

Dr. David R. Jordan

1925 - 2016



Dr. David R. Jordan of Indianapolis passed away April 28, 2016. He was 90 years old. David Jordan was born September 25, 1925, in Indianapolis, Indiana, to David and Eunice Jordan and grew up in in the Broad Ripple area where he remembered riding his bike (barefooted) to swim in the White River and occasionally catching a Buck Rogers matinee (for a quarter) at the air-conditioned Vogue Theater.

As America entered World War II, David enlisted in the Navy V-12 Program. Through this remarkable program, David was able to earn his commission as an ensign and achieve his undergraduate degree at Berea College. He earned his DDS from the University of Louisville in 1949, and a specialty in Prosthodontia from the University of Michigan in 1960. While attending Berea College in 1945 David met the love of his life, a beautiful undergraduate student named Sara. They were happily married December 21, 1946. David and Sara were married for over 67 years, until Sara's passing April 20, 2013 at the age of 89. Their marriage produced 5 children (all boys). David's career in the military, joining the newly formed US Air Force in 1951, allowed the family to live throughout the US, Okinawa, and Spain during his 23 year career.

Upon his retirement in 1966 as a Lt. Colonel in the United States Air Force, David returned to Indiana and began his post- military career as a professor at Indiana University Dental School. He went on to open his private dental practice in Broad Ripple not far from where he grew up. He spent the next 50 years in Indianapolis where he practiced dentistry and raised his family. He will be deeply missed by his entire family, but his legacy will live on and be celebrated for many, many generations to come.

David is survived by sons, David M. Jordan II (Mary) of Indianapolis, IN; Michael A. Jordan (Perry) of San Antonio, TX; Bruce M. Jordan (Carol) of Rancho Sante Fe, CA; Mark R. Jordan of Wrightsville Beach, NC; Cary A. Jordan (Kendra) of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL; 12 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.