



Mahlon Larry Garner

May 19, 1943 - July 19, 2018

Mahlon Larry Garner, age 75 of Pulaski, Tennessee, passed away on Thursday, July 19th, 2018, at his lake home on the Tennessee River in Athens, Alabama. He was born on May 19th, 1943 at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Lester, Alabama to Mahlon Chessley and Goldie Lanelle Rogers Garner.

Upon graduating from Giles County High School, Larry attended Reppert School of Auctioneering in Reppert, Indiana and began his lifelong career in the auction and real estate business. His passion for people and their needs for the next 55 years was evident in each of the countless auctions he conducted. Larry deeply cared for each one of his clients and their families as well as his many employees and fellow auctioneers. He was always willing to help a young beginning auctioneer with work, guidance, and advice. Larry was an active member of Community Baptist Church in Ardmore, Alabama.

The visitation will be 1 o'clock until 5 o'clock Saturday, July 28th, 2018, at Bennett-May-Giles County Funeral Home.

The Celebration of Life Service will start at 2:07pm Sunday, July 29th, 2018, in the chapel of Bennett-May-Giles County Funeral Home.

The burial will follow in Giles Memory Gardens in Pulaski.

The family suggests memorial donations be made to the Giles County Public

Library c/o 122 S. 2nd Street Pulaski, TN 38478 or The American Heart Association c/o American Heart Association ~ 10 Glenlake Pkwy NE South Tower Ste 400 Atlanta, Ga 30328.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents Mahlon Chessley and Goldie Lanelle Rogers Garner. His brothers-in-law Glenn Hamlett, Nickey Mealer, and Junior Teague

He is survived by his loving wife of over 54 years Beth Moore Garner. Sons, Larry Kenneth "Ken" (Frances) Garner and Karl Moore (Angelina) Garner.

Larry was a very loving Papa to Natasha (Chris) Coddington, Larry Kenneth "L.K." (Sarah) Garner II, Zac Chessley Garner and Kegan Moore Garner. He was a very loving Paw-Paw to Brayden Jay DuBois, Addison Grace Greenhaw, Reece David Greenhaw, Bailey Grant Coddington, Maci Claire King, and Madeline Kate Garner.

A very special, like a brother, Uncle Loyd Garner.

His loving Sisters Linda Hamlett and Liz Mealer.

His loving sisters-in-law Johnnie Teague and Janet (Tony) Todd.

Several nieces, nephews, double 1st cousins, and a special "son like" Donald Wayne Pylant.

Bennett-May-Giles County Funeral Home in charge of arrangements for Mahlon Larry Garner.

Tribute Wall

GS

“ *Beth, Ken, Karl and Whole Garner Family,*

I am deeply saddened. You all have my most heart felt sympathy.

I worked for Larry and Beth for 20 years and I could not have asked for better bosses but more than that I could not have asked for better friends.

Larry was truly one of the nicest, most generous people I have ever had the privilege of knowing. He will be missed!

*Love you all,
Gina*

Gina Spain - February 09, 2018 at 03:28 PM

SC

“ *Can't think of Larry without developing a smile on my face. He was always a pleasure to work with. I setup auction flyers for him for a number of years. So sad we've lost him. What a great kind man. Giles county will truly miss him. My prayers are extended to his sweet family. I can't imagine the loss you must feel. We are grieving with you. Giles county loved him too.*

Susan Carlisle - February 09, 2018 at 03:28 PM

TM

“ Larry and I shared many good times together at Giles County High School. I would ride my mare, Queen, to meet Larry and his pony, Elvis at his house. We would ride for hours on trails and enjoyed the good times together. Larry's Mother would fix us a big and delicious breakfast. Larry was always a good and true friend with a big smile, generous heart and sincere compassion for his friends. The auction of my Mother's house was conducted by Larry where his kindness, love and friendship was greatly appreciated. Years and distance separated us but when we did get to talk and visit, our friendship never ceased. May Larry rest in peace. Our sincere sympathy goes to Beth and all the family. May God grant you peace and comfort during this difficult time. In Christian love, Terry and Brownie Malone

Terry Malone - February 09, 2018 at 03:28 PM

JM

“ I was privileged to work with Larry in Tennessee. He was easy to work with. He was a great guy and a great auctioneer.

Jamye Moore - February 09, 2018 at 03:28 PM

DP

“ Larry and I co-brokered an auction in Belmont, Mississippi a couple of years ago.

On our way back from preparing the auction one afternoon we stopped at the Rattlesnake Saloon in Colbert County, Al for a late lunch.

We ordered the "rattlesnake burger".....after a few bites Larry said "I think I got that rattlesnakes a..hole in my burger" !! It wasn't very good....but we sure had some good laughs.

I always enjoyed any and all the time I got to spend with Larry Garner, he was one of a kind and one of the best !

Daniel Patterson - February 09, 2018 at 03:28 PM

SA

“ Always a sweet smile and kind words. Loved him and know He is smiling big time now.

Steve and Belinda Adams - February 09, 2018 at 03:28 PM

MC

“ Beth - I am so heartbroken to hear of your loss. May God wrap you and your precious family in his arms during this most difficult time in your life. Love to all of you and prayers for strength. Love you Mary Ann Cathey

Mary Ann Cathey - February 09, 2018 at 03:28 PM

LT

“ I met Mr. Larry on a bus trip to Mt. Rushmore. I I will always remember his pretty blue eyes and wonderful sense of humor. Mrs. Beth, I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

Lisa Thomas - February 09, 2018 at 03:28 PM

SF

“ Lit a candle in memory of Mahlon Larry Garner

Sandi Smith Fralix - February 09, 2018 at 03:28 PM

SF

“ Beth, & Boys, I am so very sorry for your loss!!! Larry was always so nice to me whenever I saw him. He always loved to pick at me & that always made my day, I will sure miss seeing him! I will be praying for you all in the days to come.

Sandi Smith Fralix - February 09, 2018 at 03:28 PM

SH

“ So very sorry for your loss.

Sam and Johnnie Sue Hobbs - February 09, 2018 at 03:28 PM

BS

“ My heart breaks for your loss...Beth, Ken, Karl & families, may God's love give you comfort and peace in the days ahead. Larry was always so sweet and he had smile that is unforgettable. Love, Brenda Shelton

Brenda Shelton - February 09, 2018 at 03:28 PM

DS

“ Sorry for the miss spellings, I can't help but cry thinking of all the good he has done for us all and how much love for his fellow man he had and it made it difficult to type.

Diana Steelman - February 09, 2018 at 03:28 PM

SH

“ Larry was truly a special person, I can remember him always being able to make us all laugh. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. May God comfort you all during this difficult time. He will be missed, you all will remain in our thoughts and prayers. Hugs

Shirley Holgate - February 09, 2018 at 03:28 PM

LT

“ I met Mr.Larry on a bus trip to Mt. Rushmore. I will always remember his sense of fun and his pretty blue eyes. Mrs. Bet, you and your family have my deepest sympathy and will remain in my prayers.

Lisa Thomas - February 09, 2018 at 03:28 PM

BS

“ Larry was such a good person. Mrs. Garner I don't know if you still remember me or not. Larry did a auction for me in 94 with selling most of my household furniture and you'all bought the beautiful clock and the Cumberland valley bedroom suit I believe. I was so glad for you'all to have it. I am so deeply sorry about what happened to larry. he was a fine person,funny and a good auctioneer. you and the family have my deepest sympathy. take good care of yourself. in Christian love Barbara Sandridge

barbara sandridge - February 09, 2018 at 03:28 PM

DS

“ Larry was one of the kind of loving people to our community. He would give the shirt off his buck if he thought it neccessary. So many outdoor events were possible because of him and that big tent of his. Bess you Larry 2nd g rest high on the mountain you so richly deserve! You will be mised my friend! :)

Diana Steelman - February 09, 2018 at 03:28 PM