



## Martin O'Neil Jordan

August 18, 1947 - December 28, 2020

It is with heavy hearts and wounded souls that we announce the death of our loving father, Martin O'Neil Jordan. He died in the VA hospital in Fayetteville, AR on December 28, 2020 from Covid 19.

Martin was born in San Fransisco, CA on the 18th of August, 1947 to Chester Jordan and Emaline Jordan who preceeded him in death.

Marti is survived by his children, Shikkiah and Yiminta Jordan of Wagga Wagga, Australia. Two sons, Ashwa Jordan of Fayetteville, AR and Travis Houser of Houston, TX.,and their partners. Marti had 5 grandchildren whom he loved deeply and was so proud of- Ashleigh Jordan, Safiya Jordan, Max Jordan and Minko Jordan-Vote- all of Australia. And Sophia Houser of Houston, TX. Marti is also survived by two brothers, Joseph Jordan of TX and Michael Jordan of OK. Marti was much loved by many cousins, nieces and nephews. Marti is also survived by a long term friend, Kim Shivers, who was at his bedside when he passed.

Marti was a proud Choctaw man who walked the Red Road-a member of the Choctaw Nation Of Oklahoma.

Marti served his country from 1966 to 1969 doing two tours in Vietnam as an Army combat vet. Marti was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of second award. Marti was a proud Vietnam veteran and upon return from Vietnam became an active member of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War. Marti had Post Traumatic Stress Disorder from Vietnam and this inspired him to help his brothers suffering the same from the

Vietnam war and also younger returning vets.

Marti was a well travelled man and experienced perpetual wanderlust. Marti travelled with his parents who were stationed in Japan. He spent many years of his childhood in Lequire, Oklahoma where his ancestors lay to rest in the family cemetery. Marti travelled through Australia, Europe, South East Asia, Central and South America- which gave him a deep respect for other cultures. Marti graduated from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work in 1987. Such a degree was fitting for Marti who was passionate about social justice, racial equality, and championing the oppressed. Marti was active in the Civil Rights Movement and a member of the American Indian Movement.

Marti was compassionate and spent much of his time helping his community. Marti was a long time friend of Bills and this gave him purpose and peace. Marti gave his life to Christ attending Christian Life Cathedral in Fayetteville, AR and was active in Celebrate Recovery.

To know Marti was to love him. Marti was gentle and fierce. Cheeky and irreverent. Passionate and loyal. He will be sorely missed by all that loved him. May he Rest In Peace knowing the world was better when he was in it. Marti's ashes will be interred at the National Cemetery at Fayetteville, AR and Marti will also be laid to rest at the family cemetery in Lequire, OK, with a private family burial.

Memorial service for Marti Jordan will be Monday, 7:30pm, Feb. 8, at the 402 Building, 402 S. Thompson, Springdale, Ar., Ross Hinshaw officiating.

# Cemetery Details

## Fayetteville National Cemetery

700 Government Ave.  
Fayetteville, AR  
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/fayetteville.asp>

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 8. 7:30 PM (CT)

402 Building  
402 S. Thompson  
Springdale, AR 72762

# Tribute Wall

TO

“ *Top lit a candle in memory of Martin O'Neil Jordan*



Top - March 26, 2025 at 06:25 PM

TO

“ *The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

*Marty was a great man, he would give you the shirt off his back. He was a strong advocate for Veterans. Miss you brother, you are never forgotten.*

Top - March 26, 2025 at 06:25 PM

TO

“ *Miss you Marty, always remembered brother! Thinking of you!*



Top - May 25, 2024 at 08:38 PM



“ *Martin O'Neil Jordan*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



DL

“ *Donni Long lit a candle in memory of Martin O'Neil Jordan*



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**Donni Long** - January 12, 2021 at 11:30 PM

DD

“ *The things we have been through, Brother. And now taking the path ahead of me yet again. I will miss you until we reunite again. Don Donner*

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**Don Donner** - January 08, 2021 at 12:04 PM

MA

“ *Marti was my cousin by marriage ... he was always so sweet and kind to me , and so funny . I loved him and he will be missed . Sending love and prayers to his children and grandchildren , as well as all that loved him ❤️*

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**Maranie Adams** - January 07, 2021 at 07:41 AM

 Donald  
Buford

“ *Marti was my very good friend and Nam brother. I'll never forget him. And, look forward to meeting him again in heaven! Peace be with you my brother in arms and peace.*

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**Donald Buford** - January 07, 2021 at 04:10 AM

AD

“ I met Marti when I was 18. He and Don Donner were the rocks that kept me grounded. I was very blessed to call Marti my friend. Oh and he was a great cook. My daughter would eat anything is it was cooked by Marti. I love and miss you more than I thought possible

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**Ann Dixon** - January 07, 2021 at 01:26 AM

PA

“ Marti was my brother-in-law and a part of our family for 20 plus yrs. I loved him dearly he helped save my life!! I will forever keep him in my heart!! See you soon!

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**Patti** - January 06, 2021 at 08:23 PM

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*Thank you Patti xoxo*

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**Yiminta** - January 07, 2021 at 12:55 AM



*Marti and I met at the UofA where we with others united to protest the war in Vietnam. He was reticent about his service and bravery. While there he was the victim of a vengeful government determined to silence his words against the war. His irreverent sense of humor and dedication to social justice earned the respect of all who came to know him. His love of his children was clear, and his hope he could make sure they understood the brave heritage they inherited. I remember walking beside him at the University and commenting my moccasins were awfully slippery on the wet concrete walk, and asked how the Indians managed. He looked at me and said they didn't walk on sidewalks. After I left Arkansas I stayed in touch and visited him when I could . Over time he matured and left behind his youth, and devoted his life to others. He was generous of his time and money to a fault. Over the last few years he talked of going to Australia to visit with the children and grandchildren he missed so much but his health and then one thing or another kept him from going. Marti is looking from Heaven and enjoying the sight of his children and grandchildren. He left us all richer through sharing of his passion for social justice and his Christian beliefs. I am heartbroken at his passing. He was a rock to me too.*  
*Tom Bercher*

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**Francis Bercher** - January 07, 2021 at 02:29 PM

LS

*my sweet cousin who I've known my entire life..... you still rock 70 yrs on, you'll always be my hero, XO*

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**LaHoma Simmons** - January 07, 2021 at 07:17 PM

MS

*Miss you ol' buddy ol' pal of mine.*

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**Matthew Silano** - January 16, 2021 at 09:50 AM

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*Marti and I grew up together and met each other as High School Freshman. We had our dreams and our realities. We became strog frieds. We became Blood Brothers. We always KNEW if one of us needed help we could always call the other. And we did. We haven't talked with each other in a long time. Now who am I gonna call?*  
*Lewis McKinley*

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**:ewis McKinley** - May 27, 2021 at 05:42 PM