



John C. Gardner

August 6, 1938 - February 15, 2019

John C. Gardner, age 80, of Bourbonnais passed away Friday, February 15, 2019 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. He was born August 6, 1938 in Antigo, WI, the son of Jacob & Raeburn (Janes) Gardner. John married Norma Edwards on August 27, 1960 in Antigo, WI.

John retired as a Building Supervisor for Carl Sandburg High School in Orland Park. He was a graduate of Northland College in Ashland, WI.

Surviving are his wife, Norma Gardner of Bourbonnais; one son, Christopher Gardner of El Paso, IL; one daughter, Susan Gardner of Bourbonnais; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Michael & Shelley Gardner of Lake Mills, WI and Timothy & Sue Gardner of Hayward, WI. John was preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. memorial mass Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church in Bourbonnais.

Memorials may be made to Catholic Charities.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

FEB **19**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church
308 E. Marsile
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-8285
<http://www.mbvmchurch.org/>

Memorial Mass

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Tribute Wall



“ I have known Susan for the past 16 years. I also know that Susan has plenty of beautiful memories of her parents. When she shares something about John or Norma in our conversations, there is always a beautiful smile followed by a little tear. Tears of joy that is.

Elizabeth Williams - February 18, 2019 at 04:30 PM



“ I have many happy memories with my Brother, John growing up and as I got older he never failed to call me and wish me a happy birthday. We also remember the times we would go out to eat, we would all have filets and John would have a good old hamburger,

Mike and Shelly Gardner

Michael - February 17, 2019 at 08:50 AM



“ I have had the pleasure of being a friend of Susan's for some years now, worked together, I know it takes great parents to raise someone like her. I'm sure he was a wonderful man! Sending prayers and hugs!

Susan Neeb - February 17, 2019 at 07:00 AM



I am so sorry to hear about your loss, Gardener family. John was such a nice man. 🙏

*Mary Jane Cleeland
Sedona, AZ*

Mary Kane CLEELAND - February 17, 2019 at 08:26 AM

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“ Our prayers and condolences to Norma and the family. John was a dear friend who truly cared about others.

I will always remember one day in particular. It was a few years ago on a Sunday morning about 11 am at College Church. The gym was set up with 25 tables all decorated with centerpieces- for a dinner when the church service ended around 11:45. I was "in charge" of the event and suddenly noticed there were NO CHAIRS at the tables! Needless to say, a feeling of panic swept over me. Not two minutes later John strolled into the gym and asked, "Do you need anything?" (He had not been scheduled to work that day.)

Resisting the urge to hug him, I said, "YES! We need eight chairs at each of these tables! "

John said, "I was just sitting at home and felt an urge to come over and check with you...."

(I say, an ANGEL from heaven must have sent him!)

John could always be counted on! Always thoughtful, gentle, and kind! He will be missed.

Barbra & Gene Hartness

Barbra Hartness - February 16, 2019 at 03:21 PM

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“ With caring thoughts, Gina Bond & family purchased the With Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket for the family of John C. Gardner.



With caring thoughts, Gina Bond & family - February 16, 2019 at 02:07 PM



“ *The best boss I ever had.RIP* ”

jJackie O'Connor - February 16, 2019 at 10:36 AM