

O B I T U A R Y

Jewel AskeW Jordan
1932 - 1984



Dr. Jewel AskeW Jordan was born June 26, 1932, in Los Angeles, California; the daughter of William Jasper and Elmira S. AskeW. She received a B.S. degree in Biology in 1953 from the Georgia State College for Women. Following graduation she taught General Sciences and Biology at Wrens High, Tifton Junior High and Commerce High Schools in Georgia. During this time she worked with other high school, college, and university teachers of biological sciences as co-authors of three versions of high school biology texts and teaching materials under the auspices of the American Institute of Biological Sciences.

The Jordans moved to Clemson, South Carolina in 1967 and Jewel began work on her M.S. in Zoology. Her thesis title was "The Effects of Triphenyltin Acetate on Albino Rats and Their Offspring" and she received her degree in 1971. Immediately thereafter, she began working toward her Ph.D. in Entomology which was completed in 1975. Her dissertation research was in the area of insect physiology and was entitled "Immunological Responses of *Heliothis virescens* and Other Insect Pests to Biological Control Agents."

Dr. Jordan joined the staff at Clemson University in 1975 as lecturer and later was promoted to Assistant then Associate Professor. During her first years in the Department of Entomology, Fisheries and Wildlife, she taught Insects and Man; General Entomology laboratories; and Introduction to Research. Dr. Jordan later taught Insect Morphology and Insect Taxonomy. From 1975-1984, she taught virtually every student in entomology in one or more courses and many other students from throughout the University. She always maintained high standards of instruction. Dr. Jordan also was the academic advisor for many of the undergraduate students in the Department. She constantly reminded the faculty of the importance of establishing and maintaining high standards for counseling both undergraduate and graduate students.

Dr. Jordan was an excellent researcher, and while not employed in a research capacity at Clemson, her expertise in this area was an invaluable asset in both her teaching and counseling students. She was a leader by example and she constantly reminded the faculty and graduate students of the need to excel in all of our teaching activities.

Dr. Jordan was a member of the South Carolina Entomological Society where she served as Historian, the Georgia Entomological Society, and the Entomological Society of America.

On March 16, 1984, Dr. Jordan died in the Newnan Hospital in Newnan, Georgia. Entomology has lost a great teacher, set apart from good teachers by her ability to inspire. Her wise counsel, friendliness, and constant helpfulness was greatly appreciated by her students and fellow faculty members. Through her students, Dr. Jordan's influence will continue to affect the profession of Entomology and the lives of many people. She was a gentle person dedicated to the profession and a teacher who truly cared.

Dr. Jordan is survived by her husband, Dr. Wright S. Jordan of Clemson, S.C. and one daughter, Reta, who is currently enrolled in the School of Law at the University of Georgia.

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