



BJ Ordner

December 20, 1956 - February 19, 2019

BJ James Ordner, age 62, passed away February 19th, 2019, in The Woodlands, Texas after a long two year battle with cancer. She had the sweetest and most fun loving soul which has now gone to be with the Lord. BJ was able to fill her bucket list and lived life to the fullest. She traveled around the world, with a favorite destination in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado.

BJ was born December 20th, 1956 in Humboldt, Tennessee. She graduated from Humboldt High School and continued her studies, receiving her Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Tennessee Knoxville. Her professional career began as the Assistant Warden at the Tennessee Women's Prison. From there she moved to Dallas, Texas and continued her work in social services and the criminal justice system as a Supervisor for Dallas County, Texas. She retired from this position in 2000, but remained a Board Member of the Texas Corrections Association. BJ later became the President and Owner of Double T Gourmet Foods and Truly Texas. She also was the owner and instructor for Lake Conroe Jazzercise.

Her philanthropic work included: President and Member of the Board of the Montgomery County Performing Arts Society; Member of the Board of Greater Conroe Arts Alliance; Committee Member of Breckenridge Music Festival; and a Committee Member of the Montgomery County Scholarship Committee. BJ was also a ten year volunteer for the Houston Rodeo and Livestock Show.

She was a coordinator for the Wine Garden and served on two other teams. She also was a volunteer for the Houston Women's Home, Texas Special Olympics, FAITH, and OPEN. She organized and worked on countless fund raisers for many of these organizations.

BJ was preceded in death by her father, Rupert James. She is survived by her mother, Rosalind James of Bartlett, Tennessee; her devoted and loving husband, Chuck Ordner of Montgomery, Texas; her step family consisting of daughter, Lori Benoit (Peter) and son, Tom Ordner, both of Austin, Texas; grandchildren, Addie, Bella, and Jack; her brother Max James and sister-in-law, Linda Johansen-James of Las Vegas, NV; and her brother Dr. Alan James of Memphis, Tennessee.

A visitation will be held on Monday, February 25th, 2019 from 5-7pm at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Montgomery, Texas. A graveside service will be held at Salem Cemetery in Crockett County, Tennessee.

A Memorial Service for BJ will be held on Saturday, March 16th, 2019 at 1:00pm at the Walden Community Church. A Reception will immediately follow at Walden Yacht Club.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests you make a donation to the charity of your choice in BJ's name. Condolences for the family may be left at www.shmfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Montgomery
10129 FM 1097 Rd W
Willis, TX 77318
(936) 890-0454
greg@shmfh.com
<https://www.shmfh.com>

Memorial Service

MAR **16**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Walden Community Church
12400 Walden Road
Montgomery, TX 77356

Tribute Wall



“ *BJ Ordner*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *We send our deepest sympathy to the family during this time of mourning. BJ certainly fought her journey with cancer with dignity and grace. Anyone that knew her will remember her zest for life ! A light shines for her in Heaven. David and Cindy Rivet (Conroe, TX)*

Cindy Rivet - March 24, 2019 at 11:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of BJ Ordner.*



March 12, 2019 at 06:14 PM



“ *Saddened to read of BJ's passing. She was an inspiration in Jazzercise, always infusing enthusiasm and joy into us! During my stint as class manager for Lake Conroe Jazzercise I had the pleasure of being in the presence of her brilliant (red) smile many times. I cherish these memories and remember fondly parties at her home, watching her in the Walden follies and participating in a 4th of July parade. My heart goes out to those closest to her who have lost this dear vibrant soul.*

Laura Bonhart

Laura Bonhart - February 25, 2019 at 06:35 PM

JH

“BJ was such a special human being. Her energy, compassion and commitment in giving back to the community were a source of inspiration and joy to anyone who had the privilege of knowing her. She was so much fun, too!

To Chuck and her family, I give you my deepest sympathy and pray for God's comfort for you all at this sad time. She will be sorely missed by all and she will live forever in our hearts.

Sincerely,
Judy Horsley

Judy Horsley - February 25, 2019 at 02:37 PM

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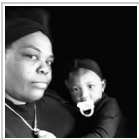
“BJ was a force of nature and lit up the room at meetings and events of the Greater Conroe Arts Alliance. We will miss her.

Dede Fox - February 24, 2019 at 06:19 PM

LB

“Our sympathies to Chuck & all the family. We are so sorry for your loss. Although we only got to meet BJ for a brief time, she opened up her heart & “home away from home” to us, & we feel very blessed to have met her. Please take care. Our thoughts & prayers are with all of you. Laura & Terry (Golden, CO)

Laura Beard - February 24, 2019 at 03:40 PM



“My condolences to Chuck and family...BJ was a very sweet person and great neighbor. She was very welcoming when my family and I moved into the neighborhood. She will be missed. RIP BJ.

LaTonya Boone-Tyler - February 24, 2019 at 12:51 PM

SC

“ I didn't know BJ very well, but I always thought that she was so elegant and sophisticated. Sincere condolences to BJ's large circle of friends and to her grieving kin.

Susan Coburn
HLSR Wine Committees

Susan Coburn - February 24, 2019 at 10:45 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of BJ Ordner.



February 23, 2019 at 05:06 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of BJ Ordner.



February 23, 2019 at 04:56 PM

DG

“ BJ was a very special lady. Loved by all. We will miss her dearly!!
Don and Francia Gentry

Don Gentry - February 23, 2019 at 04:40 PM

BD

“ BJ was such an awesome friend. So kind, caring and so loved by everyone. The last that I saw BJ was when she was in Nashville at the Opryland Hotel with her husband Chuck and had lunch at Cracker Barrel then took them to Union Station Hotel and then BJ and Chuck to Bartlett to see "Roz" (her mother) and visited her aunts. She always had a smile and her friendliness was unending. I will miss her and may she walk the golden streets with her Lord.
Love, Bruce Dobbs

Bruce Dobbs - February 23, 2019 at 02:15 PM

PM

“ We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of BJ. She was a vivacious, caring, hardworking, enthusiastic beautiful woman. She will be remembered and missed by all who knew her.

Pat and Nan McShan

Pat and Nan McShan - February 23, 2019 at 01:00 PM

CF

“ Cathy, Doug, and the Swinger family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of BJ Ordner.



Cathy, Doug, and the Swinger family - February 23, 2019 at 11:08 AM

RM

“ *Way too young to have passed away but she has left a legacy of memories far beyond her years. She gave so much to the community and always with a big smile. She will be greatly missed by all.*

Robert & Joanie Markowitz

Robert Markowitz - February 22, 2019 at 10:28 PM

RM

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Robert Markowitz - February 22, 2019 at 09:20 PM