



Howard Franklin Gardner Jr

January 11, 1961 - September 15, 2023

Howard Franklin Gardner Jr. of Stevensville passed away peacefully on Friday, September 15 at his home surrounded by his family. He was 62.

Howard loved being a part of the fire departments in his community. He was a member of the Kent Island VFD and most recently United Communities VFD. He was always training and loved just being at the fire house. He also enjoyed going to the slots every Wednesday with his mom and dad. He was a winner every week in his book. Nascar and football were some of his other favorites. His favorite football team was always who ever won the Super Bowl. He loved his money and to bet with you. If you bet him and he won you'd better pay up but if he lost he wouldn't pay you. He loved the family parties each year at Aunt Shirleys house. He was the life of every party. Howard loved to dance. He would stay on the dance floor all night long dancing with all the girls. He absolutely loved his niece and nephews with all his heart. He had a special bond with each of them. The movies was something he enjoyed going to with his favorite Uncle Billy whom he loved so much. His Aunt Carolyn was also a huge part of his life especially during the past couple of years. He loved her dearly.

He is survived by his mother Peggy Gardner; three siblings, William "Speedy" Gardner of Stevensville, David Gardner (Annie) of Stevensville and Melissa Rousseau (Mark) of Church Hill. His niece Amber (Austin) and nephews Ryan

(Lauren), Wyatt (Rachel), Dustin and James (Ciarra). His grandnieces Emilee Blades and Hayden Gardner. He is also survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins that loved him so much. Howard will also be greatly missed by his furry companions, Charlie the dog and Boots the cat.

He is preceded in death by his father Howard Franklin Gardner Sr. We know his daddy was at the Gates of Heaven waiting to welcome him Home. What a celebration that must have been.

A Memorial Gathering will be held from 2-4 and 6-8 pm on September 24th at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, PA, 106 Shamrock Road, Chester, MD with the funeral service to take place Monday, September 25th at 11:00. Burial will be in the Stevensville Cemetery.

In Lieu of flowers please make a donation to the Kennedy Krieger Institute Attn: Office of Philanthropy 707 North Broadway Baltimore MD 21205 or to Compass Regional Hospice at 160 Coursevall Dr., Centreville, MD 21617.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **24.** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619

Visitation

SEP **24.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

SEP **25.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Howard Franklin Gardner Jr*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - September 20, 2023 at 08:40 AM

BJ

I remember all the good times we had as neighbors. Cook outs on the weekends would lead to arm wrestling and wrestling. You beat us all. You had to get that burger. I miss all those days. You come over to play with little Bobby when he was couple years old. We were good friends. Everywhere and anywhere we meet handshake and hugs. You were loved by all the guy's growing up. Wouldn't have had it any other way. Going to be mist but never forgotten. Til we meet again my friend.

Bobby Benton Jr - September 24, 2023 at 08:46 AM



“ *Howard Franklin Gardner Jr*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM

AN

“ *Annie lit a candle in memory of Howard Franklin Gardner Jr*



Annie - October 05, 2023 at 10:28 PM

BJ

“ Bobby Benton Jr lit a candle in memory of Howard Franklin Gardner Jr



Bobby Benton Jr - September 24, 2023 at 08:16 AM

DL

“ Doug And Michelle Leatherman sent a virtual gift in memory of Howard Franklin Gardner Jr



Doug and Michelle Leatherman - September 23, 2023 at 12:02 PM

HT

“ In loving memory, Harry Tolson & Family



harry tolson - September 22, 2023 at 03:22 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Howard Franklin Gardner Jr.



September 22, 2023 at 09:45 AM

CS

“ Howard, I can't describe how much I miss you already buddy. Such a lovable and sweet person who always had a smile on his face. I enjoy going back and looking at all the photos of us years ago. Miss you buddy.



Cole Snyder - September 21, 2023 at 11:12 AM



“ Nina White lit a candle in memory of Howard Franklin Gardner Jr



Nina White - September 21, 2023 at 10:02 AM

SH

“ Sue Hart lit a candle in memory of Howard Franklin Gardner Jr



Sue Hart - September 20, 2023 at 08:19 PM

GP

“ Gina Weston Paul lit a candle in memory of Howard Franklin Gardner Jr



Gina Weston Paul - September 19, 2023 at 05:54 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Howard Franklin Gardner Jr.



September 19, 2023 at 03:13 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Howard Franklin Gardner Jr.



September 19, 2023 at 06:57 AM

KM

“ Keith Morris lit a candle in memory of Howard Franklin Gardner Jr



Keith Morris - September 18, 2023 at 09:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Howard Franklin Gardner Jr.

September 18, 2023 at 09:36 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Howard Franklin Gardner Jr.



September 18, 2023 at 09:36 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Howard Franklin Gardner Jr.



September 18, 2023 at 08:44 PM



“ I will always remember clean up/ meeting nights at KIVFD, I don't think Howard missed one!!! So sad to hear this.

Loren Mayr - September 18, 2023 at 06:45 PM

MB

“ *Michelle Beville sent a virtual gift in memory of Howard Franklin Gardner Jr*



Michelle Beville - September 18, 2023 at 05:22 PM

MB

Our thought and prayers are with you all! Little Howard brought joy to everyone he touched! Martin and Michelle

Michelle Beville - September 18, 2023 at 05:24 PM

KR

“ *Howard touched so many lives and was always smiling. I know his family and friends will miss him terribly. Hold tight to those great memories with him. Sending lots of prayers and love to all of you. Love, Scott and Kim Ruth*

Kim Ruth - September 18, 2023 at 04:57 PM

TS

“ *Tracy Schulz sent a virtual gift in memory of Howard Franklin Gardner Jr*



Tracy Schulz - September 18, 2023 at 02:17 PM

MM

“ *We were so sorry to hear this sad news. Mom loved "Little" Howard. We're sure they are having a big time now.*

Mike Martin - September 18, 2023 at 01:28 PM

TL

“ Tammy Larrimore lit a candle in memory of Howard Franklin Gardner Jr



Tammy Larrimore - September 18, 2023 at 12:33 PM

CS

“ He was so incredible. I will miss coloring with him, And watching night rider. His Loving hugs that he would give you. I think of him everyday.



Candi Snyder-Coco - September 18, 2023 at 11:26 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Howard Franklin Gardner Jr.



September 18, 2023 at 10:12 AM

CN

“ Cecelia Nation lit a candle in memory of Howard Franklin Gardner Jr



cecelia nation - September 18, 2023 at 08:35 AM

MS

“ Howard was like a brother to me since I have been around him since I was born. I'll never forget all the fun trips we wld take with our family and yours. ❤️ Howard was one of a kind . We went somewhere and us kids were in the back of my dads truck and it had a cap on it and dad took a sharp turn and Howard tipped over in the back of the truck and started yelling you give me FLIP FLASH (whip lash) you give me FLIP FLASH FRANKIE BOY!!!! It was hilarious! I'll never forget you Howard, I luv you, love Shel

Michele Stringer - September 17, 2023 at 09:01 PM

CB

“ Howard touched our lives and brought us great joy! Keeping you all lifted in prayer in the tough days ahead! He surely loved you all and we loved him! He will be sorely missed! He is dancing with Jesus and loving on his dad!



Collern & Buddy - September 17, 2023 at 07:18 PM



“ Shirley Thomas lit a candle in memory of Howard Franklin Gardner Jr



Shirley Thomas - September 17, 2023 at 05:58 PM