



## Jordan Leigh Salt-Hoffman

September 15, 1992 - August 14, 2015

Jordan Leigh Salt-Hoffman, known to many by the nickname Jinx and lovingly called Baby by her family, died on August 14, 2015 in Portland, Oregon after a diagnosis of brain stem cancer in April. She was 22.

She was born on September 15, 1992 in Hillsboro, Oregon. Jordan lived in Oregon her entire life, except for several months in Washington when she was a baby. She made many wonderful friends during her school years at Buckman Elementary, Woodmere Elementary, Sunnyside Environmental Middle School, and graduated with a 3.4 cumulative GPA from Merlo Station High School after also attending Benson Polytechnic High, Franklin High, and Aloha High. She was particularly interested in nature, baking, art, music, and service to others. She was a Girl Scout during elementary school, and really enjoyed camping events and cookie sales. She earned most of the cost herself for her 8th-grade school trip to Catalina Island, and worked as a nanny through high school.

Jordan loved animals and grew up with many of them, including cats, gerbils, snakes, and even a tarantula who belonged to her middle school science class that she looked after over the summer one year. She wanted a dog for many years and was thrilled when she got a pug puppy on July 3rd who she named Lucy. Her tabby cat Michiko was her devoted companion. She loved Hello Kitty, horror films, gaming with her boyfriend & dad, watching TV & crocheting with her mom, baking cookies for gifts every Christmas and cakes for peoples' birthdays, trips to the Oregon coast, and most of all just spending time with the people she loved.

Jordan was characterized by loved ones as beautiful, generous, smart, loving, sentimental, courageous, and with a wickedly dark sense of humor. When she found out she was terminally ill, she said all she wanted for her "bucket list" was for her best friend & soul mate Nakia Hentz to get the heart transplant she needed, and she was overjoyed

when that happened. Throughout Jordan's illness and difficult medical treatment, she was more concerned about the sadness and worry of her family and friends than the fact that she was terminally ill. Right up to the day before she died, she was reassuring everyone, saying, "It's going to be alright."

Jordan is survived by her parents Jeanne Salt and Geoffrey Worthen; her sister Andrea Salt; her devoted boyfriend Jeramiah Daley; her maternal grandparents Linda Salt, and Arthur & Gail Salt; her paternal grandparents Gary & Leslie Worthen; and many other friends and much-loved relatives. She was preceded in death by her biological father Steve Hoffman, and her great-grandparents Jean Poage and Arthur & Elizabeth Salt.

The family is still making arrangements for her memorial service. Details will be posted on Facebook.

# Comments

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“ I never had the opportunity to meet her, but since I'm going through similar circumstances, I did indirectly what I could. By sharing the science fiction and fantasy in my life so that she could have memories of worlds within worlds.....the sadness that exists because of her loss to the world is great.

**Andrew Montgomery** - September 01, 2015 at 03:40 PM

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“ I only met Jinx about 4-5 times at various functions at the Hentz house. She was such a sweet girl and her and Nakia loved each other so much. It's so sad and I don't understand any of this. My heart goes out to Jinx's mom especially but also to her whole family, all her friends; especially Nakia. Such a loss and there are no words that can fill the void caused by her passing.

**deanna** - August 29, 2015 at 01:24 AM

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“ I didn't get much time to know Jordan before she was sick, but she was always smiling. Her sarcastic humor, her sharp wit and razor tongue kept me laughing. My favorite smiles from her were at my kids after their gifts of hand drawn pictures and personalized stories were given and at our dogs, wrestling on the floor. I still catch myself trying to text her what she would like me to bring her on my way home from work...She will be sorely missed.

My son Kelrith wanted to say "I loved her...she loved Pokemon like me..."

My daughter Ivy wanted to say "Don't worry...now she's a real superhero...Super Jordan! And she's playing with the unicorns in the Summerlands."

**Korina Walters** - August 26, 2015 at 11:38 AM

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“ I never knew Jordan directly; I and my family were peripheral support for her caregivers in her last days. Watching how deeply affected they were by her illness made me wish I could meet her, and reading these tributes has only magnified my wish to have known her. I grieve for your loss. No parent should ever have to bury their child; this is even more true when the child was such a gift to those around her. /hugs/

**Phoenix Stone** - August 21, 2015 at 04:19 PM

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“ My heart goes out to all of you, especially you Jeanne, your daughter was beautiful and looks like she touched many lives as I'm sure she will continue to do as she lives on in your hearts. My condolences to all of you.



**Sheila Varner** - August 21, 2015 at 12:06 AM

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“ My fondest memories of Jordan were from several years ago. She must have been about 11 years old. Our daughter, Brenda Cyrus and our son in law Brian Jones were having their wedding at our home in Beavercreek, Oregon.

It was an unusual celebration and many guests would be camping overnight, extending the celebration over a two day period. There was much work to be done and Jordan along with the rest of the family arrived early on that Saturday morning. She immediately came to me and asked what she could do to help with the preparations. Upon completion of every task, she was ready for more. She was pleasantly, enthusiastically and helpful for the entire weekend. If I was working on anything at all, Jordan was by my side and sometimes ahead of me. There was always a smile on her lovely face. She was a vital part of that special weekend. She was such a sweet, loving and helpful soul. I will always cherish those wonderful memories.

**Linda Cyrus** - August 19, 2015 at 10:06 PM

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“ Sandy Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Jordan Leigh Salt-Hoffman



**Sandy Williams** - August 19, 2015 at 12:40 PM

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“ Baby will be missed by so many, near and far. She made my trips to Portland to see my daughter Lyse (Jenna) a double blessing. To her Mom and Dad I send my deepest sympathies and love. Will remember her always.

Aunt Sandy (williams)

**Sandy Williams** - August 19, 2015 at 12:38 PM

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“ I remember growing up with Jordan and Aunt Jeanne I am so sorry for the loss of our beloved Jordan she will be missed.



**Krystal Cyrus** - August 18, 2015 at 11:38 PM

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“ Gosh I had so many growing up with her i remember spending the day with her and my step mom and grandma Leslie Worthen we may not have been close as adults but when we were teens she was a close friend and even better i wad glad to call her part of my family I will miss her deeply. She was a very loving person and she will always live in my heart.

**Leslie Hintergardt** - August 18, 2015 at 11:19 PM

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“ She came into my son's and our life with a beautiful smile and personality and stole our hearts. She was and always will be the one who I wanted as my daughter in law and as far as I am concerned already was. We love you Jinx now and for ever. Your other mom Debbie Daley.

**Debbie** - August 18, 2015 at 11:06 PM

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“ She smiled from the heart, and was always working to make those around her happy. I will always treasure the short time I got to spend with her, and can only hope to someday touch as many lives as deeply as she did.

**Molly Wilcox** - August 18, 2015 at 11:02 PM