



Mrs. Darlene Wiley Gardner

May 16, 1920 - December 29, 2014

Darlene Wiley Gardner, age 94, passed away Monday, December 29, 2014 at her home at Oak Park Retirement Center in Salisbury, North Carolina. She was born May 16, 1920 in Lamar, Colorado, daughter of the late Ernest and Lora Mae Alexander Wiley. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Ralph A. Gardner, whom she married on August 23, 1943. She was also predeceased by an infant brother Dwain Elmer Wiley, a sister, Derexa Wiley Hawley and a grandson Andrew Jackson Gardner.

Mrs. Gardner is survived by four children- daughters Patricia G. Kozma (Bruce) of Fairfield, CT and Sara G. Vogel (Mel) of Southport, NC; and sons William E. Gardner (Miriam Bailey) of Cary, NC and Monticello, KY and Andrew N. Gardner (Debbie Karriker) of Woodleaf, NC; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Gardner grew up in Lamar, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri and Mayfield, Kentucky. Following graduation from Chillicothe Business College in 1938, she worked at Lambeth College in Nashville, Tennessee, and then served in the US Marine Corps during World War II. During their 58 years of marriage Darlene and Ralph resided in Massachusetts, California, Kentucky and North Carolina. She was a long-serving member of Methodist Churches in various locations, and particularly skilled in music, needlepoint, sewing and community support projects. She will be missed by remaining friends,

children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Memorial Service will be held in the chapel at Summersett Funeral Home at 3:00 p.m. Monday, January 5, 2015, officiated by Rev. Sybil Perrell. Final resting place will be in Jamestown, Kentucky at a later date.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to The Andrew Jackson Gardner Scholarship Fund- The University of Kentucky, College of Arts and Sciences Scholarship Committee, 259 Patterson Office Tower, Lexington, Kentucky 40506-0027.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 5. 3:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 633-2111
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

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“ *In preparation for the move to our new library, I was cleaning out my desk and came across the contact information I had for this lovely lady. I decided to see if I could find her online tonight. I am saddened to hear of her passing. She and her granddaughter Lisa were big supporters of our library here in Russell County, Kentucky. She would be pleased that we will be opening our new location next month. She was quite a woman and I loved hearing stories about her life. I will make a visit to the Jamestown cemetery tomorrow and pay my respects to her and her husband Ralph. My sincere condolences to the entire family.*

*Glenda York
Reference Librarian
Russell County Public Library*

Glenda York - November 20, 2019 at 06:39 PM

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“ *Dear Sara, Your mother sounds like she had a very full life....what a wonderful legacy! Please know you and your family are in my heartfelt prayers. Sending love, Patricia Ferguson (from your yoga class)*

patricia ferguson - January 03, 2015 at 07:05 PM