



William Franklin Gardner

December 17, 1940 - January 16, 2017

William “Bill” Franklin Gardner, 12/17/1940 – 01/16/2017

Bill Gardner of San Antonio, TX, passed away peacefully at home, on January 16, 2017, surrounded by his loving family. Bill was preceded in death by his parents William R. Gardner and Marjorie Genevieve Gardner, and his brothers, Charles Gardner, David Gardner, and Kenneth Gardner. He is survived by his wife Janice O’Donnell, his son Robert Gardner, daughter Tana and husband Jarrod Leonard, brother John P. Gardner, sister Jane Gardner, four grand-children; Robbie & Teri Gardner, Savannah & Shelby Leonard and many nieces and nephews.

Bill was born in St. Stephens, New Brunswick, Canada and held a dual citizenship in Canada and the United States. He grew up in Vanceboro, Maine and entered the Air Force after graduating high school. After serving three years in the Air Force, Bill moved to Denver, Colorado and worked as a Salesman for Olivetti Underwood. Bill eventually moved to Tucson, Arizona, then Dallas, Texas where he met his wife Janice O’Donnell. They were together for 37 years.

Throughout the next forty years, Bill became involved in many business ventures, including starting up pharmacy data software companies, and then became an entrepreneur developing Gardner Vending, and owned Bond’s 007 Rock Bar on the San Antonio Riverwalk.

Bill enjoyed spending his time with his family and friends, going on cruises, taking road trips and relaxing at home with his two dogs and three cats. He

was also active in the AMA Club where he flew a variety of remote control airplanes ranging in sizes up to six feet long. Bill was never one to be sitting still unless there was a Cowboys or Spurs game on the television.

Bill will be dearly missed by the many who loved him. A memorial service to celebrate Bill's life will be held on Friday, January 20 at 3:00 pm at Mission Park Funeral Chapels Stone Oak, located at 23755 HWY 281 N, San Antonio, TX 78258. A reception will immediately follow.

Previous Events

Celebration of His Life

JAN 20. 3:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Life Center at Stone Oak

23755 US-281

San Antonio, TX 78258

(210) 576-3377

<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Franklin Gardner.*



January 20, 2017 at 03:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Franklin Gardner.*



January 20, 2017 at 02:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Franklin Gardner.*



January 20, 2017 at 01:12 PM



“ *John, Dirce, Bobby, Rick and Jon. purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of William Franklin Gardner.*



John, Dirce, Bobby, Rick and Jon. - January 20, 2017 at 10:48 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Franklin Gardner.*



January 20, 2017 at 09:59 AM



“ *We love you, Abbie and Larry purchased the Garden Accent - A heart of gold stopped beating... for the family of William Franklin Gardner.*



We love you, Abbie and Larry - January 20, 2017 at 09:21 AM

AB

“ There are no words that can express the loss we feel. He will be missed so very much.

There have been so many memories over the last 26 years, but one that brings a smile to my face is our surprise appearance at our last cruise. Bill and Janice kept asking us to come, but we told them we couldn't make it. The night before, we went out to dinner to say "Bon Voyage", making sure there was no doubt that we could not make it. We made sure we would arrive at the ship before they did, we got checked in and went to the top deck. We texted them and said "where are you?" They never answered because they did not text! Then we called and said "we are waiting for you, when you get off the elevator, we are at the bar to the right". Bill would not believe us, neither did Janice. Larry has a reputation for being a kidder! The look on their faces was so great! He talked about this many, many times! So glad we made that surprise happen.
Bill, you are on the greatest voyage of all. With all of our love, Abbie and Larry

Abbie and Larry Ballard - January 20, 2017 at 08:39 AM

KM

“ Bill Gardner was like James Garner . A man's man. I feel blessed to have known him for 4 years. I felt very lucky to have had him for the last two. Bill is a fighter who never gave up. He was always a gentleman, always had a smile on his face, His stories were bigger than life. Just like himself. Going to the field and flying with Bill,....Well, it was just a bonus to have him. Sometimes I would go to the field just because Bill was there. He will be missed by everybody. The field will never be the same. FLY HIGH BUDDY!

kurt mosel - January 19, 2017 at 09:46 PM

KM

“ 3 files added to the album *New Album Name*



kurt mosel - January 19, 2017 at 09:29 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes* was purchased for the family of *William Franklin Gardner*.



January 19, 2017 at 07:24 PM

LM

“ *Love Joel, Jody, Joel II, Ryan, Dylan, and Mia*. purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of *William Franklin Gardner*.



Love Joel, Jody, Joel II, Ryan, Dylan, and Mia. - January 19, 2017 at 07:13 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of *William Franklin Gardner*.



January 19, 2017 at 03:04 PM

MC

“ *Members of River City Radio Control Club purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of William Franklin Gardner.*



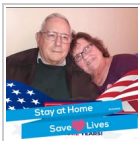
Members of River City Radio Control Club - January 19, 2017
at 01:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Franklin Gardner.*



January 19, 2017 at 10:55 AM



“ *I am Joel Foley's Mom in law. I only met Bill and his wife Janice once. Both were happy, very pleasant and people any one would have loved to know better. My heart goes out to hus loved ones. Thank you Bill, for your service to our country and, may God Bless you in your journey to meet our Lord. Madeline Baker.*

Madeline Baker - January 18, 2017 at 09:22 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Franklin Gardner.*



January 18, 2017 at 09:10 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of William Franklin Gardner.*



January 18, 2017 at 08:36 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Please accept our deepest sympathy and condolences. God bless. Bill and Linda Kaine.*

Bill and Linda Kaine - January 18, 2017 at 06:27 PM



“ *Ron and Rene' Mulholland purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of William Franklin Gardner.*



Ron and Rene' Mulholland - January 18, 2017 at 03:21 PM



“ *Rose Tabor purchased the Pretty Please for the family of William Franklin Gardner.*



Rose Tabor - January 18, 2017 at 02:36 PM

YH

“ *Your Friend in Prayer, Debbie Hernandez purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of William Franklin Gardner.*



Your Friend in Prayer, Debbie Hernandez - January 18, 2017
at 02:31 PM

JT

“ *Deepest sympathy to Bill's wife ,family,Jane&John many memories from Vanceboro*



Joan Trafton-Lake - January 18, 2017 at 01:25 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Franklin Gardner.*



January 18, 2017 at 01:02 PM

LD

“ *Love, Mandy, Kevin, Bethany, Christine and Dan purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of William Franklin Gardner.*



Love, Mandy, Kevin, Bethany, Christine and Dan - January 18,
2017 at 12:55 PM

JR

“ Bill ad I loved the same model airplane. An Edge 540 by 3D Hobby Shop. I had and still have one and I don't know how many he had. He broke at least thee of them and gave me the undamaged wings as he was not a builder. I built a new airplane for him from one of the sets of wings and gave it to him at Christmas 2015. He was very appreciative and told me several times how much he and others enjoyed flying it. But in about May or Jun he brought it back and gave it back to me saying he was trying to reduce his hangar space. I tried to get him to keep it but he said he had enough airplanes to maintain and wanted me to have it. When I was certain he no longer wanted it I let my doctor fly it and he fell in love with it. Doc had recently broken his favorite plane so I gave this one to him. Fortunately, I was able to introduce them to each other a couple of weeks later.

He was a good friend and helpful person! I always enjoyed his company and will miss him a lot. I still have another set of wings Bill gave me and will someday fondly build another airplane all the while remembering our good times together!

Prayers of healing to all of his friends and family, Rest in Peace my friend!

Jim Rice

Jim Rice - January 18, 2017 at 12:48 PM

TL

Thank you so much for sharing this story.

Tana leonard - January 18, 2017 at 04:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Franklin Gardner.*



January 18, 2017 at 12:41 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Franklin Gardner.*



January 18, 2017 at 11:43 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Franklin Gardner.*



January 18, 2017 at 11:34 AM



“ *The Moles, Garcia, and Crosby families. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of William Franklin Gardner.*



The Moles, Garcia, and Crosby families. - January 18, 2017 at 11:11 AM