



Charles Virgil Gardner

February 11, 1930 - February 23, 2015

Charles Virgil Gardner, 85 years old, of Berkeley Drive, Haymarket, Virginia, passed away on Monday, February 23, 2015 at his home with his wife and family by his side.

Charles was born February 11, 1930 in Washington, DC. His parents, Carl Webb Gardner & Gladys Kropke Gardner preceded him in death. His brother, Carl Mason Gardner, resides in Maui, Hawaii.

He was married to Peggy Ann Pickett on June 3, 1950 at Antioch Baptist Church, Waterfall, Virginia. He attended Osbourn High School, Manassas, Virginia and then joined the Navy in 1948 for 5 years. His career for Atlantic Research, Melpar, Alleghany Airlines, Piedmont Airlines, Eastern Airlines, FAA, Nationwide Insurance, and was the co-owner of Hillwood Mobile Sales. He was a past Master of Haymarket Masonic Lodge #313 and Worthy Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star #123 in Haymarket, Virginia. He was past President of the Gainesville Ruritan Club, member of Antioch Baptist Church where he was the church organist and member of the Kena Shriners Temple in Fairfax, Virginia. His hobbies included flying, scuba diving, motorcycling, and especially music. He played the accordion, piano, organ, and banjo. He had a band for many years that would play for private functions, nursing homes, and for anyone who would listen. He loved his music. From Country to Gospel, Classic Pop, Oldies, to the newer sentimental songs. His love of music translated into his life. He could be found almost every evening playing the piano creating beautiful music.

He was very proud of his commitment to the Blood Bank of Virginia where he donated thousands of platelets of blood. He would drive little children from the area to the specialty hospitals, help out someone in need, and he gave of himself to those who were suffering from illness or turpitude.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy Ann Pickett Gardner, 4 children, Bonnie Mackenzie, and husband John Mackenzie, of Marion Station, MD; Anne Pace, and husband Michael Pace, of West River, MD, Pat Gardner, of Gainesville, VA; and Michael Charles Gardner, and wife Katie, of Haymarket, Virginia; 7 grandchildren, Heather Gardner, of Gainesville, VA; Michael Gardner of Lincoln University, PA, and wife, Kelly; Michelle Gardner, of Colorado; Kaylee Gardner, of Haymarket, VA; Jackson Gardner, of Haymarket, VA; Bode Gardner, of Gainesville, VA; and Georgianna Gardner, of Gainesville, VA. And two great-grandchildren, Noah Prior, of Gainesville, VA, and Peggy Prior, of Gainesville, VA.

The Service celebrating the life of Charles Virgil Gardner will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at 2:00 PM following visitation at 1:00 PM at Antioch Baptist Church, 16509 Waterfall Road, Haymarket, Virginia. Interment will immediately follow in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to the Antioch Baptist Church Piano Fund in memory of Charles Gardner, PO Box 446, Haymarket, Virginia 20169.

Cemetery Details

Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery

16509 Waterfall Road
Haymarket, VA 20169

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 28. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Antioch Baptist Church
16509 Waterfall Road
Haymarket, VA 20169

Service

FEB 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PA

“ *Still miss you Dad. I guess I will always miss you until I see you again. So I'll meet you at the beach in heaven. I think that was your happy place on earth. Mine too!*

pat - April 09, 2015 at 12:38 PM

CJ

“ *To Pat, Peggy, and all of the family. We just today learned of Charles' passing. We are so sorry for your loss and send our sincerest sympathy.*



From Cindy and James Caudill (the Hatfield gal from WV)

Cindy and James - February 28, 2015 at 04:12 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Charles Virgil Gardner.*



February 28, 2015 at 07:26 AM

LP

“ I wanted to post a tribute, and I thought of so many things I wanted to express. I knew him best when I was a young girl ; Anne & I were best friends. I decided to focus on a special event that I experienced with the family. There were so many memories, but I did focus on one vacation. A most remarkable event was our summer vacation trip to Chincoteague & Assateague. He drove a camper there & it was rustic living. Anne & I were nonplussed with the camper park. The pony-pinning was amazing. That afternoon, Mr. Gardner taught us how to catch live blue crabs. I was great on catching crabs, but could not bear cooking or eating them. I do not remember if Peggy or Charles cooked a hamburger for me, but it was delicious! I still have some pictures & will treasure these. Of course, now, I cannot get enough blue crabs & treasure that flavor. I always think of that trip we made that summer! Peggy and my mother were best friends and they probably shared too many stories that we don't even want to know. Yes, they did include their husbands in the conversations.

*Will miss you, Mr. Charles Gardner! Prayers to you & your family.
Love to all!*

Lynn Jaquess Pahl - February 27, 2015 at 10:11 PM

TQ

“ Dear Peggy and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of grief. Charles was a very special person and will be missed.

*Sincerely,
Tom and Myrna Queen*

Tom Queen - February 27, 2015 at 04:53 PM

PC

“ I didn't know Charles Gardner as long as others, but he expressed a great fondness for my husband and carried over that same fondness towards me. We are so sorry for your loss. Pama Cain

Pama Cain - February 27, 2015 at 07:48 AM

DK

“ Denise and Clark Kuhl purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Charles Virgil Gardner.



Denise and Clark Kuhl - February 26, 2015 at 12:36 PM

BD

“ Our sincerest sympathy to Peggy & family at Mr. Gardner's passing. My mother & I remember him allowing us to swim at Hilltop. Also kind interactions as Mom cared for her mother & aunt of the family. God bless--

Betty Griffith Dickerson - February 26, 2015 at 11:19 AM

BB

“ Bonnie Burns lit a candle in memory of Charles Virgil Gardner



bonnie burns - February 26, 2015 at 07:00 AM

EM

“ Bonnie and family, I am so sorry to learn of your Dad..... I hope all of your good memories will give you strength. xo "Flip" (the shampoo-girl at Graham's Beauty Shop)

Eileen Marlowe - February 25, 2015 at 11:53 PM

MB

“ Dear Pat,
Anne and Family,
I am truly grateful for having had the opportunity to have known your memorable father to see his home , to have whispers of his spirit ,and hear him play the accordion and piano he loved so much. He was blest to have such a lovely family and super set of daughters. It shows the kind of man he was to have raised such Strong, independent and loving givers.
What an inspiration to you both a strong, giving, creative, family centered and patriotic spirit. What a gift to you and Gainesville Haymarket area.
My prayers and wishes for peace in his passing. Xoxo Maureen Brady

Maureen Brady - February 25, 2015 at 04:54 PM

MN

“ To Peggy and Family - We are very sorry about the loss of such a great man. Charles was a man that Mark looked up to for his wisdom and knowledge. He will be greatly missed by all that knew him. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.
Take care, Mark and Michelle Novitsky



Mark and Michelle Novitsky - February 25, 2015 at 03:02 PM

DM

“ To Peggy and Family-I am so, so sorry for the pain and loss that you feel right now. I am hoping the memories you have will bring you peace. Probably my favorite memory of Charles is him playing the accordian every time we came to visit. I was always so impressed because it looked so hard to play. He was so talented! Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Debbie Moore

Debbie Moore - February 25, 2015 at 12:07 PM

DH

“ Mr. Gardner was a very special man! You are all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Debbie & Chuck Hymes

Debbie Hymes - February 25, 2015 at 10:29 AM

PP

“ Charles always had an interesting or entertaining story to relate. We will miss him at our dinners. Our sincere sympathy to Peggy and the family. Peggy and Ed Pence

Peggy Pence - February 25, 2015 at 10:19 AM

HE

“ Poppy I miss you so much already. You were the best grandfather and an amazing father figure to me. You taught me so much and I am so thankful that Noah and Peggy were able to get to know you. I can hear you now playing "Glow worm" . I love you to the moon and back.

Heather - February 25, 2015 at 09:02 AM

CK

“ Sending condolences and prayers to the whole Gardner family.
Love, Carolyn Burke Kiser and family

Carolyn Kiser - February 25, 2015 at 08:13 AM

AB

“ My sincere thoughts and prayers go out to Peggy and the family.
Charles was an amazing man. I am so thankful to have known him.
I truly enjoyed all the wonderful and amazing stories that he would
tell of things that he had done while enlisted, of being in the band,
songs that he loved to play. I so enjoyed listening to him play the
organ at church on Sundays. I will miss his smile and I will miss his
hugs. Charles will be deeply missed.

April Brooks - February 25, 2015 at 07:45 AM

KG

“ Our sincere condolences to the entire Gardner family. He was a true
patriarch, and we feel privileged to have gotten the opportunity to
meet him and chat a while on several occasions. May the Lord
bless and keep you in this time of sadness.

Joe, Karolyn, Ethan, Daniel, & Brandon Gardner

Karolyn Gardner - February 25, 2015 at 06:12 AM

PG

“ I miss you already Dad. Thank you for
bringing me into this world. I know you're
watching over my babies and will guide them
through life. I'm so glad you were my Dad.
Now play a tune for me.
-your loving daughter, Pat



Pat Gardner - February 24, 2015 at 08:51 PM

MD

Peggy, Bonnie, Anne, Pat and Mike....and all the Gardners, I am thinking of you all in the midst of this sadness. I am holding on to all the special memories that I have shared with your family over the years and Charles will be there forever with fondness. Sending prayers of comfort to all. All my love. Maeve

Maeve Dilley - February 27, 2015 at 08:56 PM

GW

“ *Charles was always a pleasure to talk to on Sundays before church. I would go up to the organ and he'd tell me a Navy story or share a picture from his band that he carried in his wallet. I loved his patriotism and the special pride when he'd play around the 4th of July. I only knew him for a few years but he made a lasting and positive impact.*

God bless and hugs to Peggy and family.

glenda warnock - February 24, 2015 at 06:00 PM

AN

“ *Charles was a very nice man--he was a joy to be around as he was interested in everything. His love for music was outstanding and he loved to play music and talk about music and the performers of music. He will be missed by the community and especially those of us who had dinner with him once a month. Our love goes out to Peggy and we wish her well in the future. Sue and Al Newman*

Al Newman - February 24, 2015 at 05:16 PM