



Ruth Estelle Gardner

February 12, 1932 - April 22, 2017

Ruth Estelle Gardner, age 85, passed away on Saturday, April 22, 2017 in Stafford, Virginia.

Mrs. Gardner was born on February 12, 1932 in Alexandria, VA to the late Preston Sylvester German, Sr. and Nellie Elizabeth (Pettit) German.

Predeceased by her parents; three sons: Jerry Gardner, Ronald Gardner and Ricky Gardner; one daughter: Sheila Lynn Lear; and one son-in-law: Danny Cornwell.

Survivors include three sons: Garland Dodson and wife Rose of King George, VA; Michael Dodson of Catlett, VA; and Jeff Dodson and wife Marilyn of Stafford, VA; one daughter: Gloria Jean Cornwell of Beaumont, TX; one brother: Wayne German and wife Janet of Chase City, VA; a special great niece: Bonnie L. Jenkins of Stafford, VA; 17 grandchildren; 29 great grandchildren; 5 great great grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at 10:30 AM at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA where the family will receive friends from 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM. Interment will follow at Woodbine Cemetery in Manassas, VA.

Condolences may be sent to: www.piercefh.com

Cemetery Details

Woodbine Cemetery

12914 Canova Drive
Manassas, VA 20112

Previous Events

Family to receive friends

APR **26.** 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *RAYMOND&FRANCES GRIFFITH lit a candle in memory of Ruth Estelle Gardner*



RAYMOND&FRANCES GRIFFITH - April 26, 2017 at 02:28 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth Estelle Gardner.*



April 25, 2017 at 05:24 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ruth Estelle Gardner.*



April 24, 2017 at 10:47 PM



“ *You were a second grandmother to Joshua after momma (Nell) passed. Taking him and shanna AND angie to bingo with you and nannie*

Cindy lighter - April 24, 2017 at 10:44 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ruth Estelle Gardner.*



April 24, 2017 at 04:04 PM



“ *Love you both Mom & Mark purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ruth Estelle Gardner.*



Love you both Mom & Mark - April 24, 2017 at 03:27 PM



“ *We share so many memories and some as recent as 2 weeks ago while I was visiting you at the nursing home, you asked me if I remembered the night we borrowed Jeff's truck to go to Bingo... I said how could I forget I got blamed for tearing it up... you told the story to the nurses just as it happened.. On the way home pitch black and NO cell phones, we hear a noise that we thought was a siren I let off the gas as a car passed to which I looked in my mirror ONLY to see the truck tire in the other lane as the person lays on the horn as it passes... NO BRAKES eeek..... yep had to walk in the dark to find a phone to call someone to come get us... The good Lord was with us that night for sure. The one good thing about memories is you always have them to loo back on and no one can replace them... I will miss you lovely lady and all our memory making days. May you Rest in Peace and just know you were a "Wonderful" Mother-In-Law.!! God Bless you, Trina*

Patrina Unroe Stoeckel - April 24, 2017 at 02:39 PM

CP

“ *Carol Pyle lit a candle in memory of Ruth Estelle Gardner*



Carol pyle - April 24, 2017 at 11:17 AM

CP

So sorry for your loss Garland.

Carol pyle - April 24, 2017 at 11:23 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ruth Estelle Gardner.*



April 23, 2017 at 05:43 PM



“ *You will be missed by many 💔 you stole a chunk of my heart. Getting to no you was a blessing ❤️❤️ I will never forget you grandma. May you rest in peace*

Kayla Dodson - April 22, 2017 at 06:54 PM



Samantha
Dodson

“ *We will never forget you Big Grandma ♡♡*
Sis, Noah and Taylor



Samantha Dodson - April 22, 2017 at 06:39 PM