



## Virginia Jordan

December 23, 1933 - April 14, 2018

A Funeral Service for Virginia Jordan has been scheduled for 10:00 AM, Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at Tulsa Christian Fellowship in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Gigi was born in Kentucky, December 23, 1933, to a Yankee who went to Princeton, Frederic (Fritz) Avery, and a southern gal, Bessa Mae Matthews. They later settled in Holly Grove, Arkansas, where Gigi spent most of her formative years before college. Her father worked for the Army Corps of Engineers, and her mother was an English teacher. Gigi's mother's correction of the kids' English was legendary.

Gigi was a talented artist, and went to Mississippi State College For Women (MSCW), where she earned a bachelor's degree in fine arts. While in college, a local businessman who headed a thriving brand, Tuffy Toilet Seats, enlisted Gigi to create a logo for the brand, which was used by the company for decades after.

Her art remained a significant element of her personality. She painted prolifically, and some of her landscapes, still life, and other art still adorns the home where she settled in Broken Arrow. She was very talented, and she might have earned a decent living with her talent, but she set it aside, in the norm of the day, to be a wife and mother.

She met Herb when he was a new Air Force enlistee, and they married June 16, 1955 at Holly Grove Presbyterian Church. The Jordans moved a lot – consistent with Herb’s ever-changing assignments, and his rising ranks in the Air Force.

The year they were married, Gigi was stricken with polio, ironically the same year that Jonas Salk introduced his newly-discovered vaccine which essentially eradicated the dread disease. It came just too late for Gigi.

Though she recovered, the recovery wasn’t complete. The polio left a life-long reminder: Gigi always walked with a limp, with one leg not quite able to support her consistently.

Their Air Force journey together took them from Texas to Louisiana, South Dakota to Southern California and eastern Washington state. Later, they’d live in Northern Virginia, where Herb was stationed at the Pentagon. Rome, NY, and Shreveport, Louisiana were their last two posts.

Gigi would set up housekeeping in a new place every few years, moving their growing family. Her oldest, Barbara, was born two years after their marriage, in December, 1957, when they lived in Sherman, Texas. Russell was born a little more than a year later. She raised the two through the moves, and then Peter came along in 1968, a late addition to the Jordan family.

In the 1970s, Gigi was a teacher of Scripture to women, youth and children, and was the most significant factor in the forming faith of her children, by Herb’s admission.

After Herb’s retirement, they moved to the hometown of her mother, Bessa, Rogers, Arkansas. They always liked northwest Arkansas, and especially liked Beaver Lake which was less than 30 minutes away, and where her dad

had helped “build” Beaver Lake. The lake was created when the Corps dammed the White River to create the lake. They had property there, where they intended to build a lake home (which they later did – called Avery Acres – you can now rent a piece of family history by staying there).

In Rogers, Gigi quickly became involved in local faith activities, including their long-term membership in Immanuel Baptist Church, where they remained until they moved in with her daughter and husband in 2015. She also began a long-term association with Loving Choices Pregnancy Center, a crisis pregnancy center in Rogers. This was about Gigi’s faith-informed pro-life convictions – putting the walk to her pro-life talk. She was passionate about life, and about saving babies.

Gigi volunteered as a counselor, and through the years counseled many women who’d experienced a crisis pregnancy. Only the Lord knows how many children were born into the world as a result of Gigi’s faithful and Godly counsel at a point of crisis in the lives of these women. She invested years in this ministry, as well as other volunteer activities with the center. She eventually also served on the board of directors, as did Herb. It was a focal point of her faith convictions for more than 25 years.

When Loving Choices opened a new facility in Rogers in 2015, just months after they’d moved in with us in Oklahoma, Herb and Gigi made what became her last visit to their longtime hometown. They honored her at the grand opening, naming a counseling room after her.

Gigi moved to the Tulsa area in 2015 to be with family, a few years after her diagnosis of Alzheimers. After a long battle with the disease, Gigi passed from this life into eternity with Christ on April 14, 2018.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Herb; daughter Barbara Sullivan and her husband Bill of Broken Arrow, OK; son Russell Jordan and his wife Brenda, of Dallas, Texas; and son Peter Jordan and his wife Kim, of Atlanta, Georgia. She is also survived by a younger sister, Elizabeth McCuiston, known to all as Sissy, of Dallas, and her three children and their families. Also, Gigi has five grandchildren: Lisa Sullivan of Tulsa; Laura Embry and her husband Sam, of Tulsa; David Jordan and his wife Janey, of Houston; Lenny Jordan of Atlanta, and Heath Jordan of Atlanta.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be made to Loving Choices Pregnancy Centers of Rogers, AR - [www.supportlc.org](http://www.supportlc.org)

# Cemetery Details

## Floral Haven Memorial Gardens

6500 S. 129th E. Ave.  
Tulsa, OK 74012  
(918) 252-2518

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

APR 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

Tulsa Christian Fellowship  
2121 E. 3rd St.  
Tulsa,, OK 74104

# Tribute Wall



“ *Virginia Jordan*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



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**Bill Sullivan** - April 18, 2018 at 07:07 AM



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**Bill Sullivan** - April 18, 2018 at 07:04 AM



“ *Mark M. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Virginia Jordan.*



**Mark M.** - April 17, 2018 at 03:13 PM

MC

“ *Much love, Brian and Joni Cline purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Virginia Jordan.*



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**Much love, Brian and Joni Cline** - April 16, 2018 at 11:40 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Virginia Jordan.*



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April 16, 2018 at 05:28 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Virginia Jordan.*



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April 16, 2018 at 03:06 PM

MC

“ *Missy, Karla, Mark Calcagni and Bill Copelin purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Virginia Jordan.*



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**Missy, Karla, Mark Calcagni and Bill Copelin** - April 16, 2018 at 02:53 PM



“ *Lord Bless Digital Music Box was purchased for the family of Virginia Jordan.*



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April 16, 2018 at 10:47 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Virginia Jordan.*



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April 16, 2018 at 10:19 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Virginia Jordan.*



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April 15, 2018 at 04:07 PM



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Hayhurst Funeral Home - April 15, 2018 at 02:55 PM



“ It is our honor and privilege to serve the Jordan family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Virginia Jordan.



Hayhurst Funeral Home - April 14, 2018 at 12:29 PM