



Gary Gardner

December 15, 1953 - July 14, 2025

Gary K Gardner, 71 years of age, of Peebles, Ohio, passed away on Monday, July 14, 2025, at the Ohio State University Medical Center Division of Palliative Care, in Columbus, Ohio.

Gary was born on December 15, 1953, in West Union, Ohio, the son of the late Tassell and Bonnie (King) Gardner. Gary worked as a public servant, serving as the Adams County Clerk of Courts for many years. He belonged to the Clerk of Courts Association. Gary attended the Beech Fork Church, in Otway, Ohio.

Gary is survived by his wife, Linda (West) Gardner, whom he married on December 17, 1978; his sons, Brian Hall, of Loveland; and Jared Gardner, of Peebles; and his daughters, Heather James, and Janie (Clayton) Rhoads, both of Peebles. He also leaves his brothers, Roger (Judy) Gardner, of West Union; Danny (Janice) Gardner, Stevie Gardner, and Larry (Robin) Gardner, all of Peebles; and his sisters, Kim (Steve) Wilson, of Peebles; Debbie (Larry) Nichols, of West Union; and Lisa (Michael) Dailey, of Peebles; as well as a brother-in-law, Randy (Judy) West, of Arkansas; and a sister-in-law, Vivian Gardner, of Peebles; along with several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Gary will be dearly missed by his grandchildren, Maverick, Jenna, Myah, Carrigan, Kirsten, Greyson, Makenah, Braxton, and Luvinnia.

In addition to his parents, Gary was preceded in death by his grandchild, Carshall; and his brother, David Gardner.

Family and friends may pay their respects during visitation on Thursday

evening, July 17, 2025, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, at the Beech Fork Church, in Otway, Ohio.

Funeral services will be held on Friday morning, July 18, 2025, beginning at 11:00 am, at the Beech Fork Church, in Otway, with Tom Brown and Doug Brown officiating. Gary's burial will follow at the Evergreen Cemetery, in Peebles.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made in Gary's name to the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center Lung Transplant Department, 410 West 10th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43210.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home. Please visit us at www.wallacethompsonfuneralhomes.com to leave words of comfort for the family in our online guestbook.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Beech Fork Church
1847 State Route 348
Otway, OH 45657

Funeral Service

JUL 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Beech Fork Church
1847 State Route 348
Otway, OH 45657

Graveside Farewell

JUL 18. 12:00 PM - 12:15 PM (ET)

Evergreen Cemetery
Steam Furnace Road
Peebles, OH 45660

Tribute Wall

PR

“ Dear Gardner Family,
Continuing to keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers.
Sincerely,

Phil & Vicki Rhonemus - August 02, 2025 at 10:54 PM

RS

“ Prayers for Linda, children, grandchildren,
and all of the family of Gary. He was such a
sweet man and loved his family and his
passion for his faith in God. I have known
Gary since I was a little girl, he had a heart of
gold, and he will be missed by so many. My Dad Forrest "Dort"
would always joke with him and tell him to quit pulling his name out
for jury duty. Thoughts and prayers for the days ahead. Bless you
all.



ReSheena Shiveley - July 18, 2025 at 10:17 AM

RS

“ Thinking of all family members going through a difficult time saying
until we meet again. Such a strong family in so many ways. Love,
prayers, and hugs to you all. Ron and Pam Syrone

Ron and Pam Syrone - July 18, 2025 at 09:16 AM

JS

“ Sending our love and condolences to Linda
and Family. Gary will always be remembered
as a people-loving person and kind hearted.
Always greeted with a smile.



James and Melody Stapleton - July 18, 2025 at 07:40 AM

KT

“ To Linda and family, Gary was such a good man - kind, funny, always thinking of others. He knew a lot of people (did he ever meet a stranger?) and he will be missed by each and every one, we know. Please know we are continuing to keep all your family in prayer.

Karen Thatcher-Hughes - July 17, 2025 at 10:11 PM

CH

“ So sorry for your loss. I met Gary years ago through the courts. He was such a good man.

Chris Hughes-Cassidy - July 17, 2025 at 05:27 PM

RM

“ Dear Linda and family,
I just want you all to know what a absolute joy it was knowing Gary. He really enjoyed "Carjack" and Todd and I loved making him part of the show. He earned the title "last in flight" after the hayfield incident. The world will be a dimmer and sadder place without him. When we are all called home to heaven, it will be a joy to hear his laughter and see that sincere and joyous smile again. God bless you all.
Randy and Lisa Marple

Randy Marple - July 17, 2025 at 10:37 AM

RM

“ Randy and Lisa Marple purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Gary Gardner.



Randy and Lisa Marple - July 17, 2025 at 10:22 AM

RM

“ Randy and Lisa Marple planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Gardner.

Randy and Lisa Marple - July 17, 2025 at 10:22 AM

PR

“ Dear Gardner Families,
Continuing to think of all of you and keep you in our prayers at this time. Gary was a great person and will be missed by all of Adams County.
Sincerely,

Phil and Vicki Rhonemus - July 16, 2025 at 09:41 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Gardner.



July 16, 2025 at 09:39 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary Gardner.

July 16, 2025 at 09:39 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Gary Gardner.*



July 16, 2025 at 07:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary Gardner.

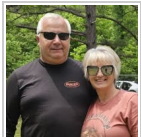
July 16, 2025 at 07:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Gardner.*



July 16, 2025 at 07:14 PM



“ *Gary was definitely the life of the party and the most selfless person ever. Always willing to help any way he could. Tom and I are blessed to have called him a friend. Gary was a true man of God and a light to anyone he met. Prayers to Linda and the family.*

Shelley Gacek - July 16, 2025 at 07:08 PM

KP

“ I know heaven applauds his entry and I'm grateful he is no longer suffering in any way, but I am so heartbroken. He was truly one of a kind, and I will miss him! Many prayers for Linda and the family.

Karen Pain - July 16, 2025 at 05:43 PM

PB

So well said, Karen. My heart is broken, too, for losing another wonderful cousin before I could get back to Ohio. My prayers go out for Linda and all Gary's siblings, children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and other cousins.

Peggy Butler - July 17, 2025 at 12:32 AM

BP

“ Mom and I are sorry to hear of Gary passing... Prayers for Linda and family

Bonnie Pierce - July 16, 2025 at 04:58 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Gary Gardner.



July 16, 2025 at 03:50 PM



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JB

“ *It was a pleasure to know Gary. Always willing to lend a hand when needed! Our prayers are with Linda and the family during this time.* ”



John Bayless - July 16, 2025 at 03:23 PM

JH

“ *It was a joy getting to know Gary. We shared some good memories and we are so thankful for the times we were together. Our prayers are with Linda and the family during this time.* ”

John and Martha Hester - July 16, 2025 at 02:07 PM

JK

“ *Jeremy & Amanda Klickner purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gary Gardner.* ”



Jeremy & Amanda Klickner - July 16, 2025 at 01:24 PM



“ *I'll miss you, Uncle Gary.* ”



Ashira Gardner - July 16, 2025 at 01:15 PM

RH

“ Gary was one of the best. A true light for Jesus. Our hearts are just broken like so many. We absolutely loved and adored you, and our time and laughter together. Florida won't be the same without your visit.

Rita Hughes - July 16, 2025 at 12:36 PM

HF

“ Hughes Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gary Gardner.



Hughes Family - July 16, 2025 at 12:30 PM

GS

“ My condolences to all the family. Thoughts and prayers to all my cousins.

Gregory Syrone - July 16, 2025 at 11:56 AM

JF

“ Jenny Fankell lit a candle in memory of Gary Gardner



Jenny Fankell - July 16, 2025 at 11:39 AM

BQ

Gary's warm smile will be missed. I met Gary through the Ohio Clerk of Courts Association. He was always so helpful and a pleasure to be with. Prayers are with all his family. May God welcome Gary home.
Bernie Quilter

Bernie Quilter - July 16, 2025 at 05:43 PM