



Stephen Gardner

September 9, 1948 - February 5, 2017

Services for Stephen Gardner, 68, will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 9, 2017 at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home with Rev. Jay Stratton officiating. Burial and military honors will follow in Switzer Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at the funeral home.

Stephen passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Sunday, February 5, 2017. He was born in Georgetown, KY on September 9, 1948 to Rachel Frances Crisp Henderson and Russell Gardner. Stephen was a proud veteran of the US Army having served two tours of duty in Vietnam. He was a member of Georgetown Christian Church, an avid UK fan and collector of movies and music.

Stephen was preceded in death by his father, Russell Gardner and half-sister, Nancy Caudill.

In addition to his mother, Rachel Henderson, he is survived by his wife, Susan Estill Gardner; children, Stephanie Parker, Kelly Christopher (Miron), John Gardner and Leigh Gardner; stepson, Ashley Cardwell (Denise); stepdaughter, Rachel Sparrow (Cory); sister, Carolyn Grigsby (Billy); half-brothers, Russell Gardner (Donna) and Danny Gardner; half-sister, Linda Young; and grandchildren, Bethany and Jason Parker, Kala and Keegan

Christopher, Sophia Gardner, Braxtin and Britten Martin, and Aubree Cummins; step grandchildren, Whitney and Zachary Cardwell and Taylor and Shelby Sparrow; and two great grandchildren. Stephen will be missed by his loyal shepherd, Diesel and terrier, Peaches.

Pallbearers will be Billy Grigsby, Ashley Cardwell, Miron Christopher, Cory Sparrow, John Gardner and Jason Parker.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy can be sent to Hospice of the Bluegrass (now known as Bluegrass Care Navigators), 663 Teton Trail, Frankfort, KY 40601 or Switzer Cemetery, c/o North Fork Baptist Church, 3660 Rocky Branch Road, Frankfort, KY 40601.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home. Condolences may be shared via the online guestbook at www.harrodbrothers.com

Tribute Wall

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“ I remember being little, sitting with my dad on the back porch steps in the summer. Watching the sun go down, looking at the stars and waiting for the sun to come back up. Him drinking coffee and me playing with kittens. The peace that was there.
Leigh Ann

Leigh Ann Gardner - November 18, 2025 at 11:23 PM



“ Stephen Gardner

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM

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“ To the family....after receiving the news of Steve'S passing today...I was flooded with memories....I can hear him laughing now...we shared a special memory...and even the last time we were together...we laughed about "picking flowers"....a funny childhood memory...and now...i remember that time with smiles...and tears...thinking of you and sending prayers and hugs...we will pick flowers again one day...and not get caught....love you Steve!
Barbara!(Barbara and Gene Burge)

Barbara and Gene Burge - February 07, 2017 at 05:18 PM