



## Joseph L. Gardner

June 8, 1953 - January 1, 2017

Joseph Lee Gardner, son of the late Edna Mae Gardner and Charles H. Gardner (of Cordova, MD), passed on January 1, 2017. He was born on June 8, 1953, in Easton, Maryland.

He was raised in Cordova, MD and attended Talbot County Public Schools. He graduated from Easton High School, class of 1971. His hobbies included cooking, farming and gardening.

Joseph met Helen Sodmont, and they married on September 10, 1988 in Altoona, Pennsylvania. They later moved to Denton, Maryland which is where they made their home.

Joseph held a membership at the American Legion Blake-Blackston Post #77. He also served in the United States Marine Corps from June 1, 1974 through April 1, 1979. He retired from the Federal Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. on June 30, 2003.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Edna M. Gardner; maternal grandparents, C. Spencer and Mary Pierce; paternal grandparents, Charles and Mary Gardner; brothers, Alexander Pierce and Larrier Walker, Sr.

Joseph is survived by his wife of 28 years, Helen Gardner; son, Joseph Lamont Gardner (wife Darcelle) of Cambridge, Maryland; father, Charles H. Gardner of Cordova, Maryland; step-children, Mark Ciezobka of Houtzdale, Pennsylvania, Brenda Woods of Hastings, Pennsylvania, Michael Sodmont (Jen) and Matt Sodmont (Julie) of Carlisle, Pennsylvania; brothers, Charles A. Gardner (Carolyn) and David F. Gardner of Cordova, Maryland; sisters, Peggy

Gardner of Hurlock, Maryland and Mary Catherine Gardner of Cordova, Maryland; sister-in-law, Shirley Walker; 7 grandchildren, 6 step-grandchildren; 2 aunts, Stella Pierce Blake and Gladys Elliott both of Easton, Maryland, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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# Tribute Wall

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“ SO SORRY YOU HAVE LOST JOE. HE WAS A FUN PERSON TO BE AROUND. GLAD HE MADE IT TO THE LAST CLASS OF 71 REUNION CONNIE

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**CONNIE HARRIS** - January 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Please accept my condolences for the loss of your loved one. Life is so difficult at times like this. Sadness can get the best of us if we're not careful. So, I'd like to share with you some thoughts of comfort and hope from God's Word, the Bible. Jesus promises that the day is going to come when all those who have died will hear his voice and come back to life (John 5:28, 29). He and his heavenly father view death as an enemy, just as we do (1 Corinthians 15:26). That is why he will bring the dead back to life with the purpose of their enjoying life as God meant it to be in the beginning (Genesis 1:28). God also promises that life and living on earth will be worth living because he will get rid of forever all the pain, suffering, and death we now experience (Revelation 21:3-5; Psalm 37:9-11, 29). Please, if you would, look these scriptures up in your own Bible. You won't regret doing so. The Bible answers all the most important questions all of us have about life and death (2 Timothy 3:16, 17). Hopefully, this gives you some degree of comfort and hope for the future. If I can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me (Luke 10:27). It would be my privilege to do so. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

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**George Ragusa** - January 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am sorry for your loss, please accept my sincere condolences. I hope the family will find some comfort and strength in Jesus promise of the earthly resurrection(Acts 24:15)and the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will mourn the death of a loved one.-Revelation 21:3,4;John 5:28,29;Luke 23:43. may GOD(Psalms 83:18)grant you peace and comfort now, during this grievous time.-Matthew 5:4.

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**M Jones** - January 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM