



Ruth P. Jordon

January 11, 1946 - January 13, 2017

Ruth P. Jordon, of Braddock Hills, died Friday January 13, 2017, at home. Ruth was an English teacher for East Allegheny School District from 1968 to 1999. She had served as president of the East Allegheny Education Association and was a member of PSEA and the NEA. Ruth was a member of St. Maurice Catholic Church, Forest Hills. She attended St. Joseph's Grade School, Braddock, and graduated from Sacred Heart Catholic High School in Shadyside. She received her Bachelor's and Master's degree and completed the required course work toward her Doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh. During her tenure as a teacher, she sponsored the student council and served as a class sponsor. She was a busy teacher that reviewed essays for college applications including resumes, coached students for speaking at graduation ceremonies, and mentored many new teachers and student teachers. She enjoyed traveling and had visited Scotland, Ireland, England, Italy, Wales, Russia, Germany, and Holland. She was born January 11, 1946 in Pittsburgh, a daughter of the late Henry Matthew and Margaret (Quinn) Jordon and was also preceded in death by her brother Henry James Jordon. She was a granddaughter of the late Congressman and Mrs. James Leland Quinn. She is survived by her sister Clara A. Lengyel of NY, NY; her close cherished friend Sandra Kresovich; nieces and nephew Mary M. (Anthony) Corallo, Rachel (Kendel) Joyce, Dr. Clara Lengyel Kremenic, Nicholas Henry Lengyel, and Katie Jordon; great nieces Madeline Light, Ava Light, Emma Light, Claudia Zanzig, Cameron Eckley, and Elizabeth Corallo; also cousins and countless friends. Family and friends will be received from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday and 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Forgie-Snyder Funeral Home, 1032 Broadway, East McKeesport, 412-823-8083. Everyone will gather at St. Maurice Catholic Church in Forest Hills at 11 a.m. Monday for a Mass of Christian Burial. Interment will follow in All Saints Braddock Catholic Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to either Animal Friends, 562 Camp Horne Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237 or your local library. For online condolences please visit www.snyderfuneralservices.com.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Braddock Catholic Cemetery

1560 Brinton Road
Braddock Hills, PA 15221

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Forgie Snyder Funeral Home
1032 Broadway Ave
East McKeesport, PA 15035
(412) 823-8083
<https://williamsnyderfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation

JAN 15. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Forgie Snyder Funeral Home
1032 Broadway Ave
East McKeesport, PA 15035
(412) 823-8083
<https://williamsnyderfuneralhome.com/>

Service

JAN 16. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

St. Maurice Catholic Church
2001 Ardmore Blvd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth P. Jordon*

October 07, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ *Ruth P. Jordon*

August 23, 2022 at 04:00 PM

“Ruth Jordon was one of those teachers whose great passion for their discipline easily translated into expanding the minds of their students in the classroom. She was a truly great teacher. Her classes challenged me and I must've learned something because I passed the AP English test and earned credit for college, a goal which I never would have considered had she not encouraged me to do so. Encourage maybe isn't the right word, though, because she made it a point to talk to me about my future and college while I was content to go be a laborer in the mill. So, aside from class, she became a mentor - teaching me about what I needed to do to get to college, talking plainly with me about wasting my talent. (She was, after all, the only teacher, perhaps the only person ever, who believed my writing was "a talent.") She wrote letters of recommendation for me to Carnegie Mellon, Pennsylvania State University, and Seton Hill College, as did Mr. Baker and Mrs. Hoffman, the guidance counselor. I went to the interviews at each school, and of course I couldn't afford CMU. I chose Seton Hill and I think Ms. Jordon was pleased with that, but her contribution didn't end there. In cahoots with Ruth Hoffman, she connected me with a grant program that assisted with all the fees and books for my first year. That's phenomenal, if you ask me, that a teacher would go out of their way like that but that's who she was. She cared, and, while I'm sure there are many other lives that she touched, the difference she made in mine was a shift from one world to another: it changed my life for the better. I'll always be grateful for her influence on my life and I'm so sorry I didn't get the chance to reconnect with her to let her know that. Because of her inspiration and guidance, I have a bachelor's degree in Journalism and a master's degree in Management.

One of the fondest memories I have of her was at Christmastime, December 1981. She had decorated her classroom door with a Christmas tree and pasted onto it a number of decorations: a snowflake, a bow, probably a stapler. I don't recall that it won the contest, but I do recall her singing "Lovely to Look At" (in the manner of Irene Dunne) while showfully displaying the work of art like Vanna White displays letters and cars and such on "Wheel of Fortune." Her humor always flawlessly delivered the full meaning of "guffaw."

May God be with you in your sorrow even as He holds her in His arms...

Donna Konias
EA, 1982

Donna Konias - January 14, 2017 at 12:11 PM



Donna, this is an absolutely beautiful tribute to Ruth. Don't you doubt for one moment that she knew and felt your gratitude. Your successs in life were your words. Congratulations on your accomplishments. I am deeply touched by your memories. Thank you for sharing.

Rachel Joyce - January 15, 2017 at 09:40 AM



May the Lord comfort the family during this difficult time of grief. RIP Ms Jordan 🙏
Debbie Owens, class of '78

Debra Wallace - January 15, 2017 at 11:15 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ruth P. Jordon.



January 14, 2017 at 10:34 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ruth P. Jordon.



January 14, 2017 at 09:29 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth P. Jordon.



January 14, 2017 at 08:32 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Ruth P. Jordon.



January 14, 2017 at 07:47 AM

PJ

“ Ruth's smile and friendly personality will be missed at the water aerobics classes at the JCC where Ruth and I met. No matter where we saw Ruth in the eastern suburbs, she was so friendly and kind to my husband and me. There aren't enough genuine people like Ruth in the world today. Even though she was an occasional acquaintance, her beautiful soul shone through, and prompted me to write. I know I'll think of her every time I purchase sweet corn at the Forest Hills Farmers Market!

A New Friend of Ruth

P. Just - January 14, 2017 at 07:16 AM



She absolutely loved her new friends at the JCC. In fact, she was saddened that her health prevented her from continuing her classes. She found so much peace in them. Thank you for being a friend to her.

Rachel Joyce - January 15, 2017 at 09:55 AM

SS

“ Great person and teacher and I wasn't easy to teach but she did a great job you will be missed ms Jordan

steve smirga - January 14, 2017 at 03:14 AM

CW

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Ruth at Sam's Club in Monroeville. She asked me about a sweeper I was going to purchase & I told her I would call her once I used it to let her know how good it worked. When she gave me her phone number, 271 was very familiar to me. Ironically, she lived on the same street as my sister. I then had a wonderful opportunity of spending time with Ruth & Sandy when they visited me & my sister last year at our home in Bradenton, FL. Ruth was a breath of fresh air and I feel very privileged to have had the chance to spend time with her. My heart goes out to her family and dear friends for this great loss. Sincerely, Carol Gornick Wallace

Carol Wallace - January 13, 2017 at 10:10 PM



She enjoyed her time with you, Carol, she spoke of it often. Thank you for sharing your story.

Rachel Joyce - January 14, 2017 at 12:21 AM

CW

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Carol Wallace - January 13, 2017 at 09:57 PM



“ Sad to hear of her passing . Always putting her students first! One of the best!
Rest in peace, Ms Jordan!

Christy Rosa Markel Class of 94

Christy Rosa Markel - January 13, 2017 at 08:38 PM

JW

“ Ms. Jordon was my most favorite high school teacher! She was my AP English teacher during my junior and senior years, and I looked forward to that class every single day. I was very sad to learn of her declining health and passing, although I'm happy that her suffering has come to an end. She will be greatly missed by many.

Jennifer (Taylor) Wallis
East Allegheny class of 1993

Jennifer Wallis - January 13, 2017 at 06:04 PM



Thank you, Jennifer for your kind words and memories of Ruth. She loved her students. It gave her much pride and purpose to play such an important role in their academic careers.

Rachel Joyce - January 13, 2017 at 07:56 PM