



Robert Patrick Gardner

March 17, 1960 - January 1, 2015

Robert Patrick “Pat” Gardner, 54, of Vermontville died on Thursday, January 1, 2015. Robert was born March 17, 1960, the son of Robert and Lois (Mahar) Gardner. He grew up in Vermontville and graduated from Maple Valley High School in 1978. He was known for his craftsmanship in woodworking, and as a very loyal, loving, honest, and family oriented man. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and camping with his family, teaching his daughters to hunt at a very young age. Some of his favorite times were spent with his grandson Talon. “Pat” is survived by his two daughters Breann (Roger) Platte, and Brittney Gardner; grandson Talon; wife Donna (Steinbrecher) Gardner; parents Robert H. “Bob” and Lois Gardner; and sister Cheryl Rathburn-VanDenburg. Funeral services are scheduled for Tuesday, January 6, 2PM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Rev. Israel Young officiating, followed by interment at Woodlawn Cemetery in Vermontville. Visitation will be held on Sunday, January 4, 4-7 PM, as well as Monday, January 5, 3-5 PM and 7-9 PM. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Maple Valley Scholarship Fund. Friends and family are encouraged to share remembrances of “Pat” on his book of memories at www.prayfuneral.com The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Patrick Gardner*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 02, 2015 at 11:17 AM

AW

“ *Bob and Lois, I am truly sorry for your loss. I pray God will wrap his arms around you both during this time. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

Alice Wisner - January 14, 2015 at 05:00 PM

“ Uncle Bob, Aunt Lois, Cheryl, Breann, Brittney, and Talon I will always remember when Aunt Lois and Uncle Bob let my brother (Allan) and I come to live with them when we were little. Cheryl shared her bedroom with me and Pat shared his bedroom with Allan. We were always called the four musketeers, you could not pry us apart if you tried. I remember when Aunt Lois or Uncle Bob would see our bedrooms a mess we had to stay in until everything was put away. I would tell my Aunt Lois that I had a crush on Pat because he was so cute, Aunt Lois would laugh and explain that Pat was my cousin and I felt I was lucky to have him as a friend. We spent countless hours in the swimming pool so much that our fingers and toes would turn into raisins. Pat could show anyone how to do a cannon ball to perfection. I remember Aunt Lois telling us day after day that we could not go swimming until 30 minutes after we had ate, because it was not good for our stomachs. Well, with Pat being the oldest, he would keep track of the time so 30 minutes turned into 10 minutes and we were ready to go swimming again. At the end of the summer Pat and Cheryl would have a nice tan and the blondest hair you every did see. When we would tell the story about our parents people would laugh and scratch their heads because our mother's (which are sisters) married are father's (which are brother's). Now the journey begins, Aunt Lois gave birth to Pat and than 13 months later Cheryl the little sister came along. To keep things interesting my mom had Allan about 13 months after Cheryl and than mom did not want to be different so I was born 13 months after my brother. We have been close our whole lives. After we grew up started having our own families we all stayed close. Breann showed horses with my daughter Amanda. I can never forget at the Eaton county 4-H fair for it was a stressful but rewarding, by the end of the week on Saturday night at midnight the horses could go home. Pat was the first one in line to take Breann's horse home and the horse was ready to go home as well. He was so proud of both of his girls in everything they accomplished. Our grandpa Gardner took us kids mushroom hunting every year when we were younger. Grandpa and grandma Gardner could find the biggest morles and tasty ones too. Pat learned that secreat from grandpa and grandma

because he would go look for mushrooms and come back with a bag full less than an hour, the only thing I would bring back was posion ivy. All these times I have shared with Pat will be charised in my heart forever. Allan and I will look over Anut Lois, Uncle Bob, and Cheryl as they will be looking over Breann, Brittney, and Talon. Until we meet again Pat. Love Denice

Denice (Gardner) Scramlin - January 12, 2015 at 05:53 AM

PP

“ *Donna and girls, We were so sorry to hear of your loss, our hearts are with you, Peggy and Rachel*

Peggy Papoi - January 07, 2015 at 07:42 PM

TW

“ *Bob and Lois Been thinking about you and your family since I heard the news. Unless you have lost a son or daughter you can not find words to say. We know what it is like as we lost our son Steven at the age of 19 back in 1995 in a farm accident. The way I got over it was thank God for the years we had had with him. You need anything or someone to talk to come over or call anytime. God Bless To and take care and let God heal you. Tom & Kelly Williams*

Tom & Kelly Williams - January 07, 2015 at 12:44 AM

BW

“ *To My Special Friends, Bob and Lois: Words cannot even come close to expressing how saddened I am to hear about the loss of your loving son Pat. My heart aches for the entire Gardner family. I pray that you can find the strength to continue through love and support from all the family and friends who loved him so much. Pat is now in God's hands. Love and God Bless, Brian*

Brian S. Webb - January 06, 2015 at 08:39 PM

JS

“ To all the Gardner family we offer our prayers and loving thoughts to you. Our family will be forever changed by this loss. Hugs to all of you. Uncle Jim and Aunt Wanda.

Jim and Wanda Steinbrecher - January 06, 2015 at 06:02 PM

DH

“ words cannot express the pain we feel for such a loss. May God's love, grace and mercy surround the family. We love you all.

Davd and Renee Hardy - January 06, 2015 at 08:46 AM

KS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. We had only met Patrick once. He was so likeable, and what a worker. He will be sadly missed. Charles and Kathy Sharp Olivet

Kathy and Charles Sharp - January 06, 2015 at 06:03 AM

KB

“ Bob & Lois, Donna & girls - We are thinking of you all during this sad time. Prayers and hope for strength for all of you. We have nothing but good and kind memories of Pat during Country House/Custom Home years of knowing you all. Our deepest sympathies. Kim and Dan

Kim & Dan Boucher - January 05, 2015 at 08:19 PM

MS

“ Our hearts go out to the entire Gardner family for your loss. Our daughter Erica attended daycare in Vermontville with Brittney and Breann and we rented our first home from Bob and Lois. When we built our new house, Pat installed the flooring. He was always friendly and did great work. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you.

Marty and Kelly Smith - January 05, 2015 at 07:41 PM

KK

“ Pat was our landlord. He worked tirelessly to ready the home we live in. Once Pat and Donna found out our children are autistic they were so helpful. Pat brought carpet over for the basement so the kids could have a soft spot to play on. He also Brought carpet for the garage for them. Our hearts are saddened by the news of his passing. We wish only the deepest sympathies to his family in this difficult time. May God bless you and keep you. With love, The Keys

Kable & Joanna Key - January 05, 2015 at 06:19 PM

JR

“ Lois & Bob, I am so saddened to here of your loss, Pat is a fantastic guy and will be missed

Jody Root - January 05, 2015 at 05:26 PM

JP

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to all of the Gardner family. May you all feel the strength of God's mighty Arms around you during the coming months. Feel His peace and know He is with you at all times.

John & Kathie Perez - January 05, 2015 at 11:41 AM

AR

“ We are so sorry to hear about Pat. His passing has left a big hole in many hearts. May his light shine brightly in the memories he left, and the joy and love he shared. Donna, we are holding you, the girls and the family in prayer and know he is at peace in the loving presence of our Lord. Much Love, Aunt Sandy & Rich.

Aunt Sandy & Rich - January 05, 2015 at 10:11 AM

PW

“ I'm so sorry for your lost he will greatly missed

Pamela Wendorf - January 05, 2015 at 09:46 AM

CS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Pats family. RIP Pat

Charles and Kathy Sharp - January 05, 2015 at 08:20 AM

LT

“ Pat was such a nice and kind young man. He will surely be missed. I knew him through my sister Carolyn and remember him as such a quiet young man with an infectious smile. He also laid some flooring for us. Always so kind. God rest his soul. I will be praying for the family. God bless all of you.

Laura Taylor - January 04, 2015 at 11:55 PM

JV

“ To all the Gardner family we offer prayers of comfort and loving thoughts to you. Our neighborhood will be forever changed by this loss. We have wonderful memories of Pat helping others, always a smile and a wave when driving by, and his thoughtfulness to make sure our families were doing fine. We would like to be there for you just as Pat has been for us; please don't hesitate to stop by or call any time.

Julie Dormer-Khouri & Randy VanZandt - January 04, 2015 at 07:55 PM

EF

“ To Bob & Lois - I cannot begin to express my sadness at the loss of Pat. We knew him mostly as a flooring master as he did much work on our homes. He was always friendly and honest and we knew we would get great results whenever he was on the job. The world needs more people like Pat; how awful to lose him. My prayers are with you and all your family.

Eileen Phaner - January 04, 2015 at 06:34 PM

PL

“ Dear Bob and Lois, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember Pat as the freckle faced little blonde boy. So cute. Please accept my condolences.

Patricia Harrison Lenz - January 04, 2015 at 05:11 PM

RG

“ Bob & Lois: Our heart goes out to you and your family in this tragic loss. May God sustain you as you try to move on. Pat was such a likeable, out-going young man and our heart hurts for you. Carroll & Marilyn Briggs

Robert (Pat) Gardner - January 04, 2015 at 04:43 PM

WC

“ I am so sorry to hear about Pat. I remember him as a sweet little boy who came to me for classes. I met him again, as a grown man, when he came to lay carpet for me in Gladwin and again when I moved back to Charlotte. He still had a gentle soul and I liked him very much. Condolences to all of his family and friends.

Wilma Campbell - January 04, 2015 at 02:27 PM

MB

“ In our 11th grade year of High School we "boys" had a tendency to skip school a few times and Pat was never one to turn down a day of fun with his buddies! I recall one particular day when we skipped and we went to his parents home and decided to ride the motorcycle and my memory of Pat as a rider he was a great rider, on this particular day he was doing a wheely down the road showing off and as a few of us were in the front yard Pat came zipping by and went over backwards on the bike skipping down the pavement!! We were all in some shock and ran to make sure that he was not seriously hurt! As we approached him we noticed that he was scraped up and bleeding with only a T-shirt on and as he got up his words were "Did that look cool or what" and then walked over to his bike picked it up and took it back to the house and said won't take much to fix it! I was in awe of his attitude despite the fact that he must have been hurting, none the less we continued our day of skipping school and went off and had a great afternoon of fun. I will always have good memories of Pat he was a good friend in High School I don't ever recall seeing him in a bad mood. God speed Pat there is no doubt that you will be missed by many. Michael Burrill

Michael Burrill - January 04, 2015 at 01:20 PM

UD

“ Always in our hearts.



Uncle Roger & Aunt Diane - January 04, 2015 at 08:40 AM

WC

“ I would like to recognize Pat Gardner For Volunteering of equipment and his time spent in the preservation efforts at Woodlawn Cemetery a 4 year program "Adot a Maple Tree" .

Woodlawn Cemetery - January 04, 2015 at 02:02 AM

MG

“ Although we didn't know one another well whenever we met on the road there was always a friendly wave and smile from him in his work van.

Marcia Grant - January 04, 2015 at 12:22 AM

LR

“ Donna, I am so sorry for the loss of your husband. My prayers and sympathy go deeply to where you are at right now, and how much this hurts! Praying God will give you the strength to forge through these deep waters!

Laurie Ruhstorfer - January 04, 2015 at 12:11 AM

FG

“Love You”



Forrest A. Gardner - January 03, 2015 at 10:00 PM

FG

“Love You.”



Forrest Allan Gardner - January 03, 2015 at 09:43 PM

FG

“Love You.”



Forrest A Gardner - January 03, 2015 at 09:10 PM

PL

“Our prayers go out to your family tonight.”

penny lipar - January 03, 2015 at 06:46 PM

JW

“My heart just aches for your family. Hold on to all those wonderful memories for they will console you. My sincere sympathies. Jolene”

Jolene Woudstra - January 03, 2015 at 05:05 PM

JW

“ I can't even put into words how I feel for the whole family. It is such a hard time and just want you to know that myself and my kids are sending our condolences for all of you. My heart goes out to the family and if there is anything I can do and I mean that, just let me know. I recently had Pat due some work for me and kind of got to know him a little better. What a great and kind person he was. You all should be so proud of him. Love to all,

Janice Woudstra - January 03, 2015 at 04:58 PM

JG

“ Sending hugs and prayers to all family and friends of Uncle Pat who are hurting now, especially Aunt Donna, Breann, Brittney, and Talon. We love all of you, and we are here if you need anything. Prayers for peace and comfort.

Jessica Coakes and John Green - January 03, 2015 at 03:47 PM

DS

“ I am so sorry to hear about Patrick. My heart breaks inside for you and your family. Wish I was closer. Will be praying for some peace for you.

Dawn Peake Spradlin - January 03, 2015 at 02:34 PM

DP

“ To the entire Gardner family, my heart goes out to each and everyone of you. Pat was a wonderful man and I have very fond memories from our school days. I know he will be greatly missed. Anyone who knew Pat were blessed. He will be missed as a son, brother, father, uncle, grandfather and friend. Hold Pat in your hearts and cherish all the memories you have. I will keep each of you in my prayers and always keep Pat in my heart.

Denise Fassett Pelletier - January 03, 2015 at 02:11 PM

JC

“ So many memories such short time. We cannot describe in words how this passing has left a big hole. We hope for my dear nieces and my sister to be able to fill the hole with all the sweet memories they had made. We feel for all. We cannot even imagine how it feels to lose a Son, Brother, Dad, Friend, or Uncle. We know only how it feels to lose a Dear Brother-in-Law. We remember his smirk and smile. His hard working ways, and his love of family. We just smile thinking of him holding Talon. The Pride was so evident. You will never be Forgotten Just Missed.

John and Paula Coakes - January 03, 2015 at 12:24 PM

CG

“ Hugs



Cortney gardner - January 03, 2015 at 11:24 AM

MB

“ this is a very sad time for your family and I just wanted to say my thoughts and prayers are with all of you as you get through the days ahead...God be with you and guide you.....

Marilyn Butcher - January 03, 2015 at 11:12 AM

SS

“ May Gods peace that surpasses all understanding blanket all of the Gardner family. Donna you and your girls are very dear and near in our hearts right now. We love you all so much. Keeping you all lifted constantly.

Scott & Jill Sivyer - January 03, 2015 at 10:10 AM

BH

“ *Our sincere thoughts and prayers go out to all of Pats family. With deepest regards, Brinda & Dave Hawkins*

Brinda & Dave Hawkins - January 03, 2015 at 08:50 AM

CF

“ *Dear Gardner Family. Pat was a very special person with a huge heart. He will be missed everyday. I hope he has peace in his heart. Our sympathies to your family and his many close friends.*

Cindy & Leon Black Entire Custom Home Family - January 03, 2015 at 06:15 AM

KM

“ *Cheryl, Lois and Bob, it's with heavy heart I send my condolences on Pat. May you find Peace within your hearts and remember the good memories you share of him. My thoughts and prayers will be with all of you in the coming days.*

Karen Manne - January 02, 2015 at 10:02 PM

SS

“ *My prayer's go to you and your family at this difficult time. Please remember the good times with Pat he would want you to, and let him live in your hearts.. so so sorry*

Shelly Swift - January 02, 2015 at 09:55 PM

PS

“ *With a heavy heart we send you our condolences, may friends, family and prayers guide through this sad and difficult time, Pat will be forever missed. Paul and Linda Sadler*

Paul & Linda Sadler - January 02, 2015 at 07:54 PM