



Ronald Gardner

May 4, 1938 - October 25, 2025

Ronald Jasper Gardner, 87, of Jackson, Missouri died Saturday, October 25, 2025 at Saint Francis Medical Center.

He was born May 4, 1938 in Casper, Wyoming to Jasper "James" and Margaret Angel Gardner.

He and Betty Dale of Sikeston, Missouri were married February 27, 1965 in Kansas City, Missouri.

He served in the United States Marine Corps.

He was a graduate of University of Wyoming.

He was a member of New McKendree United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Gardner of Jackson; a daughter, Beth (Brandon) Criner of Fayetteville, Arkansas; two grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; and a sister.

Visitation will be 10:00 am to 11:00 am on Saturday, November 1, 2025 at

Ford & Sons Funeral Home in Jackson.

Funeral service will follow at 11:00 am Saturday at the funeral home in Jackson with the Rev. Jimmie Corbin officiating.

Burial will be at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery in Cape Girardeau, with full military honors.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to a charity of choice.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Jackson is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery

2315 Highway 61 North
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
(573) 334-1909
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Ford and Sons Jackson
708 W. Main Street
Jackson, MO 63755

Funeral Service

NOV 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DR

“ *Dr. John and Darellene Roussalis purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Ronald Gardner.*



Dr. John and Darellene Roussalis - November 01, 2025 at 12:59 PM

BC

“ *Buck Criner/Gloria Criner purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ronald Gardner.*



Buck Criner/Gloria Criner - October 31, 2025 at 11:01 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald Gardner.*



October 30, 2025 at 07:33 PM

FE

“ *From ABE AND ELIZABETH planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald Gardner.*

From ABE AND ELIZABETH - October 30, 2025 at 07:33 PM

RG

“ My heart is heavy today learning the passion of my good friend Ron I met Ron when I was a kid at the Heidelberg restaurant with his beautiful wife Betty they became family to us in the Walls family. Him and Dick was heroes of mines the laughter that Ron had the jokes that he told you could rest Ron daddy I love you Rev. James Gray Columbia, Missouri the old Heidelberg restaurant. Rev

rev james gray - October 30, 2025 at 01:36 PM

LW

“ I would run into Mr. Gardner in the mornings at Rhodes getting coffee on my way to work. He was a very nice & kind man & always happy! I enjoyed talking to him & it was the highlight of my day starting out. Rest in peace Mr. Gardner. Thoughts & prayers for your family.
Lisa Walter

Lisa Walter - October 30, 2025 at 07:30 AM

LS

“ To my friend Ronald J Gardner, May you rest in peace. You will be missed by all. See you again Larry m. stone

Larry m. Stone - October 29, 2025 at 08:22 AM