



James Harrison Gardner

January 1, 1931 - July 8, 2009

Rev. James Harrison Gardner, age 78, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at his home in Sale Creek. He was born January 1, 1931 in St. Paul, MN, the son of the late Edward Harrison Gardner and Dorothy (Thomas) Gardner. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Florence (Becker) Gardner, his infant son, Samuel Gardner, and his brother Edward Gardner who was killed in WWII.

Rev. Gardner was a graduate of Michigan State University and Grace Theological Seminary in Winona Lake, IN and received an Honorary Doctorate from Great Plains Baptist Divinity School in Sioux Falls, SD. He also served his country with the USAF. Jim lived in Indiana many years and was the pastor of Bell Center Bible Church in Burnettsville, IN from 1961-1983. Moving to Chattanooga, he then founded Amazing Grace Mission. For the past 16 years he lived in Sale Creek and was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Red Bank.

He is survived by his six sons, James (Betty) Gardner of Tampa, FL, Daniel (Martha) Gardner and Tim (Jackie) Gardner both of Chattanooga, David (Margie) Gardner of Flintstone, GA, and John (Paula) Gardner and Tom Gardner both of Sale Creek. Jim is also survived by his sister, Mary Jane Gardner of Cassopolis, MI, his brother, Fred (Irene) Gardner of Elkhart, IN, fourteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Rev. Gardner will be held Saturday morning at 11:00am with Rev. Charles Fluckey and Rev. Steve Roberson officiating. Burial, with military honors, will be in Rhea Memory Gardens followed by a white dove release.

The family is being served by the Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton, TN where they will receive friends Friday from 5:00pm until 8:00pm.

Please share your memories of Rev. Gardner on his on-line guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

Previous Events

Service
JUL 11. 11:00 AM. Chapel

Tribute Wall



“ Real nice ! Many thanks !###imported-begin##facial cleanser##imported-end##

December 27, 2010 at 02:08 AM



“ Real nice ! Many thanks !###imported-begin##sales tips##imported-end##

December 26, 2010 at 08:28 AM



“ This is a great post. Thanks so much for sharing, like always.##imported-begin##facial cleanser##imported-end##

December 20, 2010 at 07:29 AM



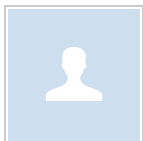
“ This post is so help to me! Thanks for share.##imported-begin##sales tips##imported-end##

December 19, 2010 at 10:17 AM



“ thanks for this post with us.##imported-begin##car salesman##imported-end##

December 05, 2010 at 03:34 AM



“ Easy to understand,I like it!##imported-begin##shoe sale##imported-end##

December 02, 2010 at 12:41 AM



“ thanks for sharing the info.that is interesting.##imported-begin##dress up games for girls##imported-end##

November 17, 2010 at 09:52 AM



“ wonderful post, thank you.##imported-begin##shoe sale##imported-end##

November 15, 2010 at 06:48 PM



“ It was a great privilege to know Bro. Gardner and to support the Amazing Grace Ministry thru the First Baptist Church of Westwood Lake. Bro. Gardner was a dedicated Christian and a loyal soul winner for our Saviour. We will miss him and the fellowship we've had over the years. We extend our sympathy to the family and are praying for you and the Amazing Grace Mission.##imported-begin##Marvin and Sarah Gochenour and Tim##imported-end##

July 13, 2009 at 05:56 PM



“ Dear Gardner family,
We were so sorry to here of the passing
of Bro. Gardner from this earth but re-
joice with you in knowing he is with his
Lord and Saviour. We loved him and were
greatful for the privilege of getting to
know him better at 2009 AGM conference. He
was so full of the love of God, it showed
in everything said and did. May God com-
fort you in your sorrow.

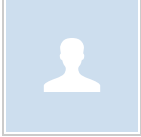
Our Love & Prayers
Mike & Sharon Patrick
AGM Missionaries##imported-begin##Mike and Sharon
Patrick##imported-end##

July 13, 2009 at 05:36 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about your father's (father-in-law) passing. I
am so sorry too, that I was not able to attend the funeral. I thought
of all of you all day.
Please accept my apologies.
Margie##imported-begin##Margie Allison##imported-end##

July 13, 2009 at 11:38 AM



“ To the Gardner Family: Bro. Gardner came to the church I pastored in 2000 and inspired both us to go after the lost in a an urgent and far reaching manner. He showed us how to do it and how to get started. His ministry for Jesus changed our lives and we will forever remember him for it. He leaves more than just the vacanted spot he once occupied so vibrantly. There is a hole in all our hearts that can't be filled with anything or anybody on this earth.

Isaiah 25:8 "He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces"

Steve & Pat Andres##imported-begin##Steve & Pat
Andres##imported-end##

July 13, 2009 at 11:16 AM



“ Dear Family,

Bro. Gardner was one of the most precious Christians I have ever met. He and Bro. Carlos Demarest loved souls like no other men I have ever known. I could not be around either one without being humbled and without catching the excitement they had in bringing others to Christ. Bro. Gardner used his mind more than any person I have ever known to figure out ways to catch people's attention just so he could share with them the gospel. He has taught me that our greatest limitation in getting out the gospel is our lack of imagination.

Prov 20:7 The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him.

I am sure you are a blessed family, because of the kind of Father and Mother you had.

God Bless You,

Charley and Trela O'Daniel

Maranatha Baptist Church of Western Oaks

Bethany, OK.##imported-begin##M/M Charley O'Daniel##imported-end##

July 13, 2009 at 11:06 AM



“ Jim & Dan

Sorry to read of your Dads death in the Monticell Hearld Journal. May you find comfort in our Lord at this difficult time.

Vernie & Vicki Criswell##imported-begin##Vernie Criswell##imported-end##

July 12, 2009 at 08:36 PM



“ TO ALL THE GARDNER FAMILY,
GUESS YOU ALL KNOW HOW SPECIAL YOUR FAMILY WAS TO
ALL OF US. WE ARE SURE
BRO GARDNER IS HAPPY TO BE AT HIS ETERNAL HOME WITH
HIS WIFE. HE HAD A
GREAT TESTIMONY FOR OUR LORD. MAY GOD
GIVE YOU COMFORT AS YOUR MOURN YOUR LOSS.
JOHN&WANETIA& FAMILIES.##imported-begin##JOHN REHM
FAMILIES##imported-end##

July 11, 2009 at 09:40 AM



“ *Tim, and family*
I'm so sorry to hear about your father. I know he was a very godly
man and did much for the Kingdom of God.
My prayer is that his "home-going" -- although a sadness to all of
you -- will be even more a hope to many he has know in this life.
My prayers go out to our Heavenly Father for you all.
Much love in the Lord
Phil##imported-begin##Philip Little##imported-end##

July 11, 2009 at 09:32 AM



“ Dear Gardner Family,
I am sorry to hear of the loss of your father, he was a great person and christian. I probably knew him better as our neighbor. Im sure my dad considered him his friend and neighbor first, then minister. I took care of your dad at White County Hospital when he was a patient there not too long ago. I was impressed with his Amazing Grace Mission. I am sure you will continue with his ministry thus keeping his legacy alive. God bless all of you. In sympathy, Sue Snavley-Shaw.##imported-begin##sue snavley-shaw##imported-end##

July 11, 2009 at 01:53 AM



“ Tom, Brett and Matthew and all your family and those who loved and knew your father. We want to extend our Sympathy and ease your time of Sorrow. I hope to attend the Service tomorrow. Your dad is now with your mother in Heaven! You can be proud to have such a bonded family! Fondly, The Gatto's##imported-begin##Phyllis & Ron ##imported-end##

July 11, 2009 at 01:08 AM



“ On behalf of Faith Baptist Church of Deltona, Fl. We are so sorry about Bro. James Gardner. He was great servant of God. One time when he was at our Church speaking on numerous occasions always told the story how he would put tracts in the Mens pants pockets in Wal-Mart throughout the U. S.

He will be greatly missed by Amazing Grace Missions and also the Gardner family.

*In Christian Love,
Faith Baptist Church of Deltona, Florida##imported-begin##Beth
Herchenroder##imported-end##*

July 11, 2009 at 12:03 AM



“ Gardner Family,
I was so sorry to hear of the going home of your dad. We all know that he is in a much better place then we are. I look forward to seeing him again in glory. I am thankful that I spent part of my years growing up, with your family. I remember a lot of good times. My prayers are with you.

*Terri (Stangle)Davis##imported-begin##Terri (Stangle)
Davis##imported-end##*

July 10, 2009 at 12:52 PM



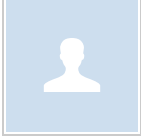
“ *Tim(&family),
I am certainly saddened at your -and this world's - loss, but rejoicing
with you that your precious father is now with His Lord he served so
faithfully.
I love you guys, and have been praying for you.
Still in One Peace,
Chuck###imported-begin###Pastor Chuck###imported-end##*

July 10, 2009 at 09:32 AM



“ *Words cannot express how we feel about the homegoing of our
dear friend and prayer warrior, the challenges that he gave all of us
to pray and stay close to the Lord. How he challenged us to read
our Bibles. God has bless us with so much, knowing Brother
Gardner just the short time we did. We pray for the family he left
behind, that they will gain strength in what Brother Gardner
accomplished and keep on going for his dream and desire to reach
the lost for Christ. We are praying for the family
God Bless you all###imported-begin###Andy & Becky
Wolters###imported-end##*

July 09, 2009 at 10:41 PM



“ DEAR GARDNER FAMILY AND FRIENDS, WE ARE VERY NEW TO AGM. WE HAD DOCTOR GARDNER SPEAK AT OUR CHURCH MARANATHA BAPTIST IN ROMNEY WEST VA ON JUNE 14TH 2009. WE WERE THRILLED TO MEET HIM HE WAS SUCH A INSPERATION TO US. AND IT WAS A HONOR TO MEET SUCH A MAN.WE ARE DOING OUR FIRST FAIR IN MINERAL WELLS WV WITH THE NUTTERS THIS WEEKEND.WE ARE THERE IN SPIRIT WITH YOU ALL.AND EVEN THOUGH WE KNOW WHERE HE IS AND THE REWARDS HE IS REAPING AS A AWESOME SOUL WINNER FOR THE LORD . HE WILL VERY MUCH BE MISSED. WE HOPE WE MAKE HIM PROUD AND KEEP ON THE FIREING LINES UNTILL WE MEET HIM AGAIN PRAISE GOD FOR SUCH A MAN...PROVERBS 12:28..IN THE WAY OF RIGHTEOUSNESS IS LIFE;AND IN THE PATHWAY THEREOF THERE IS NO DEATH. MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU ALL IN HIS LOVING STRENGTH AND GRACE.##imported-begin##MR AND MRS RICKY L SNYDER SR##imported-end##

July 09, 2009 at 08:14 PM



“ Thanks to you James Gardner for passing on the excitement of being at the fair which starts next week in Saratoga County NY. Many new people will be at our tent this year and handing out tracts and Smilies. They do not yet know how their life will change once they lead someone to the Lord. I never walk through a Wal-Mart that I don't think about all the time you have spent putting Smilies in every case of beer and other products to be found by someone who needs to know Jesus including the time you were late getting to the church to speak until you used up the Smilies.

And now you will meet all those who found Jesus at an Amazing Grace booth and have gone home before you. Someday we'll meet again but we have a lot of Smilies to get out until then and with each one we will remember you and continue the work you began.##imported-begin##Ruth Ann Messick ##imported-end##

July 09, 2009 at 07:21 PM



“ Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints. We mourn his loss, but rejoice at his being with the Lord.##imported-begin##Dale & Donna Zehnder##imported-end##

July 09, 2009 at 06:20 PM



“ Tom and Family,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
God Bless,
Nan and Pap##imported-begin##Phil and Wanda
Gilbert##imported-end##

July 09, 2009 at 05:25 PM



“ Tom and Family,
So many wonderful thoughts and memories of your father and family. Your Dad was a beacon of love and hope for all Chrisitans, bringing many to know and love the Lord Jesus our Savior. While no words can ever fill the void left with a loss may the constant reminder that he lived out his life to serve as an inspiration to others. He has always been and shall remain a fantastic role model for Brett and Matthew, two boys could not have been more fortunate. All my love and sympathy to each of you in this loss.

-Staci Gilbert##imported-begin##Staci Gllbert##imported-end##

July 09, 2009 at 05:20 PM



“ Tim,
Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We love you guys. We know that your tremendous sense of faith will sustain you during these difficult times.
Dottie and Bill##imported-begin##dottie and bill mims##imported-end##

July 09, 2009 at 02:27 PM



“ Tim,
May God bless you and your family at this time of loss.
This time can also be a time of celebration of a life spent doing God's work and expanding His Kingdom.
We love you guys and will certainly remember you in our prayers.
God Bless,
Dale & Miriam##imported-begin##Dale & Miriam
Humphreys##imported-end##

July 09, 2009 at 01:48 PM



“ I am at a loss for words at your loss. I would have loved to been able to be there for the service. But I have a fair that starts on Friday and I know that Jim would not want me to miss leading some lost souls to the Lord and to pass out gosple tracts. My the good Lord give you great confort with your loss. I will miss Jim in a mighty way!!

Love,

Rev. David Ridgeway##imported-begin##David
Ridgeway##imported-end##

July 09, 2009 at 01:45 PM



“ The Greens from Calvary Baptist Church Bank will miss Bro. James's smiling face so much. We loved him and respected what he did for our wonderful Lord.

All of "The Greens"##imported-begin##Carol Green##imported-end##

July 09, 2009 at 01:00 PM