



Carrie Leona Garner

February 22, 1929 - August 1, 2024

Carrie Leona (Cornwell) Garner (1929 – 2024)

Carrie Leona (Cornwell) Garner, age 95, passed away peacefully on August 1, 2024 surrounded by her loving family.

Carrie was born on February 22, 1929, to Odie and Myrtle Lucinda (Fair) Cornwell in Manassas, Virginia. She attended a one-room schoolhouse near her home through grade school, then in the late 1970's, she was proud to complete the Prince William County GED program. Carrie was a loving mother, a hard-working homemaker, and she sold Avon products on the side for many years. When her youngest child became school-aged, Carrie went to work outside the home at Osbourn Park High School selling ice cream. Carrie was a long-time member of Hatcher's Memorial Baptist Church. She loved her church community.

In early 1946, Carrie met Dennis Wilson Garner when he drove his mother to church one Sunday. She expressed many times that she knew he was the one for her. Carrie and Dennis were married on Sunday, October 20, 1946 in the home of Rev. J. Murry Taylor, a retired minister from Woodbine Baptist Church. Rev. Taylor also married Carrie's parents, Odie and Myrtle, in October, twenty-one years prior.

Carrie was a fiercely dedicated mom to her seven children who she loved unconditionally. Family came first and was above all else to Carrie, a value she instilled in her children and beyond.

Carrie was passionate about her ten grandchildren and so very proud of each

of them. She provided an abundance of loving care, comforting hugs and kisses and tons of fun.

Carrie adored her eighteen great-grandchildren, especially when so many could gather during the holidays. She loved nothing more than being surrounded by the loud chaos, warmth and laughter of her family.

Carrie was known for her love of playing cards. She played a spirited game of rummy and could play for hours and hours. She had a sense of adventure, liked visiting new places and trying new things. She loved reading, embroidering, collecting magnets and Beanie Babies. She loved riding on the golf cart at the river, particularly when she got to drive. Everyone loved her cooking and baking, especially her famous Thanksgiving dinner and delicious banana bread. She could eat her weight in ice cream and enjoy every minute of it.

Carrie was known by many names: Carrie, Leona, Lizer, Mom, Mom-Mom, Grandma, Granny, Aunt Liza and Little Bit. No matter how you knew her, she was loved and adored by all.

Carrie was preceded in death by Dennis Wilson Garner (husband), Dennis Dwayne Garner (son), Vernon Roy Garner (son), Carrie Elizabeth Frock (granddaughter), Odie Cornwell (father), Myrtle Cornwell (mother), Alvin Cornwell (brother), Charlotte Anderson (sister), Mabel Black (sister), Kenneth Cornwell (brother).

Those left behind to cherish her memory are her brother, Walter Elwood (Betty) Cornwell; her children, Larry Eugene (Brenda) Garner, Gloria Jean Taylor, Sherry Ann Garner, Donna Lynn (George) Truslow, Brenda Carol (Timothy) Grembowski; her daughter-in-law, Barbara Lee Garner; her grandchildren, Larry Eugene (Jennifer) Garner, Jr., Melissa Renee (Robert Klimkiewicz, Jr.) Bohan, Tina Michelle Provence, Julie Ann (Gregory) Goodrich, James Orel (Felicia) Shepard, Jr., Jason Carl Shepard, Amanda Carol (Michael) Crabill, Carolyn Ann (William) Benson and Jessica Rose Grembowski; her great-grandchildren, Blake Austin Blackwood, Corbyn Aston Shepard, Madeline Faye Bohan, Ryan Evelynn Garner, Karleigh Jade Crabill,

Xander Donato Provence, Cooper Wallace Garner, Carson Davis Shepard, Chase William Benson, Benjamin Mason Klimkiewicz, Eliza Marie Provence, Jaxon Lane Shepard, Olivia Josephine Shepard, Josephine Rose Goodrich, Angela Grace Shepard, Ryleigh Elizabeth Benson, Ava Caroline Goodrich and Emersyn Grace Shepard; and many nieces and nephews.

There will be a viewing and visitation at Pierce Funeral Home on Wednesday, August 7, 2024 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Funeral services will be held at Pierce Funeral home on Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 10:30 am, with burial at Stonewall Memory Gardens directly after the service. Friends and family are invited to a reception immediately following the internment at the Virginia Oaks Clubhouse at 7950 Virginia Oaks Drive, in Gainesville, VA.

Expressions of sympathy, including flowers, memorial donations or cards to the family are equally welcome. For memorial donations, please consider making a donation in Carrie's name to Riverside Hospice Fund (<https://riversideonline.com/give>) or to St. Jude Hospital (<https://www.stjude.org/>).

Cemetery Details

Stonewall Memory Gardens

12004 Lee Highway
Manassas, VA 20109
<http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Funeral Service

AUG 8. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Tribute Wall

CL

“ Carolann Lewis-Saunders lit a candle in memory of Carrie Leona Garner



Carolann Lewis-Saunders - August 08, 2024 at 02:44 PM

NY

“ Nicole Y. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carrie Leona Garner.

Nicole Y. - August 08, 2024 at 08:50 AM

MF

“ Maria and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carrie Leona Garner.

Maria and family - August 07, 2024 at 08:27 PM

MF

“ Maria and family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carrie Leona Garner.



Maria and family - August 07, 2024 at 08:27 PM

JO

“ Janice O. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Carrie Leona Garner.



Janice O. - August 07, 2024 at 04:49 PM

BS

“ Barb Cornwell Skidmore planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carrie Leona Garner.

Barb Cornwell Skidmore - August 06, 2024 at 10:29 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Carrie Leona Garner.



August 06, 2024 at 10:29 PM

KB

“ Kevin & Chrissy Black purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Carrie Leona Garner.



Kevin & Chrissy Black - August 06, 2024 at 08:59 PM

TF

“ *The Fulkerson Family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Carrie Leona Garner.*



The Fulkerson Family - August 06, 2024 at 03:29 PM

KF

“ *Carrie was the sweetest person ever. She made us feel welcome during family events, and was always so happy to see us. She had a way of putting you at ease while taking care of your every need. We will love and cherish our memories of her, forever. -Bruce and Karen*

Karen Fulkerson - August 06, 2024 at 03:21 PM

HC

“ *Haymarket Church Book Club planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carrie Leona Garner.*

Haymarket Church Book Club - August 06, 2024 at 10:19 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carrie Leona Garner.*



August 06, 2024 at 10:19 AM

BB

“ Bob, Tammy, Susie and Bernie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carrie Leona Garner.

Bob, Tammy, Susie and Bernie - August 05, 2024 at 12:17 PM



“ Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Carrie Leona Garner.



August 05, 2024 at 12:17 PM

GG

“ Gary, Wanda, Donnie Garner & Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Carrie Leona Garner.



Gary, Wanda, Donnie Garner & Family - August 05, 2024 at 10:39 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Carrie Leona Garner.



August 05, 2024 at 08:25 AM

LF

“ LOVE, Your Levita Fire Dept Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Carrie Leona Garner.



LOVE, Your Levita Fire Dept Family - August 04, 2024 at 11:40 PM

WC

“ What can I say but what a Loving, caring Lady that she was ... I thought of Aunt Liza like another Mom when I was growing up, I think I stayed at her house as much as I was at my own..... Every time I saw her she would kiss me and tell me she loved me..... She will Truly be Missed by me and so many!!! Rest In Peace Sweet Lady, You and Mama can be together now and Heaven definitely has a Beautiful Angel in it now.... Love you Aunt Liza...❤️❤️

wanda Chamberlain - August 04, 2024 at 05:51 PM

DG

"And... just like you was saying Sis... , 'Aunt Liza' was A very Special Lady who always Showed Each one of Us how very much she loved Us.. And I for one still will always remember her Smiling face when she would great you.. I'd really love to be a fly on the wall up there in heaven to hear what Mom and her and all of her other friends and family members are talking about..And just knowing how much she Used to enjoy listening to my music.. ,I'll always be thinking about her anytime I pick up my guitar to play and Sing.. I hope that you rest easy up there in Heaven 'Aunt Liza..' "

Donnie Garner - August 05, 2024 at 01:57 PM

GF

“ Gloria's North Carolina family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carrie Leona Garner.

Gloria's North Carolina family - August 03, 2024 at 08:20 PM

GF

“ Gloria's North Carolina family purchased the Fair est of All for the family of Carrie Leona Garner.



Gloria's North Carolina family - August 03, 2024 at 08:20 PM

GM

“ All my thought's and prayer's to the whole family. Aunt Liza was a wonderful Lady and she will be dearly missed by everyone. I will always hold a fond place in my Heart for her. I'll always remember as a boy going to her house and sampleing her homemade bread pudding and later in life whenever I saw her saying how's my girlfriend today and the way she would smile. Love you Aunt Liza and bless you. Gary Garner and Melissa.

Gary Garner & Melissa - August 03, 2024 at 04:25 PM

CB

“ Cindy and Joe Barsanti purchased the Serene R etreat for the family of Carrie Leona Garner.



Cindy and Joe Barsanti - August 03, 2024 at 04:15 PM

LG

“ Linda Garvin purchased the Strength & Solace S pray for the family of Carrie Leona Garner.



Linda Garvin - August 03, 2024 at 03:56 PM

CP

“ *Leona was the sweetest! I remember her fondly from Hatcher's. She was a good friend to my Mom (Annie Shafer). Praying for peace and comfort at this time as I know she is in the presence of her Lord!*

Cathy Peterson - August 03, 2024 at 02:41 PM

EP

I saw Leona at Hatcher's several times since I've been a member. She was so sweet and friendly. I know she'll be missed, but how wonderful to know she is with her Lord and Savior, and we'll see her again!

Edie Poole - August 04, 2024 at 05:04 PM

KR

“ *Kim Cornwell & Russ Ritenour purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Carrie Leona Garner.*



Kim Cornwell & Russ Ritenour - August 03, 2024 at 02:31 PM

KR

“ *Kim Cornwell & Russ Ritenour planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carrie Leona Garner.*

Kim Cornwell & Russ Ritenour - August 03, 2024 at 02:31 PM

SK

“ *Shelly K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carrie Leona Garner.*

Shelly K. - August 03, 2024 at 02:18 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carrie Leona Garner.*



August 03, 2024 at 02:18 PM



“ *8 files added to the album Family Reflections*



Kimberly Cornwell - August 03, 2024 at 02:11 PM



I have loved this woman my whole life ... as has everyone that ever met her! She leaves behind a legacy of love that will be treasured forever. My Dad, Jake Cornwell thought the world of her and I hope she's found him in heaven along with all of Brady & Ruby's and they've got a good game of Gin Rummy going! Godspeed Liza!

Kimberly Cornwell - August 03, 2024 at 02:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Carrie Leona Garner.



August 03, 2024 at 12:36 PM