



Mr. William "Willie" Gardner

January 5, 1954 - September 3, 2024

Mr. William "Willie" Gardner, 70, of Jacksonville, Alabama passed away on September 3rd, 2024. A visitation will be held at Miller Funeral Home on Wednesday, September 4th from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. A graveside service will follow at Oxford Memorial Gardens.

Mr. William is survived by his wife of 49 years, Ann Marie Gardner; his son, Scott (Barbie) Gardner; daughter, Stacie (Nicole) Gardner; granddaughter, Kayla (Jonathan) Evans, Alexis (Cecil) Gardner; grandson, Zachary Gardner; brothers, Kenneth (Shelia) Gardner, Ronnie (Vicki) Gardner; sister, Janice (Steve) Houston and a host of nieces and nephews.

Mr. William is preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Frances Gardner; brothers, James Gardner, and Freddie Gardner.

Pallbearers will be Cody Ray, Daniel Savona, Toby Williams, Wade Gardner, Shannon Vinson, Tony Bishop, Billy Hurst, and Buddy Dark. The honorary pallbearer will be David Goodson.

Mr. William was an avid Alabama fan, enjoyed tournament fishing, and loved to grill for his family. He had many friends and never paid sticker price. He earned his pilot license at the age of 16.

Cemetery Details

Oxford Memorial Gardens

220 McKibbon St
Oxford, AL 36203

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 4. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Miller Funeral Home
50 Hamric Drive East
Oxford, AL 36203
(256) 831-4611
millerfuneralcal@gmail.com

Graveside Service

SEP 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

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220 McKibbon St
Oxford, AL 36203

Tribute Wall

CC

“ *Mr. Willie might be the most influential person I've ever met in my life. I started working with him 14 years ago almost to the day. His nickname within the company was the Godfather. So even though we were miles apart, I reached out to him for advice with my career. I had nothing to offer him and he didn't know me at first, but he responded and taught me more than I could have ever hoped for. Afterwards he took me under his wing and I went from getting by to flourishing. I even ended up being his next door neighbor for several years. I wanted to be near his love, compassion, and knowledge. During this time I began to raise a family and Willie couldn't have been more loving. He would hand my (now 8 year old) son a dollar every time he saw him and to this day I think my son believes he's somehow related to Santa Claus. From the greatest mentor I ever had, to neighbor, to family. I could never overstate what an impact he has been in my life. I love you brother and I know God now has a friend to watch Alabama games with, laugh at your jokes, and be inspired by the many lives you've impacted. I will miss you dearly.*

Chandler Campbell - September 03, 2024 at 09:24 PM

LC

“ *Linda Chitwood lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Willie" Gardner*



Linda Chitwood - September 03, 2024 at 08:54 PM

LC

“ *I only met him once, he was a total delight, so sorry for your'loss, he will be missed*

Linda Chitwood - September 03, 2024 at 08:53 PM

BJ

“ *Becky Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Willie" Gardner*



Becky Johnson - September 03, 2024 at 08:23 PM

PB

“ *I had known Willie for 35 years. We had worked together in the 80's and 90's. Willie was the type of man that once you met him you knew you had a friend. I think we had more, it was a close bond. He had more honest and integrity than most people you meet. Willie made my life richer and fuller just by knowing that people like him do exist in this world. God will now put him to good use, to spread his smile and warmth from above. Peace to you my friend, you will always remain in my heart.*

Pat B

Pat Bockenstette - September 03, 2024 at 08:23 PM