



Donald Gardner

July 2, 1934 - April 1, 2009

VIEW VIDEO TRIBUTE PAGE Donald O'Neal Gardner passed away on Wednesday April 1, 2009 surrounded by his loving family in Fort Worth, Texas. He was 74 years old. Don was born on July 2, 1934 to Jack and Ova Gardner in Bowie, Texas in a family of 7 children. He lived in Bowie until 1955 when he married the love of his life Janice Marie Dougless of Wizard Wells, Texas. He owned and operated Don's Paint and Body Shop for sixteen years. He sold the shop in 1973 and became a partner in Gardner Land Co. During this period they acquired land in the west part of town and developed an addition know as Tanglewood. Don was also involved in other business ventures such as the building of a supermarket known as Triple G Supermarket. This was sold and he invested in another business- Gardner's Laundromat, Car Wash and Mini-Warehouses. Don was president and partner of Best Petroleum Exploration, Inc. of Jacksboro. It was formed in 1981 when they drilled the first well in Jack County. Don served as city councilman in Jacksboro from 1965 to 1967. While serving as councilman many improvements were made in Jacksboro. A franchise was issued for cable TV, the city deeded land to Fort Richardson for a state park, a municipal airport was built, new sewer lines were added to the south and west part of town and the council voted to raise the spillway without cost to the city. Don was an active member of First Baptist Church in Jacksboro, he also served as an officer in the Jaycees, was a member of the Lions' Club and the Jacksboro Chamber of Commerce. Those left behind to cherish his dear memory are

his wife of 54 years Marie Gardner of Jacksboro, Texas; his two daughters Debra Pankey and husband Harold Gene of Jacksboro and Kylia Cooper and husband Michael of Ponder, Texas; his son Donald O'Neal Gardner and wife Diana of Jacksboro, Texas; his 7 grandchildren Leah Davenport and husband Brian, Bryson Pankey and wife Anna Kate, Lacy Pankey, Amy Hodges and husband Robert, Darin Cooper, Jana Cooper and O'Neal Gardner; and 6 great-grandchildren If so desired memorials may be made to Concerned Citizens, 400 East Pine Street, Jacksboro, Texas 76458 There will be a visitation on Friday April 3, 2009 from 6-7 pm at Coker Funeral Home in Jacksboro, Texas. Services will be Saturday April 4, 2009 at 2 pm at First Baptist Church in Jacksboro with burial to follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Eugene Weldon and Melvin Clay will be officiating.

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Gardner*

October 09, 2023 at 04:16 AM



“ *Donald Gardner*

January 28, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy. We will be praying for you.*

Tammye Isbell - April 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *I probably could not convey this in person but I count Don as a dear friend and I will be one who misses him badly. I do not use the term friend lightly but I do hope you as a family know that I thought of Don as one of my closest friends.*

Please know that I will be available if I can ever help as my testament to our friendship.

Charles L. Robinson - April 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ It is hard to express our feelings to a family who we have known so long.

I still call Marie Gardner, Janice Garner.

Then our memories go back to the time when Don and Janice lived on one side of the duplex which was owned by Mrs. Gresham, and we lived on the other side. Those were early times of our marriage. I recall visiting with the Gardners. Also Janice talking with me about what she was going to cook. Those were enjoyable days. All four of us were learning alot in life. Thanks for your friendship down thru all these many years. May God still you strength and people in the future is our prayer.

Pete and Mickey Woolsey - April 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers during this time of your grief.

Randall Jackson - April 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Amy, Leah, Bryson & Family-

I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your grandfather. I know he will be greatly missed by all of you. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Amber Garner Parks - April 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM