



David Gardner

December 7, 1955 - October 22, 2008

David Edward Gardner, age 52, of Margate, FL died Wednesday, October 22, 2008 at University Hospital in Tamarac, FL. He was born December 7, 1955 in Baltimore, MD, the son of George and Joan (Kellenberger) Gardner.

David lived in Harmans, MD until the age of nine. His family joined Wycliffe Bible Translators as missionaries in 1965 and lived in Lomalinda, Columbia until he went to college in Texas. He studied at Dallas Bible College, then also at SIL in Dallas and studied three years at Le Tourneau University.

David married Rebecca Murk May 28, 1978 and they lived in St Charles, IL for 10 years. He started an air charter business – Gardner Express, also known as JODA Management.

In 1988 David joined Mission Aviation Fellowship as a short term missionary pilot based in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. His place of residence was Margate, FL until his death.

From 1989 to 1990, David was a 727 pilot for Eastern Airlines. From 1991 to 1995, he worked as a pilot and mechanic for Aero Flight Service. From 1995 to 1996, he was a pilot for Intermed Air Ambulance. From October 1996 until his diagnosis of cancer in August 2007, he was a commercial pilot on the 727 and 737 for Miami Air International, a premier charter company.

David loved baseball and played with a recreational team (Federal League) with his son Joshua, for several years. He also loved deer hunting and fishing, especially with his father and brothers. In his last year during the fight with cancer, being housebound, he started a new hobby in gardening, mostly tomatoes.

In addition to his parents and wife, David is survived by his children Jessica (Ken) Olson of New Auburn, WI, Jewel (Jim) Hanson of Central, SC, Joshua, Jamie, Jeremiah and Joy Gardner of Margate, FL and Joanna Gardner of Gainesville, FL, sister Brenda Jackson of Little Elm, TX, brothers Tom Gardner of Dayton, TN and Glenn Gardner of Springfield, MO, and grandchildren Anastasia Olsen of Central, SC and soon to be born Katherine Marie Hanson.

Graveside services for David will be held Saturday, October 25, 2008 at 5:00 pm in Rhea Memory Gardens in Dayton, TN with Dr. Doug Russell officiating.

The family is being served by the Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton where they will receive friends Saturday after 3:00 pm.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, October 30, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the Calvary Chapel in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

A memorial fund has been established for David's children c/o
Rebecca Gardner
6580 SW 7 Street
Margate, FL 33068

Please share your memories of David on his on-line guest register at www.van

derwallfh.com.

Previous Events

Service
OCT 25 . 5:00 PM.
Graveside

Tribute Wall



“ *I miss you, Daddy :(*

Joy Gardner - October 16, 2012 at 02:56 PM



I miss Dad, too.

Jessica Olson - June 27, 2019 at 11:59 PM



“ *bet on sports, bet football, football betting
bet online online sports betting betting online##imported-
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October 01, 2010 at 03:34 PM



“ *I offer my deepest and most heartfelt, sincere condolences to
David's surviving family. I am deeply saddened at learning just today
(011110) of his passing. Dave was an example of Christlikeness and
played a part in my spiritual growth in Jesus Christ. Also took me
flying, a trip I shall never forget. He's now taken an 'early flight' to
heaven to be with our Lord. That brief trip into the heavens with
David is as unforgettable as David. I wish I'd known a long time ago.
Richard Sible, LeTourneau, 1975##imported-begin##Richard
Sible##imported-end##*

January 11, 2010 at 07:06 PM



*Thanks, Richard Sible! David's my dad. He led me to Christ when I was
4 years old. I miss him so much, but I look forward to seeing him in
Heaven.*

Jessica Olson - June 27, 2019 at 11:53 PM



“ We were deeply saddened to hear of David's passing. We want to express our sincere condolences, and we are praying for George and Joan, Becky and her family, and for our son-in-law, Glenn, in their tragic loss. We praise God that David is now with the Lord in his eternal home.##imported-begin##Drs. Eric and Terri Stricker##imported-end##

November 03, 2008 at 08:49 AM



“ I send condolences, prayers and support on behalf of team 143 at Vitas.
May you feel the embrace of God and his incredible love & grace to sustain you in these difficult days of adjustment. Let's surround this family and children and show them that God the Father, will take care of them. God Bless.##imported-begin##Rev. Brad Smith, Chaplain, Vitas Innovative Hospice Care##imported-end##

October 30, 2008 at 09:05 AM



“ Your dad was a great, fun guy, and will be greatly missed. I remember him as a kid telling me and Josh not to do stupid things but he had the kindest heart and had the best intentions for all the kids in the neighborhood. I was very glad I got to know him as much as I did and will cherish the memories I have of him always.
Mr. Gardner you will be missed very much and you will always be with us. God Bless##imported-begin##Derek Beaudoin##imported-end##

October 27, 2008 at 04:42 PM



Hi Derek! It's been awhile! Thanks for the message. - Jessica Gardner Olson

Jessica Olson - June 27, 2019 at 11:56 PM



“ Mr. Gardner,

I just read the obituary of your brother, David, in the Herald News. I wanted to send you my condolences during this sad time for your family. Adam and I will be praying for you. God bless!

*Adam & Chasity Smith##imported-begin##Chasity (Oldham)
Smith##imported-end##*

October 27, 2008 at 03:57 PM



“ Mr. Gardner, I am so very sorry for your loss. I can not imagine losing my brother. If I can be of any help to you. You know you can always call on me.##imported-begin##Adam Smith##imported-end##

October 27, 2008 at 11:52 AM



“ As an aspiring pilot in High School and College I remember hearing about Dave and looking up to him as a pilot since we both share the same passion for aviation. Later in life, I was able to spend time with Dave and learned to appreciate his incredible passion for Jesus Christ and his outstanding testimony. Dave had the best Type Rating a pilot can obtain - salvation.

*Ray Rising,
Friend, fellow MK and jet pilot##imported-begin##Ray Rising
Jr.##imported-end##*

October 24, 2008 at 11:54 PM



Thanks, Ray! I remember your visits to our house. Your father's story inspired me. Thanks for being a friend to our family! - Jessica Gardner Olson

Jessica Olson - June 27, 2019 at 11:58 PM



“ I remember an intense young man who sought to excel in everything he did. I'm so glad he was able to become a pilot and serve the Lord. His work lives on. From his science teacher.##imported-begin##Neal Peterson##imported-end##

October 24, 2008 at 09:01 PM