



## Rev. Gene A. Gardner

May 29, 1935 - January 21, 2010

Rev. Gene Arnold Gardner With his loving family by his side, Gene went peacefully into the arms of Jesus on January 18, 2010. He was 74 and passed away at Conroe Regional Medical Center Monday. He was born in Houston, Texas on May 29, 1935 to Sheirrell (S.B.) and Billie Gardner. He leaves behind to cherish his memory: Patricia, his wife of 55 years; sons Gene Gardner, Jr and wife Rhonda, Steve Gardner and wife Nancye; grandchildren Bethany Gardner Martin and husband Josh, Lance Gardner and wife Michelle, Logan Gardner, Katie Gardner, Chris Gardner, Misty Graves and husband Craig, Stephanie Bass and husband Brad; great-grandchildren Gabe, Ruby, Julia Gardner, Brady and Allison Martin, Delanie and Lucas Bass, TJ and Shelby Graves; brother Marvin Gardner and wife Evelyn; sister Barbara Allen and husband Wayne; mother-in-law Lottie Mae Binford; brother-in-law Thom Binford and wife Nancy and numerous nieces and nephews. Gene was preceded in death by his parents Sheirrell and Billie Gardner, infant daughter Brenda Ann Gardner and brother Pat Gardner. After graduating from New Waverly high school he served in the 36th Division of the Texas National Guard and also worked at the Port of Houston. In 1954 he married Patricia Binford and the Lord blessed their home with two wonderful sons. In 1959 he moved his family to New Waverly and along with his brothers, Marvin and Pat owned and operated the Campus Barber Shop near the SHSU campus. He and his wife were also the owners of Ace Self Storage in Huntsville. In 1961 he entered Texas Baptist Institute and Seminary in Henderson. While

attending school there and after graduating, Gene pastored Enterprise Missionary Baptist Church in Gary, Texas, Good Shepherd Baptist Church in Shepherd, Texas, Second Avenue Baptist Church in Corsicana, Texas and for the last 29 years, Bethel Baptist Church at New Waverly, Texas. Gene was a loving husband, father and Paw Paw to his grandchildren. We will miss him so much and will forever remember him with love in our heart. Serving as pallbearers are Lance Gardner, Logan Gardner, Chris Gardner, Kevin Lunsford, Wendell Gardner and Don Gardner. Serving as honorary pallbearers are Josh Martin, Rick Gardner, Bryon Gardner, Darrell Gardner, Clint Gardner, Vic Gardner, Kenneth Gardner, Don Lunsford, Vince Allen, Brad Bass and Craig Graves. Service will be held Thursday, January 21, 2010, 2:00 PM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Huntsville with Rev. Jim Slocumb and Sidney Gardner officiating. Burial will follow at East Sandy Cemetery in Walker County, Texas. Family will receive friends Wednesday, January 20, 2010, 6:00-8:00 PM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville. The family wishes to thank the doctors, nurses and staff of the Conroe Region Heart & Vascular Hospital and Huntsville, Memorial Hospital Rehab for their heartfelt care, compassion, friendship and love during this difficult time. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Gene A. Gardner*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM

GJ

“ I am attaching condolences that were sent to Corsicana Daily Sun for the family.

*January 21, 2010*

*My heart is saddened for your loss. I rejoice with you that he is finally home with the Saviour he preached and labored for so diligently.*

*My prayers*

*will be for you and the family.*

*God Bless,*

*Travis Arden*

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*Travis Arden,*

*Henderson, Texas*

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*January 20, 2010*

*Sister Gardner & Family,*

*This note comes with much heartfelt sorrow for your loss, but with such deep appreciation for Bro Gene..his life and testimony!*

*When talking with Vernell about how your family has made such an impact on our family...we both shared tears of joy and thanksgiving!! Although I was very young when you moved to Gary, TX to serve at Enterprise Missionary Baptist Church, I can not imagine my life had you not been sent there. You see, Bro Gene walked my daddy through the steps of changing his life and giving his heart to the Lord. My daddy was saved and started going to church regularly due to Bro. Gene's gentle but strong influence. God also used a man named J.B. Milam and Bro. Gene both to encourage and support my daddy through his conversion.*

*Had this divine chain of events not happened...my sweet mama would not have had those wonderful years of good memories, my older sister and brother, Troy would have never seen our father make changes and live a Christian life..and me...because of the timing of Bro. Gene's intervention into the Davis family....I grew up going to church and had the privilege of starting my own Christian*

*walk early. How blessed we are!!*

*Thank you so much for sharing Bro. Gene with so many of us.*

*Once Bro. Gene and the Lord had their time together in heaven....I'm certain that Milford "Not" Davis was waiting his turn for a hearty handshake & hug. If there's a fishing hole in heaven...those 2 have already found it.*

*My prayers are with you all.*

*Linda Davis Scott*

*Nashville, TN*

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*Linda Davis Scott,*

*Nashville, Tennessee*

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**Gene Gardner, Jr.** - February 03, 2010 at 01:52 PM

FD

“*My Deepest sympathy to you all. I took care of Mr. Gardner. He and I would have good conversation about the Lord. When he was short of breath he was still able to call on the Lord. Our very last conversation he quoted the scripture Heb. 11:6. I was just amazed at his faith. God bless you all.*

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**Faith Daniels** - January 24, 2010 at 10:57 PM

KC

“ PawPaw,  
We both loved you with all of our hearts. We know you are not suffering and that you are in a much better place, but we can't help but miss you. The three of us would spend hours down at Lake Logan fishing and making precious memories. You told us stories from when you were a little boy and from when daddy and Uncle Gene were little. Before you ever knew I (Chris) was a boy, you made "Bubba's Bank" at the office, and when I (Katie) was born you had a cold but you came anyway and swore I was smiling at you. You baptized both of us, went to all of our piano recitals, and watched Chris play golf. You were our only preacher but will always be our favorite (preacher & PawPaw).  
Love,  
Katie & Chris

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**Katie & Chris** - January 22, 2010 at 10:32 PM

KG

“ Uncle Gene, I will always love you and will miss you. I know I will see you again, and that is the only thing that makes me happy. Aunt Pat, Gene Arnold and Steve, I love yall so much and look forward to spending more time with yall. I will continue to pray for yall.

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**Kenneth Gardner** - January 22, 2010 at 01:59 PM

MH

“ I love you all.

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**Melonie Smith Harrell** - January 22, 2010 at 11:07 AM

TF

“ *It's a sad time in this life when our loved one leaves us behind, however for Bro. Gene Gardner; the moment he saw his Lord and Savior no doubt had to be the most joy filled moment he'd ever known this side of Heaven.*

*We don't know what it's like in Heaven "yet" but if it be as such...there was one man we know in particular named J.B. Milam that was grinning ear to ear when his friend joined him the other day! He loved Bro. Gene dearly not only because he was a friend but most importantly because of Bro. Gene's faithfulness to the Lord. The Gardner family has been a blessing to the Milam family throughout the years and we love you.*

*May our Father in Heaven comfort each of you in that special way that only He knows how.*

*In His Love,  
The Milam Family*

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**The Milam Family** - January 21, 2010 at 10:29 PM

BH

“ *Dear Mrs Gardner, Steve and Nancye and family,  
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Gardner. Even though we know where our loved ones are that know Jesus as their Savior it is hard to be left behind. I pray the Lord give you all comfort and peace during this time.*

*Take care,  
Becky and John Hawley*

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**Becky & John Hawley** - January 21, 2010 at 01:36 PM

TA

“ sister pat,steve gene and family,words cann't express the deep sorrow we have for your loss of bro gene.as you know what a special person god sent to us through him. i know how happy bro. gene is today being with our heavenly father. for he is always going to be in our hearts forever. today we celerbate his life and the love he had for our church family. but most of all i will miss his smile and his hugs.  
love theresa and don allredge  
.his love will always be with us. love theresa don alldredge,kim leslie sammy and mikala

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**theresa and don alldredge** - January 21, 2010 at 01:12 PM

TD

“ Steve and Nancye, We are keeping you and your family in our prayers. May you find blessings and peace during this difficult time.

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**Travis and Shannon Deveney** - January 21, 2010 at 08:41 AM

CW

“ To all of the Gardner Family:

*Betty and I are well-acquainted with Bro. Marvin and Sister Evelyn and their family. I know how much Bro. Marvin loved his brother and that Bro. Gene loved him and the rest of the family as well. I had the opportunity to meet Bro. Gene and am thankful for the faithful and loving work he has done for the Lord. May God Bless each of you is our prayer.*

*Charles and Betty Williams, Whitehouse, Tx.  
Pastor, Alto MBC*

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**Charles and Betty Williams** - January 20, 2010 at 10:12 PM

TC

“ Dear Mrs. Gardner, Gene, and family. It is a comfort to know that your family is one that finds strength in the Lord, especially in these times. Gene, it's been a long time, but I still think about you and your family often. We had good times.

*May you all have peace and good days ahead.*

*Tom and Susan Caldwell  
Hendersonville, TN*

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**Tom Caldwell** - January 20, 2010 at 09:49 PM

DG

“ Mrs. Gardner, Gene, Steve and Families,

*My deepest sympathy in your loss but great rejoicing that Bro. Gardner is with His Savior Jesus Christ. He was an wonderful man who touched many lives and will be greatly missed. My prayers are with you and your families. May God bless and comfort you in the days ahead. My love to all - Donna Galaway-Libal.*

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**Donna Galaway-Libal** - January 20, 2010 at 07:59 PM

RF

“ Our words cannot express the deep sorrow in the passing of PawPaw Huntsville. So many memories and good times come flooding back. We know he is rejoicing with the Lord right now. Do you think he has looked up Elijah, yet? We are praying for God's comfort for all of you. We are so sorry to not be able to be at the services, but will be calling soon. Hope to see you soon. Love, Ricky, Dana, Steven, Brent & Grace Davis

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**Ricky & Dana Davis & family** - January 20, 2010 at 06:51 PM

GK

“ Dear Pat and family. Our hearts go out to you but then we all know that Gene has completed his mission here on Earth and is now at the side of the Master where he will be eternally happy and peaceful. May God Bless All of you at this time. Gene was a good man and a man of his word and that is the best kind.

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**Gene &^ Chris Knerr** - January 20, 2010 at 06:06 PM

HH

“ Dear Barbara and all The Gardner family.  
I was sadden to hear about Brother Gene, I know he was fighting a hard battle with his health, and that this has been very difficult for each of you.

He would want you to remain strong and seek comfort from the Lord, and continue to have the solid Bond you have as a family. He is now smiling down to us all from above, may the many wonderful memories bring some peace to you during this difficult time.

Remember God used him for God's glory, His job is complete here so you must turn to the Heavenly Father for comfort, and turn to us as your friends for support you need.

God Bless you in the days ahead as you say goodbye, Brother Gene was a great pastor and friend. May God Bless Each of you and Thanks for sharing him with us all. I am always here for you  
Love you Helen Harding

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**Helen Harding** - January 20, 2010 at 04:59 PM

BW

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Bob, Mellicent, Bobby II, Heather, Heath & Justin Wiley** - January 20, 2010 at 04:17 PM

NE

“*Mrs. Gardner, Gene, Steve and family...I was very sorry to hear of the passing of Bro. Gardner. He was a strong and positive influence on me in my young years and I'm grateful for having had the opportunity to have known him and all the family. My prayers are with you.*

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**Neil ellington** - January 20, 2010 at 03:50 PM

JG

“ God looked around his garden  
And He found an empty place.  
And then He looked down upon the earth,  
And saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you,  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
He always takes the best.

Gene was one of the most wonderful, Christian men I have ever met. We will miss him.

He knew that you were suffering,  
He knew you were in pain,  
He knew that you would never  
Get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough,  
And the hills were hard to climb,  
So He closed your weary eyelids,  
And whispered "Peace be thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you.  
But you didn't go alone,  
For part of us went with you,  
The day God called you home.

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**Jerry & Paula Gourlay** - January 20, 2010 at 03:12 PM

JA

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. I know you will take comfort in knowing Mr. Gardner is now with the Lord he so faithfully served.

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**Johnny Amick** - January 20, 2010 at 02:56 PM

BT

“ DEAR BARBARA AND ALL THE GARDNER FAMILY;

*BROTHER GENE WAS A SPECIAL FRIEND AND WE ALWAYS AGREED ABOUT THE DALLAS COWBOYS. I KNOW ALL YOU WILL MISS HIM BUT JUST THINK HOW HAPPY HE IS WITH HIS LORD AND SAVIOR. HE HAS A LOT OF HIS FAMILY BESIDE HIM AND OH SO MANY FRIENDS. HE IS THE ONE THAT WAS BLESSED WHILE WE STAY HERE TO MISS HIM.*

*I HAVE NEVER MET A MORE COMPLETE CHRISTIAN PREACHER THAN BRO. GENE. GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU AND THANKS FOR THE PLEASURE OF LETTING ME KNOW HIM AND FAMILY. BARBARA YOU WERE BLESSED TO HAVE A BROTHER AND FAMILY LIKE ALL THE GARDNERS LOVE YOU*

*BT*

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**BETTY TACKETT** - January 20, 2010 at 01:34 PM

BA

“ Dear "Bub"

*I had three brothers, you, Pat and Marvin. Somehow when I was real small, I started calling you "Bub" and you called me "Sissie". Our birthdays were only one day apart (plus 4 years) and seems mother always had a birthday dinner for us together. You have been my constant rock for most of my life. Any questions I had to ask you, whether it be about the Bible, something personal, or just life in general, you were always there. When we are all growing up and I always wanted to play with you boys, you used to tease me and tell me I was just in the way and reminded me of that not too long ago. Such great memories. Thanks for always being there for me and I will miss you not only being my brother, but the best Pastor I ever had. You said I always gave you someone to preach too and that I was the biggest sinner you had in the congregation. ha How I would love to hear that again. Just remember Sissie will always love you.*

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**Barbara ("Sis") Allen** - January 20, 2010 at 12:50 PM

DH

“ Mrs. Gardner and Steve:

*Sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Gardner. I so enjoyed visiting with all of you at A-1 Storage as we came thru. God bless.*

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**David Henderson** - January 20, 2010 at 11:57 AM

JS

“ *Brother Gene was a long time friend of ours.(51 yrs.) Met when we were barbering in Huntsville. A special Pastor friend and brother in the ministry.I admired his Wisdom and Integrity. He was a great lover and supporter of mission work. A tremendous blessing to me and my mission work in Texas. Brother Gene and his family were a blessing to fellowship. WSe send our prayers, love and sympathy to Sister Pat and all the Gardener family.*

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**Jim & Dorothy Slocumb** - January 20, 2010 at 11:46 AM

TD

“ We will all miss this wonderful man. He was as steady in his heart felt convictions as anyone I have ever met. A wonderful friend to everyone. Thank you Brother Gardner for all the many talks, and all the advice and guidance you offered me as I was growing up. I am so sorry for everyone's loss but so happy that my daddy is with his favorite pastor again. Thinking of you all  
Tina Dockery

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**Tina Dockery** - January 20, 2010 at 09:08 AM

SH

“ Pat, Gene Arnold, Steve and Families,  
Our earthly heart is saddened by Gene's passing but our Heavenly heart is rejoicing for Gene. May you be comforted in the fact that Gene is in a better place and is not suffering any longer. Our God IS an awesome God and He will give you comfort and peace in these difficult days ahead. We love you all. Sue & Joe

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**Sue & Joe Hardy** - January 19, 2010 at 10:10 PM

RM

“ I am so sorry for your loss but am rejoicing that Gene is with His Savior. Don't you know he and Granddaddy are talking the Lord's ears off!!! You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Gene was a special man and he will be missed! I love you all.

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**Rachel Griffith McBride** - January 19, 2010 at 06:59 PM

MF

“ Just want to let you know that you are all in our prayers during this difficult time.

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**Mark and Jeanne Thomas and family** - January 19, 2010 at 06:57 PM

MM

“ So saddened to hear about the loss of Rev. Gardner, I will never forget walking into the office with his Bible always close at hand on his desk. A great testimony to his Faith & Service to our Lord. May God Comfort all during this time of bereavement.

*Margaret Miller Paulsel*

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**Margaret Miller** - January 19, 2010 at 06:01 PM

CH

“ We are going to miss Bro. Gardner. We have always looked forward to hearing him preach for us at Second Avenue. We will continue to pray for all of ya'll. We love you. Curtis and Beth Holt

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**Curtis and Beth Holt** - January 19, 2010 at 05:45 PM

RM

“ Nancye and Steve, I'm so very sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Rhonda Mauldin** - January 19, 2010 at 04:30 PM

BN

“ Marvin and Evelyn, I am sending condolences from my Mother, Lorene Conner. You and the Gardner families will be remembered in our prayers during your time of sorrow.

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**Beverly Conner Niederhofer** - January 19, 2010 at 02:01 PM

EP

“ I remember in 1957 when I first came to Huntsville. I got my "flat top" at your shop. I remember visiting with you at the building store. We will all be united one day.  
*Eugene "Gene" Poldrack*

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**Eugene M. Poldrack** - January 19, 2010 at 11:12 AM

FE

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Brother Gardner.  
He will be greatly missed. He was a good pastor as well as a good  
friend to me and my family.  
It seems like it was only yesterday that he held the memorial  
services for Charlie and he will always be remembered.*

*May God bless as take care of each of the Gardner family*

*Frances Ellington*

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**Frances Ellington** - January 19, 2010 at 10:53 AM