



Carolyn Louise Gardner

July 30, 1955 - January 4, 2021

HILLIARD, Ohio – Carolyn Louise Gardner, age 65, formerly of Richmond, Indiana, died Monday, January 4, 2021, at Carriage Court of Hilliard.

Born July 30, 1955, in Muncie, Indiana, to Henry and Betty Cox Gardner, Carolyn lived in Richmond most of her life. She graduated from Richmond High School in 1973 and earned a bachelor's degree in education in 1977 and a master's degree in education in 1979, both from Ball State University. Carolyn taught second grade in the Randolph Central School Corporation for 38 years. She was an amazing teacher, who was passionate about her students and had occasionally taught three generations of families during her career. Carolyn was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Richmond. She enjoyed sports and was an avid Purdue and Indianapolis Colts fan. Carolyn was a very positive person with a can-do attitude, which influenced those around her. She also had a great sense of humor. Carolyn had a heart for animals and people, including being a "rescue mom" for many cats and dogs throughout her lifetime and helping anyone who was in need. Her family was a very important part of her life, and they loved her so much.

Survivors include her brothers, David (Natalie) Gardner of Hilliard, Ohio, and Scott Gardner of Louisville, Kentucky; nieces, Donna (Brandon) Taylor and Sara (fiancé, Victor Greco) Gardner; nephews, Phillip (Tarra) Gardner, Jonathan (Tina) Gardner, Matthew (Kayla) Gardner, and Nicholas Gardner; great-niece, Madalyn Gardner and great-niece and great-nephew twins, Grace and Carson Taylor; cousins, Mike, Bob, and Doug Zander; and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Due to the current COVID-19 situation, we regret to inform you that services for Carolyn Louise Gardner will be private. A graveside service will be held at Earlham Cemetery with Chaplain Adam Davis officiating. Arrangements are being handled by Doan & Mills Funeral Home, 790 National Road West, Richmond.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Help The Animals, Inc., P.O. Box 117, Richmond, IN 47375; National Multiple Sclerosis Society, P.O. Box 91891, Washington DC 20090-1891; or Dublin VITAS Hospice, 655 Metro Place South, Suite 770, Dublin, OH 43017.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery

Earlham Cemetery

1101 National Road West

Richmond, IN, 47374

Comments



“ I am so very heart broken about the loss of Carolyn. Carolyn was my best friend growing up. We spent so many wonderful afternoons in her room playing barbies and trolls. We made clothes and camping equipment for all our little friends. There was nothing we couldn't do once we set our minds to it. Carolyn played in the band and swam on the swim team. She was a strong swimmer and never shied away from hard and persistent practice. She excelled in all she did. I moved away at 19 to Michigan. In my life to this day Carolyn remains to be the best friend I ever had. I am sorry for her whole family. You truly have lost a magnificent soul. I love you David and Scott.

Debra Klute - January 09, 2021 at 04:51 PM



“ To the family of Carolyn,

My first year of teaching at Richmond High School began in the fall of 1970. One of my duties was coaching the High School girls' swim team. Carolyn was a member of that team. I have very fond memories of a lovely young lady who practiced hard but had a fun time and was a joy to coach.

I am so sorry for your loss.

Michelle Hall Avery
January 8, 2021

Michelle Avery - January 08, 2021 at 03:21 PM



“ We'd like to extend our condolences to Dave, Natalie and the rest of the family. We know Carolyn is in a much better place now. Carolyn, it was a pleasure to spend so many Saturday's with you at our Purdue tailgates. We had so much fun and you will be missed. You were such a devoted fan, a joy to be around and will always be in our memory as we enjoy ourselves with our tailgate family in the future. Go Boilers!! You're all in our thoughts and prayers. Your friends - Jim and Sue



Sue and Jim Kisse - January 08, 2021 at 12:27 PM



“ Ms. Gardner was my 2nd grade teacher at Willard for the 1982-1983 school year. She was such a kind and caring and soft spoken teacher. I dearly loved her! I went on to earn my teaching degree and was her "guest teacher" when she had back surgery. She went from being my teacher to being a colleague and friend. I will miss our exchanges on Facebook and sharing stories of our animals back and forth. I am so sorry for your loss. She will be greatly missed by many.

-Kerry Hinkle

Kerry Hinkle - January 07, 2021 at 04:01 PM



“ Dear Gardner family, brothers and nephews to sweet Carolyn, especially David and Scott.

I reiterate here the wishes of condolence of our Pastore family to you, in this moment of sadness and pain.

As I read your sister's story, I was even more sad. At Jon and Tina's Wedding, we met many of you, but that moment of joy did not allow me to fix each other's faces, and so it was with Carolyn, but her picture reminded me of a familiar face. I now read in her obituary that her story was of a sweet teacher who dedicated her life for 38 years to her students in one only school. Just being a teacher to understand what that means, and I understand that dedication. Year after year, welcoming new students to learn about their lives, passing on to them, with affection, the knowledge to teach, and then let these students follow their story, and receiving new students in a continuous chain. Congratulations to her, for her dignified life. She more than deserved to continue for many years among us enjoying the affection and recognition of family, friends and alumni. But God's designs are not easy to read and it is up to us to agree with them. May God receive her with open arms and may she remain alive in the heaven of our memory.

Big hug to you. I hope, soon, to be able to give this hug personally.

Floriano, Tereza and family.

Brasília, 07th of January, 2021.

Floriano Pastore Jr. - January 07, 2021 at 12:28 PM



“ I have such fond memories of Carolyn and remember laughing a lot when with her. She was one of the kindest people I have known. I'm so sorry she is gone. God's blessings to her family as they celebrate her life. May their memories of her soon bring more smiles than tears. Love, Fran

Fran Lane-Lawrence - January 06, 2021 at 09:40 PM



“ David, Scott and family,

I am so sorry and deeply saddened to hear of Carolyn's passing. I will always remember how much fun she was to be around when we were growing up in Richmond. Thoughts and prayers are with you.

Barry Hunt - January 06, 2021 at 05:24 PM



“ So sorry to read about Carolyn’s leaving this world. I taught with Carolyn at Willard, Randolph Central School Corporation. She was always positive and loving to her students. My granddaughter was so fortunate to have her for a teacher at Baker. I also had some great times going to Garth Brooks concerts She will be missed. May she be at peace!

Marlene Nash - January 06, 2021 at 02:07 PM



“ Carolyn was so special. There is something about fellow animal lovers and the bonds we have with one another. When I was first introduced to Carolyn and heard of her same love for animals, I knew we'd get along well.

Dave & Natalie- It was wonderful getting to meet and know you both. I wish we had more time with Carolyn. I am deeply saddened by your loss and my thoughts are with you and your family.

Sophie Rich - January 06, 2021 at 01:33 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I taught second grade with Carolyn and just simply loved her. She was such a blessing to so many of us. You were blessed to have such a wonderful sister and aunt. Her humor and love for others will always be remembered. She is in the arms of the Lord and loving it. Praying that God comforts in your time of loss.

Joni Steveson

Joni Steveson - January 06, 2021 at 09:36 AM



“ David, Tom and I were so sorry to hear of Carolyn’s passing. She and I shared some teaching stories during our early careers. Elaine Hubbell

Elaine Hubbell - January 06, 2021 at 09:26 AM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I was in the RHS band when Carolyn was a camp counselor. She went to state fair with us too. I just remember that she was always there with a warm smile and a kind heart. Love and prayers.

Lori (Baughman) Laswell - January 06, 2021 at 12:31 AM



“ Scott and David, our family is so sorry to hear of the passing of your sister, Carolyn! She was a part of our Glen Hills/Arboretum Swim Club “family.” We have many fond memories from those days and your sister was a part of those special memories. Blessings to you and your families!

Patti (Beane) Ferreira - January 05, 2021 at 09:56 PM



“ Sarah lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Louise Gardner



Sarah - January 05, 2021 at 08:08 PM



“ I was an RHS classmate of Carolyn. I really liked her very much. Years went by and I was able to catch up with her when we moved into the Reeveston area 2014. Carolyn and I would have great conversations while walking in the neighborhood. My deepest condolences to your family. She will be missed.

Karynn Riddle - January 05, 2021 at 04:46 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Whitney Lantz and the Staff of Doan & Mills - January 05, 2021 at 03:54 PM