



Junior Lee Garner

June 29, 1934 - May 24, 2013

Junior Lee Garner (lovingly known to his family as “Bud”) was born June 29, 1934, in Council Hill, Oklahoma, to Herbert and Lucille Garner. He passed away on May 24, 2013, at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Junior graduated from Oktaha High School and attended Connors State College. He worked for Boeing Aircraft Company in Wichita, Kansas. Junior served his country in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1958. After discharge from the military, he owned and operated two gas stations in Muskogee, Oklahoma, one of which became the local hangout for race car enthusiasts. He was also a gifted mechanic. He later sold the stations and went to work for Lindsey Construction Co. as a heavy equipment operator and was a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local #627 for 35 years, retiring in 1996.

When Junior was young, he loved to race dragsters. He later switched to stock car racing and was well known in the racing circle in the late 1960’s. After retirement he enjoyed watching his beloved NASCAR races on TV. He loved to go fishing with his brother, Jerry, and of course had big fish stories to tell afterwards. Junior took great pride in his lawn and a new patch of weeds would bring out the sprayer. He had many friends, great neighbors, a smile for everyone and he never met a stranger.

Junior is survived by the love of his life, his wife Sheryl (Brownie) of 44 years; son, Brian and wife Katie and his beloved grandchildren Josh and Mallory of Muskogee.

Junior is preceded in death by his parents, Herbert and Lucille Garner and mother and father in law, J.D. (Mac) and Ruth McAfee. Also left to mourn his loss are sister, Sue (Spike) Harrison of Amarillo, Texas; brother, Jerry (Sue) Garner, of Oktaha; sister, Aileen (Martin) Moore also of Muskogee; brother in law, Bruce (Betty) McAfee of Lake Eufaula; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, cousins, and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church of Muskogee, 111 South 7th Street, Muskogee, OK 74401, or the charity of your choice.

The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at Cornerstone Funeral Home.

Funeral services for Junior will be 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, May 29, 2013 at First Baptist Church Chapel with Dr. Lance Sawyer officiating. Pallbearers will be Robert Garner, Phillip Garner, Mike Moore, Brandon Garner, Ron Arias and Philip Nickels.

Cemetery Details

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 National Cemetery Rd.
Fort Gibson, OK

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 26. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Visitation

MAY 27. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Muskogee, OK 74403
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Service

MAY 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church Muskogee
111 S. 7th Street
Muskogee, OK 74401

Tribute Wall



“ Junior Lee Garner

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ What nice memories I have of this wonderful man. Much love to all of you from Fort Smith. Jane Aldridge Wineland

Jane Aldridge Wineland - May 29, 2013 at 07:59 PM



“ Sharon Parker Gragg lit a candle in memory of Junior Lee Garner



Sharon Parker Gragg - May 28, 2013 at 09:29 AM



Sue, Jerry, Aileen & families: Don and I were so sorry to hear that Junior had passed away. Please know, no matter the length of time since we were close neighbors & great friends in our tiny little town, I've never forgotten any of the Garner family who were so much a part of those happy times! I'm sure Sue, Junior & Jerry just thought Aileen & I were the biggest pests in the world, and we probably were but your mom never seemed to mind, even if she did! I think Junior must have inherited that from her because he was always so easy going. Please know, you are all in our prayers & Junior is in a better place.

Sharon Parker Gragg - May 28, 2013 at 10:02 AM

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“ Cheryl & Brian, memories of a wonderful childhood on 31st Street always include neighbors like you. All of the Aldridge "children" are saddened to hear of Junior's passing, and want you to know you are in our thoughts & prayers. God bless, Janet Sharrock



Janet Sharrock - May 27, 2013 at 07:16 AM