



## Mary Faust Garner

February 15, 1946 - September 27, 2009

Mary Brannock Faust Garner, 63, of Morgantown, WV died at 2:05 a.m. on Sunday, September 27, 2009 at home with her family in St. Pete Beach, FL. Mary was diagnosed with lung cancer in November 2008.

Mary was born on February 15, 1946 in Salisbury, NC to parents Rev. Milton B. and Anna Mary Faust. She attended Salisbury public schools and graduated from Boyden High School in 1964. As a student at Boyden she was active in clubs, civic activities and leadership. Following high school Mary attended Elon College where she earned an Elementary Education degree. There she also met her husband Larry Benton Garner. Mary and Larry were married just after her graduation on June 15, 1968, at Second Presbyterian Church in Salisbury.

She then began her career as a school teacher in Jacksonville, FL. She took an extended hiatus from teaching while raising her three children. She returned to teaching in Morgantown, WV at Second Ward Elementary, then at Cool Springs Elementary and finally at Woodburn Elementary. Her career lasted well over 20 years. She was respected and loved by her students and her peers. She taught her students to respect themselves and especially others. She was a strict teacher but cared for every student very much.

Mary is survived by her mother Anna Mary Faust of High Point, NC; husband

Larry Benton Garner of Morgantown, WV; son Ashley Benton Garner (Allycen) of Wilmington, NC; two daughters, Whitney Faust Garner (Torsten) of Berlin, Germany and Mary Wesley Garner of St. Petersburg, FL; brother Eric Faust (Linda) of Pollacksville, NC; sister Frances Faust Barger (Steve) of Cherry Grove, SC; sister-in-law Rita Garner Leonard of Mt. Airy, NC; seven nieces and nephews, Andrew, Bethan, James, Anna, Bradley, Lori and Amy; 12 grand nieces and nephews, Willow, Violet, River, Meg, Gus, Brianna, Spencer, William, Sam, Charlie, Lauren and Olivia.

A memorial service was held at sunset in St. Pete Beach, FL on Tuesday, September 29th.

Services in Salisbury, NC will be handled by Summerset Funeral Home, 704-633-2111, on Saturday October 3rd. Visitation from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Funeral Service will be at 12:00 p.m. at Summersett Memorial Chapel with Rev. Dr. Eric Faust officiating. Mary will be buried at Rowan Memorial Park in Salisbury.

Services in Morgantown, WV will be held at Wesley United Methodist Church, 304-292-9485, on Monday October 5th. Memorial service at 6:30 p.m. followed by a gathering of friends, also at the church, at 7:00 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to: Suncoast Hospice Foundation, 5771 Roosevelt Blvd, Clearwater, FL 33760, 727-586-4432, [www.thehospicefoundation.org](http://www.thehospicefoundation.org) (gift in honor of Mary F. Garner); Christian Help, Inc, "Back to School Day 2010", 219 Walnut Street, Morgantown, WV 26505, 304-296-0221, [www.christianhelpinc.net](http://www.christianhelpinc.net)

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Garner family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).



# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Larry and family,  
I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Mary was such a wonderful person! I am so thankful for the years I was able to work with Mary at Cool Springs Elementary. I have so many wonderful memories of times spent with her. She was a very special person. You will all be in our prayers.##imported-begin##Susan Armstrong##imported-end##

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October 19, 2009 at 12:37 PM



“ Dear Garner family,  
I was so saddened to hear from my parents of the passing of Mrs. Garner. I remember her always being so kind and welcoming to me when I visited Whitney at your home. I know that your family is very close, and I'm so sorry for your loss. I wish I was able to attend the service; I hope to be able to see you soon. My deepest sympathies-  
-Jennifer Ostrow.##imported-begin##Jennifer Ostrow##imported-end##

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October 13, 2009 at 08:57 PM



“ Eric,

*I am deeply sorrowful to learn of the passing of your dear sister Mary. It has been many years since I have seen you but sometimes I think fondly of our childhood days. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May the spirit wind be by your side during your time of grief. May the rays of sunshine soften your sorrow.*

*Tommy Thomason##imported-begin##Tommy Thomason##imported-end##*

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October 08, 2009 at 02:55 PM



“ Dear Larry,

*I am so sorry to hear about Mary and sorry, too, that I was unable to be there on Monday night.*

*She was always a lovely lady and I enjoyed knowing her.*

*Please know that you and your children are in my thoughts.*

*Sincerely,*

*Glenda##imported-begin##Glenda Gray##imported-end##*

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October 06, 2009 at 08:33 PM



“ Larry & Family, We are so sorry to hear about the passing of your wife and mother- Mary. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God's strength and comfort be with you durng these difficult days. Brian Alexander, Pastor -Center Hill Baptist Church, Lexington NC###imported-begin##Rev. Brian Alexander###imported-end##

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October 06, 2009 at 11:42 AM



“ My heart goes out to the Garner family in your time of sadness. I have many fond memories of time spent with the you all. I know that Mrs.Garner will be greatly missed, but never forgotten. She has touched numerous hearts and has taught many lessons for she was a great mother, wife, teacher, and friend. May she rest in peace###imported-begin##Tim Woodall###imported-end##

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October 05, 2009 at 10:57 PM



“ To Mary Wesley and the entire family of Mary Garner,

*I send you my deepest sympathies. Mary was a truly lovely, lovely person and her life and love of life lives in those who knew her. She has left a loving family and may her life and memories give you strength and comfort.*

*Ann Devine-King###imported-begin##Ann Devine-King###imported-end##*

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October 05, 2009 at 09:52 PM



“ My deepest thoughts are with the family. Mary was a wonderful person I first met her when My mother and I cleaned house for her years ago. In recent years I have learned to know her even better from our water aerobics class at Health South. Mary was always talking to everyone in class. She always asked me about my family. She was a very caring person. Mary will be sadly missed by everyone I am sure, including me. A very wonderful person is missing from this earth.

Linda Glover##imported-begin##Linda Glover##imported-end##

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October 05, 2009 at 09:10 PM



“ I,m so glad we were able to talk with you awhile on Saturday. My memories of your family are so clear and are happy ones. I especially remember hosting a baby shower for Mary when she was expecting Mary Westley. I still have the basinette she used for the first few months. Our beach trips are a special memory also. I'm so glad our lives have crossed. We will continue to think of you all.##imported-begin##Emmy & Bob Floyd##imported-end##

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October 05, 2009 at 02:31 PM



“ I am very sorry to hear of Mary's passing. She was a good person and loving mother. She will be missed.  
Grace and Peace to the family and friends.##imported-begin##Kathy Hanko##imported-end##

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October 05, 2009 at 11:55 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this sad time in the passing of Mary. She was a pleasure to know and work with at Cool Springs School. May all of the blessings of the Lord be with you - Mary's former principal, Charlene Copeland.##imported-begin##Charlene Copeland##imported-end##

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October 05, 2009 at 08:58 AM



“ Mary was a true inspiration and good friend to my mom. She will be dearly missed. My thoughts and prayers remain with the Garner family.##imported-begin##Kate Oaks Dell'Aquila##imported-end##

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October 04, 2009 at 12:02 PM



“ Larry, Marywesley, Whitney, & Ashley,

*You are a wonderful family that I have had the pleasure to know from childhood through to adulthood. Mary showed by her example how to be respectful, kind, and how to always look and behave as a beautiful lady. She touched all those who had the distinct honor to know her with her grace and compassion.*

*She will be remembered with beautiful memories and celebrated for the love that she helped to create here in this world. I will remember her with many fond thoughts and my utmost respect. All my love to you all,*

*Carrie##imported-begin##Carrie Lothes Stranko##imported-end##*

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October 02, 2009 at 11:15 PM



“ It deeply shocked me to learn of Mary's passing. I worked with her at Second Ward Elementary and after I retired I frequently saw her at Health South Rehab. pool. She kept me updated on you, her family. She was very proud of all of you and enjoyed telling me about some of the more interesting aspects of your lives. Mary was a very special person who will always hold a special spot in my heart.

*I know this is a difficult time for each of you. I know the pain of losing ones parent. Remember the good times you shared and you can rest assured that she will never leave you. Now she is an angel who will continue to watch over and protect you.*

Your Friend, Ed##imported-begin##Ed Keller##imported-end##

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October 02, 2009 at 07:53 PM



“ Our heartfelt sympathy to the entire Garner Family. Mary was such a wonderful, caring person.

*I always enjoyed talking to her, (usually about public school teaching), after church services at Wesley. About a year ago, I recall her asking me to remember her at the 8:30 service. This was shortly after her diagnosis. We shared a hug, and it was the last time I saw Mary, but she remained in my prayers, and still does.*

*She will be greatly missed by those of us in the church and the community. God bless all of the Garner family during this difficult time. Emily and Terry Jones##imported-begin##Emily & Terry Jones##imported-end##*

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October 02, 2009 at 11:36 AM



“ A note to Larry and family to say that I'll be with you in thought and prayer over the next few days. Those Elon days, where love and relationships were kindled and ignited, are very special to both Betsy and I and we will always keep wonderful memories of Mary in our minds and hearts forever.##imported-begin##Chuck Miller##imported-end##

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October 02, 2009 at 09:06 AM



“ May your loving memories bring you joy in your heart during this time of sorrow. May you gain strength and comfort by remembering that God cares and has made provision to restore life on earth under the Kingdom of God which we all pray for. Please take time to read these scriptures: Acts 24:15, John 5:28,29; Revelation 21:3,4.##imported-begin##Sheila##imported-end##

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October 02, 2009 at 08:42 AM



“ To the Garner Family- my deepest sympathy to all of you in the loss of your loved one. Having lost my husband and parents, I know the great sense of loss and abiding sadness that all of you feel in the loss of your spouse and mother.

*Most sincerely,*

*Mrs. Wesley M. Bagby##imported-begin##Jan Bagby##imported-end##*

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October 01, 2009 at 04:18 PM