



Donald C. Gardiner

January 15, 1933 - February 23, 2020

In an effort to keep everyone safe and healthy, funeral services for Donald Gardiner have been cancelled. A memorial service will be held over the summer. Date tbd. We apologize for any inconvenience.

The Gardiner Family

Donald Charles Gardiner of Bloomfield Hills, passed away peacefully at the age of 87 on February 23, 2020.

Loving husband of 59 years to the late Mary "Charlene" (d. 2013). Dear father of Jeffrey S., Kevin P. (Barbara), Gregory D. (Annette), and Susan M. Gardiner Farah. Proud grandfather of Nicholas (Melissa), Christopher Casey, Andrea (Christopher) LaRose, Rachel (Devin) Mitchell, Samantha (William) Glaab, Ryan (Lanette), Mehdi Farah, Sofia Farah, and Zackariah Farah. Great grandfather of Maya, Ryan, Annalyn, Leah, Eli, Matilda, and Kennedy. Beloved brother of Robert Cecil (Nancy), and Gwendolyn Joan (Harold) Sarns. Predeceased by beloved granddaughter Corinne, niece Carolyn, and much loved daughter-in-law, Elizabeth. Also preceding him in death was his brother-in-law Melvin, Jr. Survived by sister-in-law Dee and many loving nieces, nephews and cousins. Family was at the center of Don's life. He loved

hosting and attending reunions with his many cousins from his mother's side, the Bailey Family.

Born in Grosse Pointe, Michigan, to Grace and George Henry Bernard Gardiner of Bath and Gloucester, England. He graduated from Pershing High School in Detroit, in 1950. Don was drafted into the Army in 1953, and served for 2 years. Don and Charlene married in 1954. In 1957, he completed a Tool and Die apprenticeship with Anchor Tool & Die. Don and his brother Bob co-owned J.B. Industries, a Tool & Die Manufacturing plant that built progressive dies for the automotive industry. In 1989, Don founded Gardiner and Associates, a Manufacturer's Representative firm. He retired in 2000.

Don was an avid golfer. His love of the game started as a teen when he caddied for Oakland Hills Country Club. He scored 2 holes in one, both at Red Run Golf Club where he was a lifetime member. Don was also a member of The Club Pelican Bay, in Naples, Florida.

He was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak since 1969. Over the years, he served the church as a member of the Men's Choir, a Deacon, a Trustee, an Elder, and as a member of many committees.

Don was a member of the Detroit Tooling Association, Kiwanis Club of Ferndale, Masons, and American Legion.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial tributes to:

The "Donald C. Gardiner Memorial Fund" to support research and education in the fight against stroke and aphasia, Beaumont Foundation, Beaumont Hospital. Donations can be made online at <https://foundation.beaumont.org/> or by mail to the Beaumont Health Foundation, 26901 Beaumont Blvd., Southfield, MI 48033.

The First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak Music Fund, 529 Hendrie
Boulevard, Royal Oak,
MI, 48067.

Tribute Wall

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“ I had the honor to spend a couple months as an exchange student in Mr. Gardiner's family. From the first moment we met he treated me just like his other grandchildren and on Thanksgiving and Christmas he explained me their family traditions on these very special holidays. I am still very grateful for these moments and how loving and caring he welcomed me to his family. I hope that now he can take care of his family from heaven now and finds his peace.

Pia Neumann - April 05, 2020 at 11:34 AM

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“ Mike, Debbie and Dee Hibbler purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald C. Gardiner.



Mike, Debbie and Dee Hibbler - March 11, 2020 at 03:56 PM

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“ The Ochs family, David, Barb and Jason. purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Donald C. Gardiner.



The Ochs family, David, Barb and Jason. - March 01, 2020 at 12:24 PM