



## Mary Frances Garner

October 26, 1937 - May 12, 2023

Mary Frances Garner, age 85 of Manassas, VA died on May 12, 2023. She was born on October 26, 1937 in Fairfax, VA.

She was preceded in death by her husband Donald E. Garner; her parent Edgar and Olive Garrison; brothers Lloyd, Edgar, Earl, Charlie and Ashby and by her sisters Mildred, Helen, Annie, Ella, Ollie and Alice.

She is survived by her sisters Doris and Joyce; her children Donald L. Garner and wife Marilyn, Gary E. Garner and girlfriend Melissa and Wanda F. Chamberlain and husband Jason; her grandchildren Kristen L. Carrino and Mandy L. Hardy and husband Jon and her great grandchildren Sarah L. Hardy, Jacob C. Hardy and Ryan E. Hardy and my numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Mary was a very kind, giving and loving lady who always loved her family more than life. She was always making sure everyone had everything they needed and wanted. She loved to cook and bake and always wanted to feed you when you came to visit. Her banana pudding was like no other. She made a fresh apple cake with butterscotch chips on top that everyone always reminded her that she needed to make and sell. Mary had a heart of gold and was always ready to help others in any way possible. She always had a way of making things better just with her smile when you were feeling down in any

way. She was just a beautiful soul all around and will be missed by so many.

Mary worked in management in many retail stores including Fashion Bug, G.C. Murphy and was manager of the men's department at Peebles department store for numerous years. Her last job was at Manassas Dodge as bookkeeper before retiring to stay at home with her family.

Mary loved crafts, making wreaths, little mice out of Pepsi bottles, stuffed bunny rabbits and many more fun items. She loved working in her yard, whether it was tending to her flowers and garden or mowing the grass. Mary loved country music and going out dancing. Although most people don't know what clogging is, she was the queen of the clog. She never turned down a night of music and dancing.

The family will receive friends on Monday, May 22, 2023 from 6-8 PM at Pierce Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA where services will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 12:30 PM. Interment to follow at Stonewall Memory Gardens.

# Cemetery Details

## Stonewall Memory Gardens

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 22.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

**MAY 23.** 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
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# Tribute Wall

GH

“ *Dear Family of Mary Garner,  
We give to you our condolences on the passing of your dear Mother, Mary. She was our neighbor on King Carter Street, and one of the first people we met when we moved in. She always had 'open house' on her veranda, welcoming us when we walked past, sharing stories of our lives together. We will miss her. May God comfort you all and give you peace.  
With thankfulness, George and Mary Huttar*

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**George and Mary Huttar** - May 22, 2023 at 05:21 PM

TB

“ *Dear Friend,  
Words can not express how I am feeling right now. You and your family became my family. I will never forget our friendship and the memories we had for over 25 years. Things won't be the same in our neighborhood. Me and Gabby sitting with you on your porch and you always made sure I had something to eat. Love helping you make your apple cake so yummy! I want you to know Kristen, Wanda, Gary and Donny loved you dearly. Rest in peace Mary.*

*Your Friend Teresa*

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**Teresa Bigley** - May 18, 2023 at 09:20 AM

RD

“ Dear Aunt Mary,  
You are whole again! Although our hearts are heavy, I can rejoice knowing you can go Fly Without any more Pain & Dance up a storm with your siblings. I know you will forever watch over your family, and all things you loved.  
I am so grateful for the wonderful memories we created coming to your house to either sled ride or listen to music Uncle Gene would play. I will draw upon my memories until we meet again one day in Heaven. Much Love...Ruthie

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**Ruth Dodson** - May 16, 2023 at 07:53 PM

WC

“ Mama, No words can express the way my Heart is Aching right now.. I Pray that you know, How much I Love you and am so Proud that I had you as my Mom.. I want you to know that you're Kristen is going to be okay with you watching over her every day.. God has received the most Beautiful Angel in his Presence.. You've earned your Wings Mama, Now Fly.. I Miss you so much Already, I will be there with you one day when it's my time to come and we will Dance together once again..

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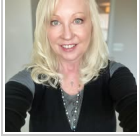
**Wanda Chamberlain** - May 16, 2023 at 05:04 AM

JF

“ Wanda and family, we are so very sorry your loss. You mom you loved you all so very much and I know she truly enjoyed spending her mother and daughter time with you and Kristen. I know you all will miss her so very much. Sending you lots of love ...

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**Jenn Fletcher** - May 15, 2023 at 10:15 PM



“ Aunt Mary was a beautiful soul. After my grandparents left this world she became my sorta grandmother. I loved that she joined FB and commented on my posts. What a beautiful soul. I'll miss you until I see you agains 🥹

Barbara Garrison Skidmore - May 15, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Frances Garner.



May 15, 2023 at 07:22 PM



“ The family lost a matriarch, and heaven gained a beautiful angel . My mind knows that you are in no pain, You are at peace , I just wish I could explain that to my heart. Thank you for all your love that you so generously shared. I love you Mary Garner.

Melissa - May 15, 2023 at 06:56 PM



“ Mom, you were the best mother that a son could have. I will Love you and miss you every day. Gary G.

Gary Garner - May 15, 2023 at 05:32 PM