



Dennis Mark Gardner

January 25, 1946 - December 10, 2023

IN MEMORY OF:

Dennis Mark Gardner

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – CAPE GIRARDEAU

829 North West End Boulevard, Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Dennis Mark Gardner, 77, of Cape Girardeau, died Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023 at St. Francis Medical Center.

He was born Jan. 25, 1946 in Washington, Missouri to Lester and Gurthlen Meyer Gardner.

Dennis graduated from Washington high school in 1964. He attended Southeast Missouri State University. He earned a bachelor's of science in education, a bachelor's of science in art and a bachelor's of science in nursing.

He spent two years in the Army National Guard. For seven years he worked as a free-lance artist working with metal sculpture and stained glass. He then

pursued a degree in nursing and worked 30 years in various nursing capacities.

His favorite job, which he considered a privilege and a gift from God was that of being a dad.

He is survived by his wife Karen and daughter Jessica; brother, Lester II and wife Barb; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A celebration of life service will be Friday, Dec. 15, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at Crain Funeral Home- Cape Girardeau with Dr. Richard Martin speaking. Friends may gather one hour prior to the service.

Burial will follow at a later date at St. Peters cemetery in Washington, Missouri.

Memorial donations may be given to Cedarville University, 251 N. Main Street, Cedarville, OH 45314.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC **15**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (cst)

Crain Funeral Home - Cape Girardeau

829 N. West End Blvd

(4 blocks north of Southeast Hospital)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dennis Mark Gardner.*



December 14, 2023 at 04:58 PM



“ *Lisa, Nicholas, Emily & Garret planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Mark Gardner.*

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“ *I went to nursing school with Dennis. He was so kind and always had a grin on his face. Our paths crossed over they years and he always remembered me as I did him. I am so sorry for your loss. May your memories comfort you. Chris Sheets*

CHRIS ANN SHEETS - December 13, 2023 at 04:50 PM