



Doris Catherine Gardner

August 14, 1920 - January 16, 2012

Doris Catherine Palmer Gardner died on January 16, 2012.

Born on August 14, 1920, she graduated from Stevensville High School and later from Strayer Business School in Baltimore. She worked for BG&E for several years. In 1941, she returned to Kent Island, where she married John Gardner, Jr. In the mid 1940's, they opened Jack's Place, a small store and auto repair shop in Chester, which they operated until the early 1960's. She became a homemaker after retirement.

Mrs. Gardner will be remembered for her kindness to others, her sense of humor, and her love of her family.

She is survived by a daughter, Patricia Barden and her husband, Jim; four grandchildren, Kirk Barden, Erica Hartlove and her husband, Brad, Cathy Turski and her husband, Alex, and Andrew Barden and his wife, Melissa; and five great-grandchildren: Samantha Barden, Mackenzie Barden, Bradley Hartlove, Faith Hartlove, and Grace Hartlove.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, January 20 at Stevensville Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Eastern

Shore Chapter, 909 Progress Circle, Suite 400, Salisbury, MD 21804; or to the Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department, 1610 Main St., Chester, MD 21619.

Cemetery Details

Stevensville Cemetery

808 Main Street
Stevensville, MD

Previous Events

Service

JAN 20. 2:00 PM.

Graveside

Tribute Wall



“ *Doris Catherine Gardner*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Doris Catherine Gardner*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Doris Catherine Gardner*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Apparently it's normal for son-in-laws not to get along well with their mother-in-law, but that wasn't the case with Doris. In the 47 years I knew her, we got along very well. In fact, after my mom passed I, Jim Barden, looked upon Doris as my substitute mother. My memories of Doris were that she, like Jack (her husband who passed away in 2003) was very conservative when it came to conserving natural resources. In addition, unlike most of us, they were not materialistic in any way. They lived the same way later in life that they lived when they were extremely poor. I loved them both very much. I'm sure heaven has a very special place for Doris and Jack who lived their lives very honestly and treated others with upmost respect.*

James Barden - January 25, 2012 at 06:53 PM

EH

“ Andrew has fond memories of his Grandmother...

Living on the same farm as my grandparents made them a big part of my life growing up.

We did many things together, such as celebrating birthdays and holidays. I recall when I was younger we would go out to dinner with Grandma and Grandpa fairly regularly to Anglers. If she was late I would tease her about not being able to decide on a wig. I was young enough at the time to get away with such a comment but she was also someone who liked to joke and enjoyed a good laugh.

Grandmom was from another generation which often caused much amusement among my siblings and I. Another memory that stands out is how every Christmas we would wait for grandma to unwrap her gifts without damaging the wrapping paper. Though her intent was to reuse the wrapping paper I don't think it ever made it back onto a gift. But somehow the bow from the gift would always end up on her head. This became something of a tradition in our family, wearing bows on our heads as we opened gifts.

In her later years my wife, Melissa, and I enjoyed bringing her great-grandkids by to visit her at the assisted living and more recently at the nursing home where she was staying. She seemed to really enjoy seeing her great-grandchildren I only wish they got to know her better.

I will never forget my grandmom as she will always have a special place in my heart. Rest in peace...



Erica Hartlove - January 20, 2012 at 10:33 AM

EH

“ Cathy has many fond memories of grandmom. Grandma was a true animal lover. She was also witty, funny and loving. Some of her favorite things were smoking, eating ice cream, loving her cats and living on Kent Island. We had many special moments together living less than half a mile from each other for a large portion of my life. I remember sitting in the kitchen watching “I love Lucy” and “The Carol Burnett show” with grandma and laughing and laughing. I also remember walking to her house and helping her feed minnows to her 15 some-odd cats or checking the crab traps together. I remember just sitting and staring at the water while she told stories from her past. I was so fortunate to live so close to my grandparents and have these experiences. And I will be forever grateful. I will miss her always!

Erica Hartlove - January 20, 2012 at 09:43 AM

EH

“ Erica has many fond memories of her Grandmom.



If I had only one word to use to describe my grandmother, it would have to be kindness. It was just her nature to be kind hearted. She enjoyed her family and loved spending time with everyone, especially her great-grand children. She just loved the little ones!

Grandmom loved to tell stories about the good old days, and I was always fascinated by her stories. I loved hearing about her mother, grandmother, sisters, and especially my mother. She had many stories to share about running the store and gas station her and my grandfather owned.

Grandmom has always been a big part of my life, especially since I grew up on the same farm with her and grandpop. It is hard to believe they are both gone now. I can't help but think of them every time I drive up the lane on Gardner's Purchase farm. Grandmom, I will never forget you...

Pat has many fond memories of her mother. She was kind to us all and helpful. She would do anything to help out. She loved her family and loved to care for her grandchildren. She would tell them how life was when she was young and lived on a farm on Cox Neck Road. She loved the outdoors, tending flowers, fishing, crabbing and going for boat rides. She loved animals and had many pets throughout her lifetime. She was particularly fond of cats and kittens. She worked very long hours during her time as storekeeper at the family store in Chester and was happy to retire after her daughter went away to college. She enjoyed the pleasant lifestyle of the older Kent Island generation.

Erica Hartlove - January 20, 2012 at 09:39 AM

EH

“ Kirk has many fond memories of his grandmother.

When Erica and I were very young, Doris used to babysit us from time to time. Despite our best efforts to torture her and each other, she just kept coming back for more. She was absolutely DETERMINED to prevent us from roughhousing on the davenport. Yet, despite our attempts to drive her mad, she would still find time to sit down and a play board or card game with us. Only someone who truly loved us would have tolerated our behavior.

No story of my grandmother would be complete without mentioning that it was her and my grandfather who kept me sane during my high school years. Because my father landed a choice job overseas, I ended up attending military high school. Those were difficult years for me, being away from friends and family, living in unfamiliar surroundings. Thankfully, Doris and Jack used to make the long trek up to Wayne, Pennsylvania once a month to visit with me. They'd watch my parades, take me out for lunch, and just plain take me away from it all. They were essentially my parents during that period. I could never thank them enough for what they did. They didn't know it at the time, but their motivational speeches and pep talks are probably the only reason I made it to graduation. My life would have turned out differently had they not taken the time to visit with me.

Finally, and this may seem a little out of place, but I simply must sneak in a mention of Doris' lima bean stew. She and my mother used to make the most delicious lima bean stew. It was always a treat to come home from school to that smell. I'm afraid and delighted to think that that smell will always remind me of her. Afraid that it will remind me that she is no longer with us but delighted at all the wonderful memories she left us with.

Grandma, you will be missed.



Erica Hartlove - January 20, 2012 at 09:38 AM

DA

“ Please accept my heartfelt sympathies in the loss of your dear loved one. How comforting in knowing Almighty God has not only the power but also the desire to resurrect our loved ones. Jesus himself said: "Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." John 5:28,29

Delores Allen - January 18, 2012 at 06:25 AM