



## James Robert "Jimmy" Gardner

March 3, 1952 - July 20, 2024

James Robert Gardner, affectionately known as Jimmy, passed away peacefully on July 20, 2024. Born on March 3, 1952, Jimmy brought joy and laughter to everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. He will be deeply missed by his loving family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, John and Mary Gardner; And brother, John Gardner, Jr.

Jimmy is survived by his beloved daughters, Heather Chambers (Bryan) and Heidi Gardner, and his cherished grandchildren, Wyatt Chambers, Hattie Chambers, June Chambers, and Tyler McDade. He was a devoted father and a wonderful Opa, always ready with a joke and a smile.

Jimmy's life was marked by his generous spirit and willingness to lend a hand. Whether serving as an usher at church, coaching his daughters' sports teams, or helping out at their school, Jimmy was always eager to volunteer. His dedication extended to his family's business, Gardner's Auto Parts, where he worked diligently to support his loved ones.

One of Jimmy's greatest passions was travel. Some of the family's most treasured memories include snorkeling adventures in the Bahamas, where his love for exploration and fun shone brightly. Friday nights were often spent playing cards and sharing laughter, a tradition that brought the family closer together.

Jimmy's grandchildren adored him, especially when he sang to them. His hugs and contagious laugh will be fondly remembered and deeply missed. He

was a pillar of strength and joy in the lives of those he touched.

A Celebration of Life will be held at St Joseph Catholic Church, 1225 Gallatin Pike S, Madison, TN 37115, on Tuesday, July 30th at 11am with visitation starting at 10 am. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Park, 660 Thompson Lane, Nashville, TN 37204.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Memorial Park

660 Thompson Ln  
Nashville, TN 37204

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
1225 Gallatin Pike S  
Madison, TN 37115

## Celebration of Life

JUL 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

GM

“ Greg Mccown lit a candle in memory of James Robert "Jimmy" Gardner



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greg mccown - July 30, 2024 at 07:52 PM

EM

“ At nanny's house there was a purple stuffed animal, like a teddy bear, that was locked up in handcuffs. As a kid I laughed alot, so Jimmy would always play with me with that bear. It would always make me and Hannah laugh so hard.

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emma - July 30, 2024 at 09:41 AM

JM

“ Jimmy was a wonderful friend who felt like family we sure will miss you our friend we loved having him over for a meal & wonderful card playing time we also made several visits out of town with him & he was always knowledgeable about the areas we visited & was a great tour guide We're sure gonna miss you our Buddy & friend He also loved our grandchildren like they were him special friends Bobby Judy Murphy & Tara Frye & special Buddy ' friend Travis Collins Go rest High on that Mountain Til we meet again our friend



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Judy Murphy - July 30, 2024 at 08:53 AM

SI

“ Stephen and Iryna purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of James Robert "Jimmy" Gardner.



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Stephen and Iryna - July 28, 2024 at 07:48 PM

SI

“ From: Stephen and Iryna planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Robert "Jimmy" Gardner.

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Stephen and Iryna - July 28, 2024 at 07:48 PM

AV

“ Anna, Jr, Keri, Missy, Red, and Val purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of James Robert "Jimmy" Gardner.



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Anna, Jr, Keri, Missy, Red, and Val - July 27, 2024 at 08:59 PM

AV

“ Anna, Jr, Keri, Missy, Red, and Val planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Robert "Jimmy" Gardner.

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Anna, Jr, Keri, Missy, Red, and Val - July 27, 2024 at 08:59 PM

KH

“ I can fondly remember Jimmy , and am proud to call him my friend. Our lose is Heaven’s gain. Love to his family, Kenny Hamby, class of ‘70

Kenneth Hamby - July 27, 2024 at 04:50 PM

JA

“ It was always fun being around Jimmy. We had fun doing crossword puzzles together when we were at the beach.

Jane - July 27, 2024 at 11:14 AM

BN

“ Jimmy was such a good friend in high school and was the epitome of strength and kindness! I loved to hear Jimmy laugh.... he brought laughter everywhere he went 😊

Becky Nickins - July 26, 2024 at 12:10 AM

RC

“ I was very sad to hear about Jim's passing. Last year I tried to get his phone number but was unable to. I met Jimmy & Janice around 1985 & spent a great deal of time at their house when Heather & Heidi were just kids. He was very kind & very smart. Jimmy was an MTSU graduate like myself so there was a kindred spirit there. Rest In Peace my friend!

Reginald Craig - July 25, 2024 at 11:09 PM

LH

*Jimmy was my cousin. I Treasure the times we played the card game, Flinch, esp at Christmas and New Years in our youth. He was an exceptional card player and photographer and HE attained the rank of Eagle in BSA. His parents were the sweetest and his father gave much time and money to The Boys Club. Gardner Auto Parts was a great locally owned business that his father, brother and Jimmy ran for years and was well respected. I regret that Jimmy and I did not see each other very much in our later years, but I could always run into him at Moss Wright Park with his grandchildren! He was a gentle giant with a wonderful smile and laugh. Rest in Peace, Jimmy.*

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**Linda Jane Mantlo Harrison** - July 27, 2024 at 05:26 PM

MM

*“ Uncle Jimmy created a lot of joy. I can't remember not laughing and being happy in his presence. His humor was infectious and his smile could light up an entire room. The world is a colder and sadder place without him. God bless you, Uncle Jimmy. You are deeply missed.*

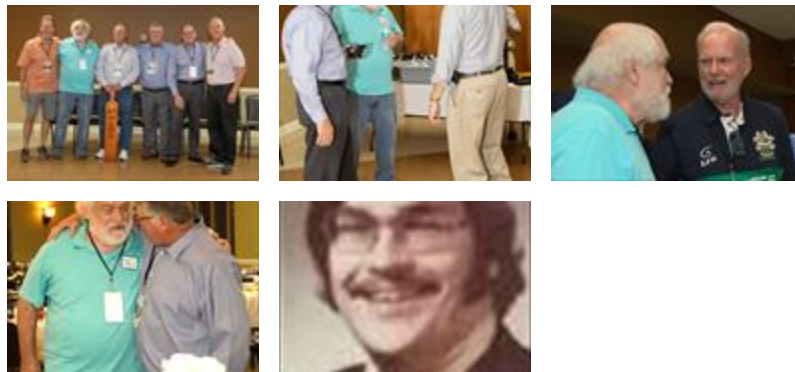


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**Monica M** - July 25, 2024 at 08:10 PM

HG

“ 18 files added to the album Tribute Wall



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**Hal Gibbs** - July 25, 2024 at 05:32 PM

HG

“ Jimmy and I grew up together at Grace Baptist Church in Nashville. His dad, Johnny Gardner and my dad were best friends. Jimmy got me to join the Boy Scouts with him and then we went through Litton Junior high and then Litton Senior high together.... when I started my freshman year at MTSU, he took me to a Sigma Nu party and I joined him there when I pledged the next semester. Over the years, I saw him at Gardner's Auto parts and then at Napa auto parts in the recent years. Jimmy was a great guy and will be missed. We both share our Litton and Sigma Nu families. RIP Jimmy, you were and will always be my friend..... Hal Gibbs....

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**Hal Gibbs** - July 25, 2024 at 12:19 PM