



## Carl Delos Jordan

September 12, 1920 - July 6, 2014

Carl Delos Jordan, 93, a lifelong resident of rural Rensselaer passed away in the home of his son and daughter-in-law on Sunday, July 6, 2014, after a long and fruitful life.

Carl was born September 12, 1920, at the home of his parents, Walter D. and Sarah Alice (Gilmore) Jordan who were also long-time area residents. He attended Hanging Grove School up through the 10th grade. Carl graduated from Rensselaer High School 76 years ago and had fond memories of playing basketball with his four brothers during those years. Carl continued to farm with his father after graduation. He married Norma Jeanne Shook, a Rensselaer transplant from South Dakota, on August 30, 1941, in Rensselaer. Carl obtained his pilot's license and piloted his own plane for pleasure and as a member of the Flying Farmers. During World War II he was a member of The Civil Air Patrol. In 1952, Carl and Jeanne moved their young family back onto the Home place, now on the Historical Registry, where his great-grandchildren are the 6th generation to reside there. In later years, while living in the "little house" across the orchard, Carl enjoyed many visits from his "greats" who trooped across the orchard to beg miniature chocolate donuts and to complete puzzles on his living room floor. Besides raising corn, soybeans, oats, and purebred Waukaru Shorthorn cattle, Carl's entrepreneurism included corn shelling, a silage service, hauling popcorn to Chicago and Michigan, retail fertilizer sales, and his ongoing Kent Feed business. He enjoyed several years as a successful Amway Distributor.

From 1980 to 1990 Carl and Jeanne lived in a home on Lake Freeman, Monticello where they hosted their 40th Anniversary Party, as well as many gatherings for family and friends.

Carl's greatest joy was his family and he was extremely proud of the achievements of his eight grandchildren and especially involved in the antics and achievements of his twenty great-grandchildren. He was always involved in the many 4-H projects of his four children. Carl loved to travel, having visited most of the United States, many Canadian Provinces, the Caribbean, and Italy. He enjoyed watching Purdue basketball, especially at tournament time. In fact, one needed to check the Purdue schedule before trying to reach "Dad" by phone. In recent years, he enjoyed the hospitality of the Rensselaer Senior Center and was an avid and very serious Euchre player at every opportunity. Carl had a large repertoire of jokes and was able to recall the appropriate one (and sometimes inappropriate one!) when the situation arose. Similarly, at family dinners, he could recite toasts that delighted those gathered.

Carl served two terms as Hanging Grove Trustee, and was pleased, as Trustee, to present his daughter Jill's 8th grade diploma. He was proud to be a member of the Rensselaer Central Schools Holding Corporation when the centralized schools were developed. He also served two terms as Indiana Shorthorn Association President and was later honored as their "Man of the Year". In 2000 he was honored by the American Shorthorn Association, which dedicated their National Show & Convention at the North American International Livestock Exposition at Louisville, KY to him. Carl was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Rensselaer.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Sarah, son Gregory Lynn at age 20 years, wife Jeanne after 54 years together, and 4 brothers: Elvin (Helen) Jordan, Robert (Frances) Jordan, Dean (Lela) Jordan and Lynn (Gladys) Jordan. Carl is survived by three children, Barry (Anita Holysz) of Rensselaer, Jill (Roy Ward) of Flagstaff, Arizona, and Jim of Salt Lake City, Utah and Michigan, as well as his eight grandchildren, Jeff, Mark, Toby and

Logan Jordan, Anne Burge, Alexis Tchuisse, Ryan Ward and Zoe Lonetti, all whom he admired and loved. He is also survived by his beloved twenty great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He will be missed by those he left behind.

Celebration of his life will be held with visitation from 3:00 to 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 10, and funeral service at 10:30 A.M. on Friday, July 11, 2014 at the Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer, Pastor John Hostetter officiating. Cemetery services will follow at Memory Gardens, Rensselaer, IN. Memorial contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to the Jasper County Home Healthcare and Hospice of Rensselaer or the American Shorthorn Foundation.

# Cemetery Details

## Memory Gardens of Rensselaer

Memory Gardens  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5125  
info@jacksonfuneral.com

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer  
250 N. McKinley Avenue  
P.O. Box 70  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
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<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Carl Delos Jordan*



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - July 09, 2014 at 12:14 PM

DL

“ *Dorrie Gilbert Lefler lit a candle in memory of Carl Delos Jordan*



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**Dorrie Gilbert Lefler** - July 25, 2014 at 04:07 PM

PS

“ *Now all the brothers are together again*

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**pamela mae jordan spangle** - July 10, 2014 at 08:59 AM

LP

“ *Barry, Jill, and Jim....my condolences to you and your family. Your Dad lived long and full life and can now join your Mom and brother Greg for a wonderful reunion. God bless you all.  
Linda (Cochran) Pugh*

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**linda pugh** - July 09, 2014 at 09:46 PM

BT

“ Brian, Angie, Tyler, Cortney, Logan, Leslie, Natalie and Tyl purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Carl Delos Jordan.



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**Brian, Angie, Tyler, Cortney, Logan, Leslie, Natalie and Tyl** -  
July 09, 2014 at 05:12 PM

DF

“ Please accept our condolences on the passing of your father and grandfather. It was an honor to have known such a great person and cattleman and he will truly be missed. May God embrace you in comfort during this difficult time. - Duane Truss Family

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**Duane Truss Family** - July 09, 2014 at 10:31 AM

CD

“ I'm blessed to have so many memories of time spent together! My love and deepest sympathy....Cyndi Decker

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**Cyndi Decker** - July 08, 2014 at 10:54 PM

RW

“ Ruth Willits lit a candle in memory of Carl Delos Jordan



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**Ruth Willits** - July 08, 2014 at 10:31 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Carl Delos Jordan.*



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July 08, 2014 at 02:17 PM



“ *Ron & Vicki Robinson lit a candle in memory of Carl Delos Jordan*



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**Ron & Vicki Robinson** - July 08, 2014 at 01:38 PM



“ *Debra Allen lit a candle in memory of Carl Delos Jordan*



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**Debra Allen** - July 08, 2014 at 10:09 AM



*I will always remember while working for Anita seeing Carl under the tree sleeping!! My heart dropped I thought he had had a heart attack!! Much relief was felt when he turned in his sleep!! My thoughts and prayers to you all. What a life he lead!!*

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**Debra Allen** - July 08, 2014 at 10:11 AM

WJ

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Jordan Family. What a legacy left behind in a beautiful family and great Shorthorn cattle.

Winkie Barnes & Carey Johnston - July 08, 2014 at 09:18 AM

HF

“ Condolences to Waukaru Farms, from Hodgen farms.



Hodgen Farms - July 08, 2014 at 08:18 AM

AS

“ Alan S. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Carl Delos Jordan.



Alan S. - July 08, 2014 at 08:16 AM

AB

“ Always heard that he was such a wonderful man, hard worker, loved his family. He's home now and we'll see him again. Prayers to the Jordan family during this difficult time. Tony, Annie, Brock & Parker Boone.

Annie Boone - July 08, 2014 at 08:07 AM

KM

“ *Kellie And Kevin Miller lit a candle in memory of Carl Delos Jordan*



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**Kellie and Kevin Miller** - July 08, 2014 at 06:37 AM

SS

“ *He was sure to tell me that if I was going to plow (first time driving tractor) then I had better run straight lines because people would notice!*

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**Shaun Smith** - July 08, 2014 at 01:21 AM

CW

“ *Dear Jordans, Grampa Carl is a special part of so many memories of my time at the farm. Blessings and hugs to all of you.  
XOXOXO,  
Chris Ward and Family*

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**Chris Ward** - July 08, 2014 at 12:22 AM

SE

“ *Barry, Jim, and Jill. your Dad took me a lot of places with him . I at one time in a big semi truck to Illinois and my first air plane ride too , It seems I was always with him and with your mom too. . My prayers will be with you in the next few days. Love your cousin Shirley and Hi Ellis*

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**Shirley Ellis** - July 07, 2014 at 08:28 PM

JF

“ *Jordan Family,  
Our thoughts and prayers will be with you.*

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**J.R. Evans & Brad Ball Families** - July 07, 2014 at 07:34 PM

DW

“ *Don & Gloria Waymouth lit a candle in  
memory of Carl Delos Jordan*



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**Don & Gloria Waymouth** - July 07, 2014 at 05:58 PM

ML

“ *Martha Langley lit a candle in memory of Carl  
Delos Jordan*



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**Martha Langley** - July 07, 2014 at 04:41 PM