



Conrad D. Gardner

November 16, 1934 - March 15, 2020

Conrad D. Gardner, 85, of Salisbury, NC passed away Monday, March 15, 2020 at The Novant Health Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House. Connie was born November 16, 1934 in Rowan County, NC to the late Robert F. and Elma J Gardner. He graduated from Boyden High School in 1953, served in the Army for 4 years, then later graduated from Catawba College with a major in Physical Education and his teaching certificate. Connie spent his career working at Zimmerman's Department Store until it closed in 1988, then later worked in various sales roles within the community. A member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Connie was also a lifelong football fan after playing in both high school and college, an avid bird watcher, and enjoyed gathering with his friends at the American Legion and VFW.

Connie was preceded in death by his wife Corinna B. Gardner on December 1, 2016. He is survived by his daughter, Sandra Gardner Sullivan and husband Rob; son, Steven Conrad Gardner; grandchildren, Robert and Katherine Sullivan, Christopher, Bradley, and Jack Gardner; and great-granddaughter Lily Gardner.

A private graveside service for family and friends will be held at Rowan Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, 200

W Innes Street, Salisbury, NC 28144 or the Novant Health Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House, 1229 Statesville Blvd, Salisbury, NC 28144.

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

Cemetery Details

Rowan Memorial Park

4125 Franklin Comm Center Rd
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 636-8751

Tribute Wall

KG

“ Ken & Danette Granberry lit a candle in memory of Conrad D. Gardner



Ken & Danette Granberry - March 17, 2020 at 08:55 AM

DC

“ Connie and Corinna were close friends of Sonny and me. We enjoyed going to Cherry Grove Beach in the summer together.

Dinah Carpenter - March 17, 2020 at 12:54 AM

KR

“ Mr. Gardner was my parent's neighbor for 20 plus years. I looked up to him as a Grandfather. I loved him very much, and will greatly miss him!

KRAIG - March 16, 2020 at 09:30 PM

DB

I was a year ahead of Connie at Boyden However on the football team with and sometimes would block with him as he played tailback in our famous single wing formation. I had to leave Boyden in the middle of my senior year and moved to Newport News, Va. Connie and a couple of friends stopped in NNews to see me on one of their jaunts to somewhere, I believe they were on their way to New Orleans. It was so great to see him and others and it meant a great deal to me. Sorry for your loss but do as I try to do and just remember all of the great times you had together. Sincerely, Don Brantley

Don Brantley - March 22, 2020 at 12:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Conrad D. Gardner.



March 16, 2020 at 05:37 PM