



Clarence Randolph Gardner Jr.

October 21, 1940 - April 30, 2022

Clarence Randolph (Randy) Gardner, Jr., 81, of Christiansburg, VA passed away surrounded by family on April 30, 2022 in Charlottesville, VA following a brief illness. Randy was a native of Virginia, born Oct. 21, 1940 in Newport News, VA to the late Hilda Mae Munford and Clarence Randolph Gardner, Sr. He was preceded in death by his beloved brother, Reverend Frederick Gardner and his niece, Melanie Gardner.

Randy grew up in Wakefield, VA, which he always held fondly in his memories. He graduated from Hampton High School and subsequently earned a bachelor's degree in Dairy Science from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1962. He started his career in pharmaceutical sales working for Upjohn, where he earned many accolades. He went on to various sales jobs until he found his professional passion selling and developing real estate, from which he never retired. After living and raising a family in Shawsville, VA, he ultimately settled in Childress, VA, where he enjoyed landscaping, raising chickens and sharing eggs, and spending time with many wonderful friends.

He was also an active member of his church, where he served on many committees.

He was devoted to his family and always proud of his children and grandchildren. Randy is survived by his wife of 36 years, Rebecca Gardner; his children, Sonya Gerisch, Tamara (Carey) Parker, Joseph (Mariel) Gardner, Missy (Michael) Lehto, Suzy (Joel) Gilbert-Wiggins, and Matthew (Brooke) Etgen; and eight grandchildren, Caroline Parker, Dylan Gilbert, Sam Gilbert,

Russell Wiggins, Jacob Lehto, Ava Kate Lehto, Vallie Etgen, and Reed Etgen. Funeral services will be held Thursday, May 5, 2022, 11:00 am at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Christiansburg, VA. Visitation will be Wednesday, May 4, 2022, 5-7 pm at McCoy Funeral Home in Blacksburg, VA., with Masonic rights being given at the end of visitation. A private burial will be held at Wakefield United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Feeding Southwest Virginia or charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home
150 Country Club Dr. S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060
(540) 552-3211
mccoyfuneralhome@verizon.net
<https://mccoyfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

MAY 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul United Methodist Church
220 W. Main St.
Christiansburg, VA 24073

Tribute Wall

EG

“ We are so very sorry to hear of Randy's homegoing. Knowing he is with Jesus brings Peace, Comfort and Joy. Each of you are in our thoughts and prayers. God will hold you, comfort you and give you daily strength. Words can not express what Randy meant to Ed and I. Just know he was a True Friend. We will miss him dearly. Being a close, caring, loving family, each of you will encourage and hold each other to get through these times, reach out when you need to. Ed and Deb Gallimore

Ed & Debbie Gallimore - May 12, 2022 at 10:02 AM

DA

“ Randy was one of m,y best friends in high school. In college days we rode my motorized raft in the James River from Jamestown to Richmond and back. After not seeing him for about 30 years, he was still the same Randy, always upbeat. Then we kept in touch for about 30 years. When my wife suddenly passed he rode his motorcycle almost 300 miles to ride the raft again to ease my grief. There never was a better Friend!

Dennis Allison - May 04, 2022 at 05:31 PM



Randy was a great friend to me. We attended high school together and double-dated a lot and would see each other a lot at high school reunions and other occasions. We enjoyed talking about great times growing up and our friendship continued. I sent his obituary to out 1958 Hampton High Facebook page. We all will miss him. He was always a best friend. Rest in Peace dear friend. Gordon E. Mercer

Gordon Mercer - September 17, 2022 at 05:30 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Clarence Randolph Gardner Jr..*



May 04, 2022 at 12:27 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Clarence Randolph Gardner Jr..*



May 03, 2022 at 03:56 PM

TC

“ Our family was so saddened to learn of our very close dear friend Randy’s passing, it has sprung our life into a circle of confusion and grief.

Randy meant so much to our family, especially our dad Eston “Tom” Radford. He was one of the greatest gifts in our life.

It is hard to express to his family all the wonderful things that Randy meant and did for us. We got to know him because of his relationship with our Dad, they were a team when it came to developing Real Estate, from their jobs during the development Preston Forrest, to helping Randy build ponds on his property just to mention a few, as there are so many to be named. To sit and listen to them talk about their adventures together could always bring laughter to our faces, they were both great storytellers. Randy had a way about him that could make a sad day into better day just by the way he listened, shared hope and his positive outlook. Our family will always be indebted to Randy for all the support he showed us and our Dad during his cancer diagnosis, he visited frequently, took Dad to treatments and was always up for watching a western. Thank you, Randy, for being there to help us to grieve, laugh and cry.

Randy had a way that made no one feel like a stranger he could always find a subject to talk about and he was genuinely interested in what everyone had to say. Randy came to our rescue again after our dad’s passing and delivered the most beautiful eulogy, again sharing stories of all the good times and experiences with our Dad. Randy was his best in Real Estate, we turned to him to help our family during a sad decision with the sale of our homeplace. His guidance thru this challenge was one that only Randy could undertake. Randy was so very respected by our entire family. We feel so honored to have had him be a part of The Radford Family. We Love You Randy and we will miss you from this life but we know we will see your smiling face again.

Loving sympathy to the entire Randy Gardner family during this tremendously difficult time.

On behalf of The Eston “Tom” Radford Family

Robin and Jerry Childs, Teressa and Robert {Bob} Thayer

Teresa&Bob Thayer, Robin&Jerry Childs - May 03, 2022 at 03:19 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clarence Randolph Gardner Jr..*



May 03, 2022 at 11:28 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about Randy. I knew him well from working at Simon & Associates. Randy, Carl and John were quite the trio, always working on one housing project or another. He allowed us to bring our grandkids to his pond to fish many years ago and made us feel so welcome. I send you all my deepest sympathy, you will be in my prayers.*



Linda Bevins - May 03, 2022 at 09:44 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Clarence Randolph Gardner Jr..*



May 03, 2022 at 09:05 AM

DD

“ Knowing and being a friend of Randy Gardner has been one of my most prized life experiences. We shared so many laughs and good times as well as doing a lot of real estate deals over the years. I will always treasure the experiences, the fun times and laughter we shared together.

Dan Dodson

Dan Dodson - May 02, 2022 at 08:20 PM

LS

“ Love, Terry and Sue purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of Clarence Randolph Gardner Jr..



Love, Terry and Sue - May 02, 2022 at 05:48 PM

JS

“ Randy and I shared many Realtor stories over the years with amazement and laughter. He was one of only a few remaining Realtors in the New River Valley who began his real estate career prior to having a multiple listing system so the stories were plentiful. Randy, your smile and laughter were a shining star to others and especially to your many friends and family. Rest in peace !

My thoughts and prayers to Randy's family. Your many fond memories with him will always be in your heart and you will feel his presence.

John Skelton - May 02, 2022 at 05:21 PM

RM

“ *Mr Gardner will be missed by the community. I enjoyed working with him and being around him. He was a motorcycle enthusiast too ! He was a blast to be around, especially when he and Carl McNeil got together. RIP Randy !*
Randy Moran

Randy Moran - May 02, 2022 at 05:10 PM

LB

“ *Randy and I always had the best time when we did deals together. Never laughed as much as when we talked. He was the best and will be missed by so many folks.*
Louise B

Louise Baker - May 02, 2022 at 04:40 PM

DM

“ *Dawn & Huttu Titmus, Shari & John Morelli purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Clarence Randolph Gardner Jr..*



Dawn & Huttu Titmus, Shari & John Morelli - May 02, 2022 at 04:04 PM

TM

“ *Tom and Phyllis Morelli purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Clarence Randolph Gardner Jr..*



Tom and Phyllis Morelli - May 02, 2022 at 03:57 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clarence Randolph Gardner Jr..*



May 02, 2022 at 03:22 PM



“ *Randy always lit up a room , when he was present. He was always funny, kind and made everyone feel welcome. He will be missed. Fondly, Susan and Steve Pearman*

Susan Blalock-Pearman - May 02, 2022 at 03:15 PM



“ *I don't ever remember seeing Randy unhappy, In fact, when I felt down I would visit Randy to buck up my spirits. I'm not sure why but I was always Kenny rather than Ken to Randy. In any case I liked it. He cheated death several times and came roaring back to surprise and delight us all. I remember walking with him over some hilly Buckingham property he was representing several years ago after one of his near-death episodes. I thought I would have to slow down for him uphill but he kept chugging ahead of me. I think it was a little bit of show-off but he could still move on. When you were with him, he made you feel like you were his only friend in the world. I'm proud to be one of his many. Rest in peace my friend. Kenny Anderson, VT Class of 61-62*

Ken Anderson - May 02, 2022 at 03:11 PM

JW

“ We had so many fun times with Randy and Phyllis when we were neighbors in Charlottesville Va. our firstborn babies Sonya and Jennifer were born just months apart. Good memories! So sorry about his passing.

joyce Wroniewicz - May 02, 2022 at 02:17 PM