James P. Jordan was born in 1941 in Berensford, South Dakota to James Patterson Jordan and Estella Irene McCanamann. James Patterson Jordan was born February 2, 1899 in Berensford, South Dakota and died September 1, 1970 in Wichita, Kansas. Estella Irene McCanamann was born October 22, 1900 in Hawarden, Iowa. In some documents Estella is also called Stella. James and Estella lived in Berensford until before 1930 then lived in Emmet, South Dakota. In the 1950 Federal Census the family lived in Sioux City, Iowa. In the census the family consisted of James and Estella and five children:

- 1. Mary Aileen Jordan born 1924 and died 1990 in Wichita, Kansas. Married Irwin Allgaier.
- 2. Anna Marie Jordan born 1927 and died 2006 in Wichita, Kansas. Married Cornelius Poston
- 3. Agnes Delores Jordan born 1927 and died 1994 in Wichita, Kansas. Married James Benedetti.
- 4. Florence Elaine Jordan born 1935 and died 2016 in Arlington, Texas. Married Marvin Fenner.
- 5. James P. Jordan born in 1941. Florence's obituary lists James as living in Fresno, California.

Sometime shortly after 1950 census the family moved to Wichita where James Sr. took a job as an electrician in the Engineering department at Boeing. In the 1955 Kansas Census and other documents the family is shown as living at 2345 Terrace Drive in Wichita. In the 1959 City Directory James Junior is listed as a student living at the same address. The latest available address is in Fresno at 7442 N. Millbrook Ave. Apt 150; Fresno, California 93720 - a senior living community in Fresno that offers Independent Living, Assisted Living, Memory Care, and Respite Care.