



Howard F. Gardner, Sr.

September 14, 1939 - December 6, 2010

Howard F. Gardner, Sr. died on Monday December 6, 2010 at his home surrounded by his family. He was 71.

Born on September 14, 1939 in Stevensville, MD the son of the late Clarence Gardner and Elizabeth S. Turner. Howard grew up and attended school in Stevensville, MD. After school, Howard began farming with the Legg family at a young age. He married Peggy Duncan in 1960. In 1963 he began working in Washington D.C. and Virginia as a Crane Operator for 25 years. In 1985 Howard, along with two of his sons, established Gardner & Sons Construction. He retired in 2007 due to his health. Howard loved to work! He was a member of the Bay Country Moose Lodge in Queenstown and In the past he has enjoyed hunting and traveling throughout the United States.

Howard is survived by his loving wife, Peggy of 50 years; 4 children, Howard F. Gardner, Jr. of Stevensville, Melissa Rousseau, and her husband Mark of Stevensville, David Gardner, and his wife Annie of Stevensville, and William "Speedy" Gardner of Stevensville; 5 grandchildren, Ryan Gardner, Amber Gardner, James Gardner, Wyatt Rousseau and Dustin Rousseau; his Goddaughter, Logan Stanavich; and very dear friend, Betty and the late Frank Willis. Howard is predeceased by his brother Clarence "Buddy" Gardner and his sister, Lillian Higdon.

A Funeral Service will be held on Friday December 10, 2010 11AM at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., 106 Shamrock Road, Chester, MD where friends and family may call from 2-4PM and 6-8Pm on Thursday December 9, 2010. Burial will be in Stevensville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of Queen Anne's Inc., 255 Comet Drive, Centreville, MD, 21617.

Tribute Wall



“ Howard F. Gardner, Sr.

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Howard F. Gardner, Sr.

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Howard F. Gardner, Sr.

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ My dad, my hero!! I miss you more then ever!! I'm sure you are having a grand ole time with your family, Mom Mom Duncan and Frankie Willis!! I bet you and Mr. Frank are pranking everyone. Can't believe it's almost been 3 years since you have been gone. I think about you everyday. Please send mom and Howard some signs that you are still with them. Howard tells everyone that he meets and sees how much he misses you. He was your sidekick. Wyatt, Dustin and Mark talk about you often. Keep sending me pennies from Heaven. Love your daughter Melissa Ann

Melissa Rousseau - November 12, 2013 at 02:33 PM



“ Love and miss ya Pop Pop!##imported-begin##Ryan##imported-end##

April 19, 2011 at 10:04 PM



“ HE WAS AN AWESOME MAN.. WHO LOVED HIS FAMILY AND HIS ISLAND .. HE THOUGHT OF EVERYOEN HAS FAMILY , JUST AS MY DAD DID AND I KNOW THEY ARE HAVING A BLAST IN THE HEAVENS .. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU###imported-begin###KATHY LEE HYDE ###imported-end##

December 10, 2010 at 06:52 PM



“ Thinking of you all at this difficult time. We wish you peace, strength and comfort in your days ahead.###imported-begin###Kim & Scott Ruth###imported-end##

December 10, 2010 at 11:32 AM



“ Steve, JD and I want to express our condolences on Dave's dad's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.###imported-begin###Steve and Janet Crutchley###imported-end##

December 10, 2010 at 07:44 AM



“ Mr. Howard, I have known you my whole life and you have always been like a 2nd father to me. I can't remember a day that went by in our house that I didn't hear the names Peggy and Howard or many days growing up that I didn't see your faces. I have sooo many fond memories of our families together and the crazy things you and dad would do or say and how us kids never knew wheather to believe yours and dad's stories or not, we wld always look to mom and mrs. peggy for them to give us a nod that it was a true story or not. Your love has trickled down all the way to my kids from Travis who adores you and calls you "Gramps" to Taylor being terrified of you, haha.. Now you and dad are at peace and the pain is gone and we can all feel safer knowing your both watching over us. I love you and will miss you more then you will ever know.

RIP Mr. Howard

Michele Stringer##imported-begin##Michele Stringer##imported-end##

December 08, 2010 at 09:06 PM



“ My heart goes out to the whole family and you will be greatly missed by everyone, but never forgotten. You were always a great man you loved your family and friends more than anything else. And you always had a smile on your face, and made me smile.

Gonna miss you

Joy

*Ps tell dad I miss him ❤️##imported-begin##Joy
Leishear##imported-end##*

December 08, 2010 at 06:58 PM



“ Peggy, my thoughts and prayers are with you and Missy, speedy, little Howard, David and there families. I am so glad i got to see Howard Friday and that he knew i was there. I am here for you anytime you need me. Love Robin and Charles Martin###imported-begin###Robin and Charles###imported-end##

December 08, 2010 at 03:58 PM



“ Our Family's thoughts and Prayers are with you all. Very kind, Sweet Man that always spoke of his family with pride and love. God Bless you All in the days to come.
Karla, Mark, Brody & Makayla###imported-begin###Karla Pierson Zador###imported-end##

December 08, 2010 at 03:53 PM



“ We all miss you Uncle Howard. You have touched our lives in many ways over the years and we are forever grateful for your presence. I know that you are smiling down on us, keeping us strong.
Love,
Melanie###imported-begin###Melanie Sperl###imported-end##

December 08, 2010 at 12:59 PM



“ We are sorry for the loss of Mr Howard to your family. His family was as special to him as he is to his family. Use the great memories you have to keep you going in the days and months to come. He was a sweet man and he helped make the ole" Kent Island what is was when life was simple. Take care and God Bless you all
Billy and Terri Schelhouse###imported-begin###Billy and Terri###imported-end##

December 08, 2010 at 11:13 AM



“ Hey Pop Pop, its Ryan. Just wanted to let you know you may be gone but never forgotten by many. Just letting you know that when you told me when I was little I can be whatever I want to be as long I put my mind to it and strive for success. Well Pop Pop I found what I want to do and that is be a firefighter. I actually put a sticker in your honor on my helmet because I want you with me where ever I go and to look out for me. And everytime I look at it I can see you with me and telling me strive for success and be safe and never quit. No worries about Howard making fire calls anymore we got that covered he will make the "BIG ONE" lol. What about the coffee? lol you always ask for that lol. I guess you and uncle Buddy have to make each other one now. I am sure you have a great seat up there. I saw today that the sun was out and shinny bright so I knew you arrived and living the good life. Dont worry about anything down here even though you are still here. The Gardner Family has it under control. God puts everyone on this earth for a purpose. I think you definitely made that purpose felt now its our turn and we wont let you down. I ask that since I am in the fire service and it is very dangerous, to guide me and hold my hand where ever it may take me. I always knew that my firefighting family would look out for me on the fire scene. Now I can be more secure since you are always there and you got my back. Tell uncle Buddy and all the other relative I have up there I said hey and Love you. You dont how many times good memories came to mind lol. Noe I think about them mroe and more and laugh lol. Howard will pull through and get the "BIG ONE" lol. I know he has been wanting one for a long time so he will get you one in your honor. You have done a lot for this family and you have gone above and beyond and we greatly appreciate that. So just wanted to tell look out for the Gardners and I, I love you very much Pop Pop, best friend.##imported-begin##Ryan##imported-end##

December 07, 2010 at 09:53 PM



“ *Being surrounded by your family and feeling that love as you leave this life behind is a precious gift. We hope your memories bring you comfort in the coming days and our thoughts and prayers are with you as you face this tremendous loss in your family. - Libby & Dallas##imported-begin##The Walls Family##imported-end##*

December 07, 2010 at 09:40 PM



“ *Aunt Peggy, Howard, Speedy, David and Missy,
My heart is truly aching for you during this awful time. I know that Uncle Howard is no longer in pain, and that truly is a blessing, but I can't tell you how much I will miss him. He has such a special place in my heart. I will miss hearing his voice, teasing me about the Ravens, and just being "Uncle Howard". He was a GOOD man, plain and simple...a kind, giving and loving man who cared so much about his family. My most vivid memory of just how much he cared was when you got married, Miss, and seeing how proud and emotional he was. His kids and grandkids were the light of his life! Aunt Peggy-what a love had...once that lasts for over 50 years is true love and it saw you through the ups and downs. You were just perfect for each other. I cannot think of not seeing him. I know that, one day, I will again, and that gives me peace. I love you all very much, and please know that our entire family is here for you. Yesterday was a true testament to that...he could not have been more surrounded by more love than he was...take care.
Love you, Sandy##imported-begin##Sandy and Jon Eshelman##imported-end##*

December 07, 2010 at 09:12 PM



“ goodbye to for now hope one day we can meet again you might be gone but will never be forgotten love you so much your grandson wyatt###imported-begin###wyatt rousseau###imported-end##

December 07, 2010 at 08:17 PM



“ Peggy, Speedy, Howard, David and Missy:
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all in your loss. How we will miss Howard's funny stories! I know Frank and Howard are already planning some adventures! We are thinking of Howard with tears and a smile today.

Craig and Patti###imported-begin###Patti and Craig Willis###imported-end##

December 07, 2010 at 01:47 PM



“ PEGGY AND FAMILY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS MY PRAYERS FOR FAMILY###imported-begin###PHYLLIS COCKRILL MARTIN###imported-end##

December 07, 2010 at 11:56 AM