



Robert Boyd Garner

April 8, 1942 - September 20, 2016

Robert Boyd Garner, 74 of rural Ringo, KS, died at 4:40 P.M., Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at the home of his sister of Girard, KS after nearly a year's fight with thyroid cancer.

Mr. Garner was born April 8, 1942 in Pittsburg, KS the son of Boyd and Marjorie (Watson) Garner.

Bobby attended Forest Park and Westside grade schools, Lakeside Junior High and then graduated from Pittsburg High School in 1960. He grew up with a love for working on cars. Bobby worked during high school and afterwards with his dad and uncle Clifford Garner, who were the owners of Garner's Auto Repair on East 4th Street, which later moved to East 3rd Street, He was a member of the Independent Garage Owners. He later purchased the business and worked there until 1987. He then worked for FMI business forms and then for Monsour's for several years. He also worked for O'Malley Implement as a John Deere mechanic for 22 years until he retired in 2011.

He loved to fish, hunt pheasant & deer and was quite good at all of them. It seemed to come to him naturally, as he was raised doing them with the Garner family. Many nights were spent at Hollister Lake near Hiattville, Kansas fishing all night. This was done with his family and with uncles & aunts and cousins. He always had his freezers full of meat for the family and friends. He was known by many as being great at raising a garden. Bobby loved to share his garden with many at O'Malley's, John's Sport Center and family members. There were a lot of tomatoes, corn and other veggies canned from his garden. He had a heart of gold and would give you the shirt off his back.

Bobby accepted Jesus as his Savior when he was a young man and is a member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church of rural Girard, KS. He married Maxine Askins, they later divorced.

He is survived by three sons Eddie (Leslie) of Pittsburg, Greg of Girard and Kurt Garner presently in Italy. He has six grandchildren: Taylor, Trevin, Trinity, Emalee, Brayden and Kelsey; a special companion Joyce Weston; two sisters: Sue (L.D.) Butts of Alamo, Texas

and Judy (Marvin) Boore of Girard, KS.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Boyd and Marjorie Garner

Funeral services will be at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, September 24th, 2016 at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 230 East 590th Ave. Girard, KS. Marvin Boore brother-in-law will be officiating.

Burial will follow at Garden of Memories Cemetery, Pittsburg, KS.

Visitation will be September 23rd from 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. at Bath Naylor Funeral Home in Pittsburg. Memorials may be made to the Mt. Olive Baptist Church; these may be left at or mailed to the funeral home. Condolences may be left at www.bathnaylor.com. Services by Bath-Naylor Funeral Home 522 S. Broadway, Pittsburg, KS 66762.

Cemetery

Garden of Memories

149 S. Hwy 69

Pittsburg, KS, 66762

Events

SEP **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Bath-Naylor Funeral Home & Crematory - Pittsburg
522 S. Broadway, Pittsburg, KS, US, 66762

SEP **Service** 10:00AM

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Mt. Olive Baptist Church
230 East 590th Ave., Girard, KS, US, 66743

Comments



“ My husband Bill Parker and Bobby were friends and Bill worked for him part time when we first met and were married. My sister and brother-in-law Donna and Fred Norris (both deceased now) were friends with he and Maxine. I also remember being at the skating rink when I was young and seeing Bobby and Maxine skate together. Bill and I are very sorry for your loss. We were unable to be there as Bill was having surgery at KU Med Ctr on Tuesday. Our prayers are with you all at this time.

Tammy Parker - September 25, 2016 at 04:00 PM



“ There isn't enough room to share all the wonderful memories I have of this special cousin.. I was the first grandchild in this Garner family & Bob was the first grandson.. He spent many hours at our house helping my dad on the farm and of course.. fishing in our pond!! He was one of the most cheerful people I ever knew and always had that smile in spite of many heartaches throughout his life. One of my favorite memories when Bob was about 13.. Fred and I were married and lived about 8 miles out of town. He loved to ride his bike to our house. It was a beautiful warm day and here he came in his shirtsleeves ...he spent the night and woke up the next morning to 24 inches of beautiful white snow. He stayed another night or two and they went rabbit hunting... I think as the story was repeated through the years the number of rabbits got larger each time . Many many more great memories of my sweet cousin Bob!!!

Ann Geier - September 22, 2016 at 11:43 AM



“ Too many "cousin" memories to share! All the cousins had a great time at family get togethers! Those will be my memories. I also remember how talented Bobby was on a pair of skates at the roller rink, he was a star!!! He was always so sweet and kind when we were kids. Then we all grew up had our own families, moved to different states and haven't seen each other in a long time. Rest in the arms of Jesus Bobby.
Carol Watson Grassi

carol watson grassi - September 22, 2016 at 10:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Bobby. I remember the good times we had .
When I was still at home & our family would go to Eastern Kansas to visit. I always looked forward to this & getting to see my cousins again. I really miss those times. Now Bobby will Rest In Peace & no more hurting. Dortehea (Dottie) Watson McKinney

Dortehea (Dottie) McKinney - September 22, 2016 at 12:14 PM



“ Good to hear from some of the other cousins I had forgotten about the skating it wasn't anything he couldn't do on skates I don't think

Ann Geier - September 22, 2016 at 01:24 PM