teacher could hope to have in a student. Everyone liked him, and besides being so intelligent, he could toss a frisbee farther than anyone else in the student body! A great loss - peace to his memory. Clayton Johnson

July 27 at 7:46 AM

VS

Valerie Oren Stewart July 28 at 1:22 PM

I forgot about Dave's frisbee skills. Thanks for the memory.

TJ

Tj posted:

Offering sincere condolences. I too have lost a close loved one due to cancer. What has helped me is looking forward to the time of the fulfillment of the words mentioned at Isaiah 33:24 and Rev. 21:4,5. What an exciting time that will be when there will be a bringing back to life instead of losing! (John 5:28, 29) God never lies, may this hope bring you comfort.

July 26 at 11:28 PM

TP

Tracy Porcelli posted:

I have so many happy memories working with Dave at TRIUMF in Vancouver, DJ you were always the man who could solve any problem, always there to help with a chuckle or light sense of humor--you will truly be missed my friend. You were taken too soon from this world, god must have a higher plan for you. My condolences to the entire family.

July 26 at 5:36 AM

GA

Gaye posted:

For David, "While we are mourning the loss of our friend, others are rejoicing to meet him behind the veil." John Taylor

July 25 at 7:41 PM



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DA

Deanne Addy posted:

I remember sitting in front of Dave in French class and exchanging phrases in French and creating our own French dishes!

July 24 at 4:39 PM

GG

Gordon Gow June 25 at 1:33 AM

I'm Gordon D's best bud I know all of you maybe but Jeff for Sure. Thanks with those Pendleton Blankets and orderly Preppy Sweaters I was astounded at neatness, as commented to D every visit. Probably peeked into shelf! My down road dorm then crewhouse life seemed entirely chaotic and I'd never to this day see how you managed the smaller room. However Napoleon Kaufman Running Back and the VIEW! It took me time but I saw it. Everyone loved Dave in that Monstrous Building. Where was the Bathroom! Oh jeez. Thanks Jeff I remember you vividly and to Gals here too reach out please I am Mister Denial.

JC

Jeff Christensen March 8 at 12:21 PM

Dave was my college roommate for two years and was one of the smartest, nicest and funniest people I'd ever met...or have met since. We were two very different people that life put together, but he was one of the few people who could make me laugh out loud. I hope he's making them roll up there.

RM

Ruby Mcneill July 18 at 3:46 AM

I have another memory of David that hasn't been mentioned because none knowing him as an adult would know. I was a very good friend of David's mother, Barbara. At David's 4th birthday party he got up on the counter and WALKED through his birthday cake. He was so bright, in part, because he had such an astounding mother to guide him early on. I can't believe that he left this world before his mother (and fortunately she wasn't made aware of it). What a loss of two wonderful people.

VS

Valerie Oren Stewart July 28 at 1:21 PM

Ah yes, I remember it well. While the rest of us were struggling with "Bon jour. Ca va?" in French I and II, he quietly advanced to about French XXVI. But in the usual Dave Jordan way, he never flaunted his skill. You were truly formidable, Dave. If you are reading this from your new vantage point, you'll get the joke. I miss you.



Memories only last if you share them

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



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