



Ralph Gardner Sr.

January 26, 2019

Ralph Gardner, Sr., 99, of Upper Pittsgrove passed away on January 26, 2019. Born in Camden and raised in Pennsauken, he was the son of the late William L. Gardner, Sr. and Isabel (Graves) Gardner. In 1935 his family moved to Elmer. Ralph attended Woodstown High School but spent his senior year and graduated in 1937 from Bridgeton High School. He served his country in the United States Army during World War II from 1942 to 1945. During this time, on July 3, 1943, he married Dorothy Elizabeth "Betty" Moore. Over the years, Ralph worked as the owner of Gardner Brothers Inc. He was a member and former Elder and Trustee of Daretown Presbyterian Church. He also served as Explorer Post Advisor for Boy Scouts Post 160. Ralph enjoyed playing tennis and cards, especially Poker and Bridge and he loved to travel, going snorkeling and scuba diving.

Ralph is survived by his children Virginia Moll (Rand), Ralph Gardner Jr. (Judy), Charlie Gardner (Alenda), Margie Mercado (Nick) and Bill Gardner III (Claudia Cogliser), 14 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife of 65 years Betty Gardner and his siblings Mary Green, Alice Boston, Bill Gardner Jr., Belle Gardner and Ruth Cardillo.

Services will be held on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at the Daretown Presbyterian Church, 312 Daretown Road, Elmer, NJ 08318. There will be a

visitation from 10 to 11 AM and the service at 11 AM. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ralph's memory to the Friends Home, 1 Friends Drive, Woodstown, NJ 08098 or to the Daretown Presbyterian Church.

Cemetery Details

Pittsgrove Presbyterian

Daretown, NJ

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Pittsgrove Presbyterian
Daretown, NJ

Service

JAN 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pittsgrove Presbyterian
Daretown, NJ

Tribute Wall

MS

“ *Mr Gardner took some conversational Spanish lessons before he and Mrs Gardner took a trip to Spain.. He perfected the greeting " Hola, Paco, Que Tal ? He knew the response Bien, gracias, Y Tu ?.*

When they boarded the tour bus, he greeted the driver with his well learned phrase " Hola. Paco. Que Tal ?" The driver answered Bien, Gracias, Y Tu ? His name was PACO !

milton searles - January 30, 2019 at 11:08 AM

TP

Spanish lessons we're a plus that's awesome that mrs.and Mr. Gardner did that and what a wonderful idea to go to spain

Theresa purtell - February 20, 2020 at 08:22 PM

 Tanya Gardner

“ *"What a funny little bird a frog are." Wonderful, witty, well-read. Always happy to see you. Quick with a smile and a joke. We had very memorable and adventurous vacations in England, California, New Jersey, and Florida. In the summer the tennis court, bustling with their many friends, was THE place to be. Pool and ping pong indoors if you preferred. An early (and only?) adopter of the laser disc player. Watched The Muppet Movie on that thing only about a thousand times. His not-so-lively companion Bailey was a source of constant amusement. Once he saw upon the stairs a little man who wasn't there. Love you forever Granddad! Thank you for the joy! Please give Grammy a big kiss from all of us.*



Tanya Gardner - January 29, 2019 at 08:59 AM

AG

Very fitting tribute!

Alenda Gardner - January 30, 2019 at 06:21 PM



Wonderful comments, Tanya! He certainly was a unique man with many talents. He will be greatly missed!

Jennifer Harbison - January 30, 2019 at 07:21 PM

TP

Yes it really is a wonderful note tanya

Theresa purtell - February 20, 2020 at 08:25 PM

SS

“ *Susan Sardi lit a candle in memory of Ralph Gardner Sr.*



Susan sardi - January 28, 2019 at 08:28 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Jennifer Harbison - January 28, 2019 at 12:00 PM