

David Hampton Gardner

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David H. Gardner went home to be with his lord and savior, Jesus Christ on 14th of June 2021 from heart failure at Good Shepherd Hospice. Dave was born May 8th, 1941 in Cumberland County, N.C in the small community of Beaverdam. After graduating from Stedman High School. he earned a civil engineering degree from N.C. State University. After graduation he served 5 years in the US Air Force. As a navigator on B-52 Bomber Planes. Dave moved to Lakeland in 1969 working with Merrill Lynch as an investment advisor. Due to bad market and hot weather, he started A-1 Air Conditioning Inc. in 1975. A-1 was sold in 1990 since Dave had started a building company, D & D Contractors Inc. in 1987. After suffering a damaging heart attack in 1998, he was always very thankful that God had let him live long enough to see and enjoy his grandchildren. He liked to tell them he made one dollar a day at his first job working in tobacco. Dave was preceded in death by his parents, Owen Hervey Gardner and Oleta Vinson Gardner, his brothers Lawrence & Weston, his sister Hilma Cain and his step brothers Tommy & Harold Gardner. He is survived by his wife Mildred A Gardner, his sons David (Jessica) Gardner and Darin (Lisa) Gardner, his step children Chelle (Arthur) Durkin & Kenny (Tammy) Olivier, his step sister Edna Melvin, Joyce Shirley & Betty Sue Smith, his grandchildren Kate, Austin, Hampton & Harper Gardner, Caitlin & Connor Durkin and Nicole Olivier. He is also survived by his former wife Judy Gardner and sisters-in- law Joann Gardner and Frances Gardner. Dave was an avid golfer and enjoyed the Men's Golf Association at Eaglebrooke. He enjoyed traveling to see his grandchildren and attending services at Highland Park Nazarene Church where he was a member. Visitation will be held at Gentry- Morrison Funeral Home Southside Chapel on Thursday June 17th ,2021 from 9:30am to 10:30am. Services begin at 10:30am followed by his burial at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell at 1:30pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Good Shepherd Hospice in Lakeland, FL or Highland Park Nazarene Church.





Events

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Visitation

 **Thursday**, June 17, 2021

 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM ET

 **Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Southside Chapel**

1727 Bartow Road, Lakeland FL 33801



Funeral Service

 **Thursday**, June 17, 2021

 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM ET

 **Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Southside Chapel**

1727 Bartow Road, Lakeland FL 33801



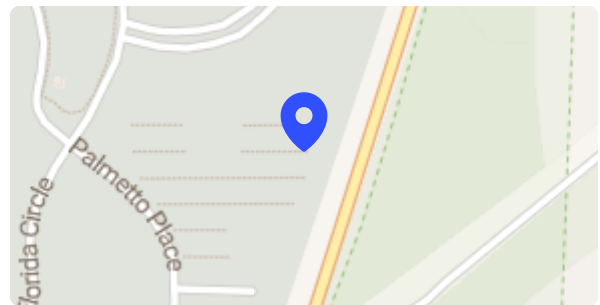
Graveside with Military Honors

 **Thursday**, June 17, 2021

 1:30 PM ET

 **Florida National Cemetery**

6502 SW 102nd Ave., Bushnell FL 33513





Tribute Wall

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Anonymous sent a Days of Sunshine Bouquet to the Gardner family.

June 16 at 8:06 AM



The Aws Database Specialist Team sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Gardner family.

June 16 at 6:08 AM



Gloria, Aubry, And Jeff Harper. Dan Loved You sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Gardner family.

June 15 at 7:29 PM



Anonymous sent a Vivid Recollections to the Gardner family.

June 15 at 6:35 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Gardner family.

June 15 at 5:43 PM



Colby & Pat Benedict sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Gardner family.

June 15 at 5:26 PM





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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Gardner family.

June 15 at 1:21 PM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Gardner family.

June 15 at 12:02 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring David by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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