



Jerry Lee Gardner

July 5, 1938 - May 8, 2017

Jerry Lee Gardner, son of the late Arthur and Ruby Fern (Helton) Gardner, was born July 5, 1938 in Iberia, Missouri where he grew up and attended school. He graduated from Iberia High School with the Class of 1956.

Jerry met Rose Mary Brenneman at the Pulaski County Hospital and they were united in marriage on May 22, 1982 at the Iberia Nazarene Church. They shared over 19 years together before Rose preceded him in death on January 11, 2000.

Jerry worked with the United States Postal Service as a carrier for 35 years. To this day, he could still tell you people's addresses from when he was their postman.

Jerry was full of life. In his younger days he was extremely active coaching Khoury League baseball, softball, umpired many games and was a Boy Scout leader. Jerry was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan. He loved going to the ballpark every chance he could. He was always watching or listening to the Cardinal ballgames.

If anyone really knew Jerry, they knew that he loved to tell stories and also to play jokes on people. His famous prank he loved to pull on people was the "nail trick". He could get you every time with that prank.

Jerry made a profession of faith many years ago and he loved serving God more than anything. He was at church every time the doors were able as long as his health permitted him to do so. He loved his church family at Westside Baptist Church and everyone, especially the young children, called him Gramps.

Jerry loved his family deeply and prayed for them continuously. He treasured spending time with them, especially his grandchildren.

Jerry went home to be with his Lord Monday, May 8, 2017 in the Cox Medical Center of Springfield, Missouri having attained the age of 78 years, 10 months and 3 days. He will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him.

Jerry leaves to cherish his memory, his three children: Cheri Johnson (James) of Waynesville, MO, Debra Gan (Terry) of Richland, MO and Phillip Gardner (Jenette) of Osage Beach, MO; five grandchildren: Cassondra Prather (Lonnie), Elizabeth Tomlin (Paul), Adam Gan, Aaron Gardner and Dalton Fristoe; four great grandchildren: Espen James, Abbie Renee, Xavier Joseph and Zylpha Janelle; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents and wife, Jerry was preceded in death by his son: Steven Michael Gardner; grandson: Travis Gan; and brother: Uncle Jim Gardner.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 11, 2017 in the Westside Baptist Church of Waynesville with Pastor John Shaw and Rev. Elmer Turnbough officiating. The songs "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art" by Elvis Presley and "Grandpa" by the Judds were played. Bobbie Martin, friend of the family, read a letter from the family. Serving as escorts were

Dalton Fristoe, Manny Rios, Aaron Gardner, Andrew Anderson, Adam Gan, Robert Jones, Jimmy Gan, Kevin Falk and Richard Baptiste. Burial followed in the Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery of Waynesville.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Jerry Gardner and may be left at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery

Highway 17 South
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 10. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Westside Baptist Church
801 Historic 66 West
Waynesville, MO

Service

MAY 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

Westside Baptist Church
801 Historic 66 West
Waynesville, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Jerry Lee Gardner*

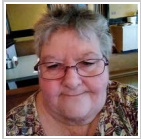


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“ *Jerry Lee Gardner*

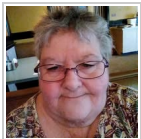
January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Janice Howell lit a candle in memory of Jerry Lee Gardner*



Janice Howell - May 23, 2017 at 12:38 PM



“ *Cheri and family, I always enjoyed listening to Jerry at the bus stop when I picked up or dropped off Cassie and Dalton. He was such a delight, and always had a wonderful sense of humor. I'm so sorry I'm just now finding out of his passing. Cheri, I think I saw you at Walmart just a day or two before your dad passed. My condolences to you all. God bless you and comfort you.*

Janice Howell - May 23, 2017 at 12:37 PM

DE

“ Deanna lit a candle in memory of Jerry Lee Gardner



Deanna - May 12, 2017 at 03:15 PM

BC

“ We'll miss seeing Jerry at Westside.

Bill Catts - May 11, 2017 at 05:09 PM

BB

“ Bill & Pat Bloodgood lit a candle in memory of Jerry Lee Gardner



Bill & Pat Bloodgood - May 11, 2017 at 07:46 AM

JB

“ Joyce Burd lit a candle in memory of Jerry Lee Gardner



Joyce Burd - May 11, 2017 at 06:53 AM

RB

“ Richard Baptiste lit a candle in memory of Jerry Lee Gardner



Richard Baptiste - May 10, 2017 at 08:31 PM



“ 64 files added to the album Life Tributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - May 10, 2017 at 02:26 PM

Emily Singleton Wiles

Boy o Boy I see Phil here....very sorry Deb and Phil for your loss. Extend to your sister also. Thinking of you all through this very difficult time. Emily Wiles Osage Beach MO

Emily Singleton Wiles - May 10, 2017 at 02:30 PM

AF

“ Aimee (Bond) Moore & Family lit a candle in memory of Jerry Lee Gardner



Aimee (Bond) Moore & family - May 10, 2017 at 12:00 PM

FL

“ Jerry Lee my friend, I pray I will see you on the other side when my time comes! I loved chatting with you when we would meet. You always had a happy smile and a great attitude.

Frank Livingston - May 10, 2017 at 04:35 AM

HS

“ Grandpa always wore a smile! I loved all the stories he shared. He really loved his family! I chose a blue candle in honor of his postal service.



Hope Scott - May 09, 2017 at 09:40 PM

JK

“ I so enjoyed playing ball when I was a kid and it is mainly because of a great coach. One of my favorite quips from Jerry-"walk it off" and then there was "rub some dirt on it".
Thanks Jerry for donating your time to help develop young people.

Joni (Powell) Kelsay - May 09, 2017 at 09:30 PM

CB

“ Cheryl Brunk lit a candle in memory of Jerry Lee Gardner



Cheryl Brunk - May 09, 2017 at 08:43 PM

LL

“ LOIS LEROY LOFTON lit a candle in memory of Jerry Lee Gardner



LOIS LEROY LOFTON - May 09, 2017 at 07:29 PM

RC

“ Randall P Coffman lit a candle in memory of Jerry Lee Gardner



Randall P Coffman - May 09, 2017 at 05:31 PM

AS

“ Anne Solomon lit a candle in memory of Jerry Lee Gardner



Anne Solomon - May 09, 2017 at 04:57 PM

MH

“ Me and Phillip dated along time ago and I had a small daughter at the time and EVERY TIME we went over there Jerry made SURE he gave her something he KNEW she couldn't Have! Lol, typical Grandpa mode even though she was not his true Granddaughter he treated her as if she was and I ABSOLUTELY loved him for the unconditional love he ALWAYS showed. I'll see you again soon you Big Goof Ball ♡♡



Mary Heisserer - May 09, 2017 at 04:57 PM

LC

“ Linda Cole-Schonbok lit a candle in memory of Jerry Lee Gardner



Linda Cole-Schonbok - May 09, 2017 at 04:28 PM

DB

“ Jerry was a firm believer in Christ and a wonderful person! We know that we'll see him again in Heaven! Love and prayers for the family. Dr. and Mrs. Ken Bailey, Tokyo, Japan

Dr. and Mrs. Ken Bailey - May 09, 2017 at 04:23 PM

JB

“ My favorite memories of Jerry are : He was always out at the baseball field during the summer, and ready to help anyway he could, and he always brought all of his children with him. He was a great dad!
Joyce Burd



Joyce Burd - May 09, 2017 at 03:38 PM

KC

“ *My children loved Gramps and loved to just stop and talk with him any chance they could. We will miss Gramps til we see him again*



Kera Colson - May 09, 2017 at 03:31 PM

LL

“ *Linda Levett lit a candle in memory of Jerry Lee Gardner*



Linda Levett - May 09, 2017 at 03:26 PM

CJ

“ *Best daddy in the world. I loved taking care of you.*

Cheri johnson - May 09, 2017 at 03:15 PM