



## Vince Jordan

October 18, 1962 - March 21, 2026

Mr. Vince Jordan passed away on March 21, 2026, at his home in Dumas, Mississippi, following a courageous battle with cancer. He was 63 years old.

Vince was born on October 18, 1962, in Memphis, TN, to Joseph Rayburn Jordan and Nora Frances Collier Jordan. Vince was a proud graduate of Ripley High School, Class of 1982. He went on to earn his Bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University in 1986, later continuing his education at the University of Mississippi, where he received his Master's degree in Educational Leadership.

Vince dedicated his life to education and to the young people he mentored along the way. He served as a coach at both Tishomingo County High School and Ripley High School, where he inspired countless student-athletes. In recognition of his impact, he was named Class 3A Coach of the Year in 1992. He later transitioned into administration, serving as assistant principal at South Pontotoc High School and principal at Myrtle Attendance Center. At the time of his passing, he was serving as Principal at Mill Creek in Pontotoc.

Throughout his career, Vince touched the lives of many—students, athletes, colleagues, and friends—leaving behind a lasting legacy of dedication, leadership, and care. Vince was also honored and humbled to be an elder at Ripley Presbyterian Church.

Above all, Vince was a devoted family man. He shared 38 loving years of marriage with his wife, Paula Criswell Jordan. He was a proud and loving father, a cherished grandfather known as "Poppy," and a loyal friend to many. A passionate sports enthusiast, Vince especially loved college athletics and enjoyed following teams across the SEC. His heart, however, always belonged to the Mississippi State Bulldogs. In honor of his love for SEC sports, those attending services are invited to wear their favorite school colors.

Vince is preceded in death by his parents Joseph Rayburn Jordan and Nora Frances Collier Jordan; and his in-laws, Herbert C. Criswell, and Joyce Woolsey Criswell.

Service officiated by Rev. Dr. Jody Hill

Vince is survived by his wife Paula Criswell Jordan of Ripley, MS; his son Justin Jordan (Breanna) of Ripley, MS; his daughter Jenna Jordan Hopper (Austin) of Ripley, MS; his brothers Greg Jordan (Betty) of Brandon, MS, and David Jordan (Leslie) of Madison, MS; his sister Debbie Flake (Ricky) of Ripley, MS; his grandchildren Autumn Mayes, Reice Mayes, Elizabeth Jordan, Jerzey Cate Jordan, Brooks Hopper, Tatum Hopper, and Vivi Hopper; and a host of nieces and nephews.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 28. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Ripley Presbyterian Church  
302 West Cooper St.  
Ripley, MS 38663

## Memorial Service

MAR 28. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

BL

“ Coach Jordan was a great person and mentor called from this life too early. This world will be a lesser place without him. Thank you for the impact you made in my life 40 years ago in 1986. Ben Luttrell Tishomingo High School Class of 1986.

Benjamin Luttrell - April 15 at 04:43 AM

BN

“ Mr. Vince was always so kind and respectful. I enjoyed our interactions at Millcreek! He had such a lasting affect on everyone who came in contact. I am sending all the love and prayers!



Brandy Nobles - March 28 at 09:22 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Vince Jordan.



March 27 at 11:43 AM

GF

“ Grubbs, Hester and Hollis family. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Vince Jordan.



Grubbs, Hester and Hollis family. - March 26 at 02:43 PM

GF

“ Grubbs, Hester and Hollis family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vince Jordan.

Grubbs, Hester and Hollis family. - March 26 at 02:43 PM



“ Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vince Jordan.



March 24 at 07:02 PM

TT

“ The Thorntons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vince Jordan.

The Thorntons - March 24 at 05:05 PM

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“ The Thorntons purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Vince Jordan.



The Thorntons - March 24 at 05:05 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Vince Jordan.*



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March 24 at 04:28 PM



“ *Pamsimpson lit a candle in memory of Vince Jordan*



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**pamsimpson** - March 23 at 08:26 PM



“ *I worked with Mr. Vince at Millcreek. He was a great mentor and friend. I will cherish our memories together. I am so sorry for your loss.*

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**Kate Dunlap** - March 23 at 06:49 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vince Jordan.*



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March 23 at 04:45 PM

SB

“ Prayers and love to all the family.



Sally Bennett - March 23 at 02:51 PM

TF

“ Trey Churchill & family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Vince Jordan.



Trey Churchill & family - March 23 at 02:41 PM



“ My condolences with prayer. May the Angels surround and carry you.



Donna Adams - March 22 at 10:36 AM

BG

“ The most loyal of friends, the best educator, and a heart of gold. His legacy and influence on so many young people and people who worked alongside of him will last for a lifetime.

Barry Goolsby - March 22 at 09:33 AM