



Andrew Nelson Gardner

September 5, 1950 - August 29, 2022

Andrew Nelson Gardner, 71, of Cleveland, NC passed away on Monday, August 29, 2022 at his residence.

Born September 5, 1950 in Jefferson County, Kentucky, he was the son of the late Dr. Ralph A. Gardner and Darlene Wiley Gardner. Andy was a 1968 graduate of West Rowan High School where he established solid record as a football player and wrestler. Following high school, he joined the US Army, and after infantry and ranger training, he served in Korea during the Vietnam era achieving the rank of sergeant. Andy retired after 39 years with Norfolk Southern Railroad at Linwood Yard.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son Andrew J. Gardner.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 49 years, Debbie Karriker Gardner; son, Adam M. Gardner and wife Tara of Salisbury; daughter, Lisa G. Burns and husband Dewey of Cleveland; grandchildren, Wyatt, Whitney, Wynne and Weston Burns; brother Bill Gardner and wife Edith of Cary, NC; sisters, Pat Kozma of Philadelphia, PA and Sara Vogel and husband Mel of Southport, NC; along with numerous extended family and friends.

When not riding his motorcycle, Andy enjoyed being at home, on his farm,

raising beef cattle and gardening. He loved spending time with his family especially playing with, reading to and being outside with his grandchildren.

The family will receive friends 6-8 p.m. Friday, September 2, 2022 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, Mt. Ulla, NC.

A memorial service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, September 3, 2022 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church with Rev. Scott Swix officiating.

Memorials may be made to St. Luke's Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, 11020 NC Highway 801, Mt. Ulla, NC 28125 or The Andrew Jackson Gardner Scholarship Fund, The University of Kentucky College of Arts and Sciences, 259 Patterson Office Tower, Lexington KY 40506-0027.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Gardner family. Online condolences may be left at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Andrew Nelson Gardner.*



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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Andrew Nelson Gardner.*



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“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Andrew Nelson Gardner.*



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