



Dr. Richard Allen Cordes

January 1, 1952 - February 15, 2020

Richard Allen Cordes was born on January 25, 1952, and after completing his work here on earth, he left to be with family on February 15, 2020. He served his profession, his family, his community, and his country with utmost intensity, and leaves a giant void in each of those areas to which he was so deep.

He was born to Oney and Verna Cordes, the second oldest of 7 children. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother John Cordes, and in-laws Fred and Juanita Igo. He graduated from Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine in 1975. After serving in the United States Air Force for three years, he and his wife Janis moved to Menard in 1978 and purchased Menard Animal Clinic.

He wore too many hats to remunerate, with fierce intensity, diligently serving on boards and organizations ranging from Veterinary Medicine to State Government during his years at Menard County Commissioner and County Judge. His legacy is large in the love he had for his family and industry.

He leaves behind his wife, Janis, and children Megan Cordes and family Brittany and Cai Laird; Blane Cordes and family Ashlea, Avery, Weston, and Aubrey; Logan Cordes and family Anna, Cam, Allie and Kason; along with siblings Greg Cordes, Laurie Curtis, Oney Cordes, Wanda Baldwin, and Donna Shodrock.

The family asked that in lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to Menard County 4-H, Menard County Library, Menard County Fire Department, Menard County Historical Society or Texas Fine wool lamb association.

To honor his memory, the family asked that you might pen a brief memory of Richard to continue his legacy for his children and grandchildren.

Memorial service will be Saturday, February 22, at 3:00 at the First Baptist Church in Menard.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB **22**. 3:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
301 Tipton Street
Menard, TX 76859
<http://firstbaptistmenard.com>

Tribute Wall

GL

“ I always enjoyed visiting Judge Cordes in the county and serving with him on the Breeders Advisory Committee. Gayle Latham

Gayle Latham - March 05, 2020 at 08:52 PM

KF

“ We live in Ft McKavett and Dr Cordes was our favorite vet and we adored him and his passion for life. We had a horse that had been attacked by a porcupine and we tried so hard to handle the horse in order to remove the quills. After several hours we gave up and called our friend, Dr. Cordes. Had we not seen it with our own eyes, we would not have believed it. Dr Cordes walked into the stall, our horse stood still and remained calm until the Doc removed all the quills, never whimpering. Doc turned around, gave his famous grin and all was good. Our horse was happy, we were happy and as usual, the Doc was happy. He will forever be in our hearts. Our most sincere love and condolences to the family and friends who loved Dr. Cordes so much. Forever in our memory and in our hearts.

Kathy & Dwight Freeman

KD's River Ranch

KD's Bar-B-Q, Inc.

Kathy Freeman - February 26, 2020 at 10:11 AM

 Stella Taylor

“ I moved here 12 years ago. The first day on the property my Arab mare ran into a barbed wire fence, slicing her across the length of her chest and an inch or more in depth. New friends recommended and called Richard to come out, which he did and sewed her up in the light of truck headlights. She's 25 now and you would never know where she was stitched up unless it was pointed out. Grateful and appreciative. He was a kind, generous and funny man. S. Taylor

Stella Taylor - February 25, 2020 at 10:28 AM

BK

“ Last summer I mowed the grass at the showbarn before Richard got there to mow it. (He was there always as it needed it).He thanked me and said "if you see something that needs being done just do it". That is what he did constantly in more ways than any of us know. He was a great person and a huge inspiration and is deeply missed! Billy Kniffen

Billy Kniffen - February 22, 2020 at 09:15 AM

EB

Judge Richard as I called him, because he was over all aspects of the County, And the Presidio was under the County, My wife and I took care of the Presidio grounds, restrooms and met visitors during the winter month's for many year's, Having to spend County money in order to maintain the Presidio grounds, and the restrooms we needed his approval on these expenditures, Always a person for Menard County, He Loved Menard! Easy person to talk to about any topic and just a great person in general, It will be hard to fill his shoes, and he will be deeply missed!! GENE& SANDY BROWN

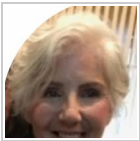
Eugene Brown - February 17, 2021 at 10:37 PM

EY

“ I remember when I first started teaching in Floresville High School I assigned to be the sponsor of the Beta Club. Richard was Beta Club President. During the years I was sponsor Richard was one of the most organized and dependable Presidents I had. The Beta Club had the concession stand at the Thursday night football games as a money-raising project so the Club could attend the Beta Club State Convention in Dallas. Making sure that we had all the soft drinks, ice, the supplies needed for popcorn, which required trips to San Antonio, and other items needed was Richard's responsibility as President of the club. He carried out those responsibilities without fail. While I did not have him in an academic class when he was in high school, I soon learned that he was a well-mannered, friendly, dependable and hard-working young man. I will always remember him fondly. Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss.

Ernest D. Young

Ernest D. Young - February 21, 2020 at 10:45 PM



“ I remember Dr. Richard Cordes as a kind man with a great sense of humor. He love his family and he will be missed. Prayers for his family.

Gail Lynn Lucas

Gail Lucas - February 21, 2020 at 05:53 PM

GT

“ I will remember Richard as a kind and decent man, but also as a very good County Judge. We spent many hours together at judicial training. He was smart and compassionate, both essential qualities for the bench. Rest in peace old friend.

Gene Terry
Marion County Judge, Retired

Gene Terry - February 18, 2020 at 10:42 AM

NN

“ I worked with Judge Cordes on emergency management grants through Concho Valley Council of Governments. I asked him once whether I should call him Judge or Dr. His response was, “Call me Richard”. I’ll never forget his humble nature. He’ll be missed.

Nicole Nixon - February 17, 2020 at 01:23 PM

TO

“ Judge Cordes was a kind loving soul and served his community and our region with pride. He would always have a funny story of home for me. Rest in Peace Judge. Love Tracy Ogle.

Tracy Ogle - February 17, 2020 at 10:01 AM

KC

Don’t know if we’re related but our condolences to you and your family. Kenneth and Lisa Cordes.

Kenneth Cordes - February 17, 2020 at 08:21 PM

LS

“ Richard was always there as a vet and was very caring and took excellent care whether horses, cattle, sheep or our pets. An excellent Commissioner and Judge. None better. Rest In Peace with the Lord Richard.

Lindsay Stockton - February 17, 2020 at 09:20 AM

DB

“ My deepest condolences Janis to you and the Cordes family. Prior to me knowing Judge Cordes, I only heard stories of him being a vet and mending a horse from an incident. When I worked for him as the EMC and was a member of the community, I had great respect for him. He encouraged positive contributions back to the community. A Menard story from me involves him in some way, he will be greatly missed.



DeLane Barnes - February 17, 2020 at 09:09 AM

TC

“ Dr. Cordis did all the preg checking on my cows and anytime I had an emergency with any of my stock he was there right away. He was honest and very kind we shared many of laughs he will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to the cordis family.

Trevor Cortez - February 17, 2020 at 01:27 AM

KP

“ Richard was a friend to man and beast. He helped both rain or shine, day or night. He will be sorely missed.
Karla Pullen

Karla Pullen - February 17, 2020 at 01:24 AM

JR

“ My condolences to the Cordes family. I didn't know Richards family well but I have known him most of my life. Richard was never shy to offer a helping hand in need, in my opinion he was one of a kind. He wasn't only a great man and friend to me and my family but he was outstanding at his profession. He is irreplaceable and will be extremely missed by so so many!!

Jodi Robinson - February 17, 2020 at 12:10 AM

SH

“ Richard was invaluable help to us in getting started in animal rescue in Menard and we will always remember his help and his support for our work. Sending our condolences to Cordes Family.

Sharon Halfmann - February 16, 2020 at 10:23 PM

KP

“ May you Rest In Peace Richard. We will always be thankful for his help with our animals. He was a kind man with a big heart.
Padalecki Family



Kristy Padalecki - February 16, 2020 at 09:53 PM

JE

“ So sorry for your loss, prayers for peace and comfort to all families during this difficult time!
We had the pleasure of meeting Richard as the vet for our horses, treated them like his own. He was a very kind, considerate, and caring person.

Jerry - February 16, 2020 at 09:34 PM

DC

“ Megan and family we are so sorry for the loss of your sweet Dad...you are in our thoughts and prayers



Debbie Cross - February 16, 2020 at 09:19 PM

SG

“ I first met Dr Richard Cordes upon a recommendation from a friend in Mason, stating he was one of the best Veterinarians around the Hill Country. I called him and made arrangements for him to see my dog and to see if he would take payments on the bill. He said that he would and to bring my dog on over and he would examine her. He was so gentle and easy with her and let me pay him for just the medicine at the time. I made arrangements to pay him every month until my total bill was paid in full. From that first visit anytime I needed to bring any of my dogs over for care all he asked me to pay upfront was the cost of the medicine he used to treat my dogs and let me pay him the rest of the bill on account until it was paid off. He never refused to treat any of my dogs. He knew that I was on a fixed income and he was kind and generous enough to let me pay him out for services rendered. My dogs didn't mind going to see him because he was so gentle with them. We will definitely miss him as our veterinarian and a great man. May God grant his family and friends peace and comfort as they adjust to their loss
Sue B Gierisch

Sue B Gierisch - February 16, 2020 at 08:55 PM

SO

“ So sorry for your lose Janis. I have great respect for Richard. He treated people with honesty and respect. I could always speak to Richard without hesitation for advise and share a laugh or two. His sense of right along with his caring nature made him a great man.

Stella Ojeda - February 16, 2020 at 08:53 PM

LM

“ I'll always remember Richard saying to me when I call. You never call unless it's bad. He was always always there for my 4legged babies. The most caring and honest man you could meet. You will be greatly missed.

Letha Moore - February 16, 2020 at 08:45 PM

MH

“ Richard was the most common sense vet I have ever known. I bet he was the same kind of judge!! Had a heart of gold!! I will miss him even tho I didnt get to see him often!! Knowing he was there was comforting!! He will be missed beyond measure!!

Marsha Harrell - February 16, 2020 at 08:31 PM

ND

Richatd and Janis are two wonderful people who always treated me with kindness. So thankful I found Richard and he became my vet. He treated my animals gently and expertly. He was always kind. I don't know what I will do without him....

Nancy Deans - February 16, 2020 at 09:11 PM

MC

“ *Janice I am so sorry for you and family. He contributed so much to the Citizens of Menard and surrounding Counties. He was a a hero and great idol for me. Words cannot express the loss we as Citizens and most of you all are feeling. God Bless*

Mike Chapman - February 16, 2020 at 08:31 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Fulton Family Funeral Home - February 16, 2020 at 07:12 PM

GM

I am praying for Gods grace and comfort for this beautiful and selfless family. Richard loved his grandchildren so much - I remember him crawling on his hand and knees chasing them around all over my house. Big, big heart always ready to lend a hand. We love you, Richard!!

Gayla Murt - February 16, 2020 at 09:54 PM

MB

So sorry to hear of his passing. I remember great times as kids at church and in Beta Club in high school. My sincerest condolences to all of you. He was a great guy. Mary Anne Woolsey Barber

Mary Anne Woolsey Barber - February 17, 2020 at 05:42 PM

TS

My thoughts and prayers go out to Doc Cordes' family and Vicky and the staff at the animal clinic. I always loved that he was either "out doctoring" or at the courthouse "judging". He was many things to many people for sure. His passing leaves all of us wishing for more time to talk with him or have him give a final pat to a beloved animal.

Godspeed Doc- Terri / MWI

Terri Saurber - February 18, 2020 at 05:18 PM

TC

*To the Cordes family
We just learned of your enormous loss. Our deepest sympathy and praying for you. Menard will miss Richard.
Tim and LaDee Childers*

Tim Childers - March 07, 2020 at 06:48 PM