



Edward Jack Gardner

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Edward Jack Gardner, age 88, of Spring Lake went to his eternal rest with our Lord on Sunday, November 21, 2021. He was born March 30, 1933, in Muskegon, MI to George and Ethel (Witte) Gardner, and married Gladys Eva Leonard on June 13, 1953, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Muskegon. Gladys preceded him in death on November 1, 2012.

Jack served his country in the Air Force during the Korean War. He worked at Johnston Boilers, Lakey Foundry and then for most of his working career at Advanced Packaging Corporation as a regional sales manager, retiring December 31, 2009. Jack loved hunting, fishing, traveling, polka dancing, and spending time with his family. He was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spring Lake and the Charles A. Conklin American Legion Post # 28, where he served many years on the Honor Guard. Jack was a founding member of the Spring Lake Lions Club. He was a Boy Scout Leader for troop # 14 Spring Lake, served on the Gerald R. Ford Council, where he received his Silver Beaver award from President Gerald R. Ford in person.

Jack is lovingly remembered by his family, daughter Victoria "Vicky" Gardner; four sons: Edward J. (Colleen) Gardner, Jr., Michael "Beans" Gardner, Nick Gardner and Chuck (Lori) Gardner; seven grandchildren: April (Berto) Potter, Angela (Martin) Aleman, Jarod (Cassie) Wolffis, John Gardner, Molly (Christian) Thompson, Jacob Gardner, Sam Gardner; five great-grandchildren: Tony, Evelyn, Jonah, Silas and Eliana. He was preceded in death by his brother, Gerald Gardner.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, June 13, 2022, at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Military honors will be accorded Jack by the Charles A. Conklin American Legion Post # 28 Honor Guard. Friends may meet the family on Sunday, June 12, from 1 – 4 p.m. with a Rosary Service at 1:00 p.m. at The Spring Lake Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 213 E. Savidge St., Spring



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Lake, MI 49456. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation in honor of Jack to St. Mary's Catholic Church, Boy Scouts of America – Gerald R. Ford Council or the Charles A. Conklin American Legion Post # 28. Share memories with the family at their online guest book at www.sytsemafz.com.



Rosary Service

Sunday, June 12, 2022

1:00 PM ET

Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Spring Lake Chapel

213 East Savidge, Spring Lake MI 49456



Visitation

Sunday, June 12, 2022

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

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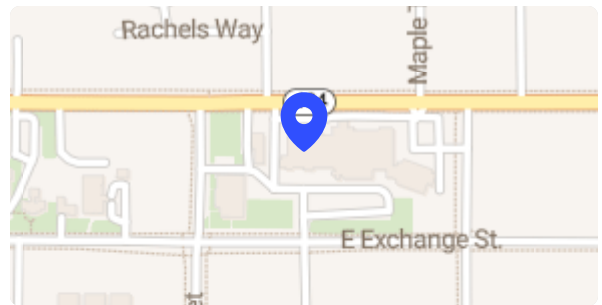
Mass of Christian Burial

Monday, June 13, 2022

11:00 AM ET

St. Mary's Catholic Church

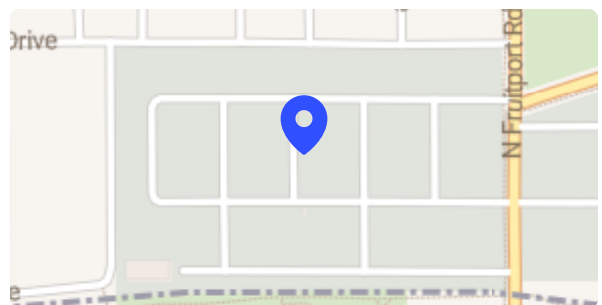
406 E. Savidge St., Spring Lake MI 49456



Cemetery Details

Spring Lake Cemetery

17181 North Fruitport Road, Spring Lake MI 49456





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Robert Meyer posted:

Our deepest sympathy to the Gardner family for your loss. I had the utmost respect for Mr Gardner as a child and even more as an adult. I was blessed for having you all as my neighbors and friends growing up. I'm sure you are comforted knowing he is reunited with his wife now. Bob and Kathy Meyer

June 12 at 9:10 AM



Pam Ledford posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. I enjoyed the many conversations I had with Ed over the years. He will be missed. Jerry Pellegrom

December 3 at 3:23 AM



Chad Portenga posted:

"E Jack", as I came to know him as a Cubmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster, was always smiling and a friendly face for everyone. His presence in the SL Scouting community will be greatly missed. You all have my deepest sympathy,

November 30 at 4:22 PM



Phil Sielski posted:

My deepest sympathies to Ed, Vicki, Nick, Mike and Chuck and all of this tremendous man's family. It was always a pleasure to be with him, as all of you know so well.

November 30 at 5:30 AM



Ruth A. Tetlow posted:

My memories go back to Little St. Mary's (next door) watching the young family grow up. They were always helping at St. Mary's. Loved seeing Jack in the parades in his scout uniform. Very friendly very loving. St Mary's misses him and it isn't the same without Jack In the front row

November 27 at 10:00 AM



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TF

Theresa Farneli posted:

TO ALL OF THE GARDNER CHILDREN AND GRANDS,MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO ALL. YOU ARE ALL BEING LIFTED IN PRAYER.WHAT FUN IT WAS TO HAVE BEEN FRIENDS WITH BOTH OF YOUR MOM AND DAD.ALWAYS REMEMBER THE LOVE, FUN AND CATHOLIC VALUES THEY GAVE TO EACH OF YOU.ANGELS GUIDE JACK TO PARADISE.SINCERELY,THERESA FARNELLI

November 26 at 2:51 PM

TF

The Edgar Family posted:

The tri-cities community and especially St Mary's Parish will never be the same without Mr. Gardner. Even for those who didn't know him well, he was a joy to be around and a warm and interesting character. His love for his wife, his children and for his God was always so evident. We will miss him. So sorry for your loss.

November 25 at 4:15 PM

KV

Kathy Vollmer posted:

Jack was a special person who will be missed by all who knew him. To Vic and her brothers, take comfort that he's reunited and dancing a never-ending polka with Gladys, the love of his life. He was a special person who took time to make a house all to cut my dad's hair.Kathy Vollmer

November 25 at 8:00 AM

DB

David Burns posted:

Mr Gardner was a true mentor for many; family, religion, hard work and sharing of his time. Hunting, scouting, music, golf, breakfasts and leading our local parades! My condolences to the entire Gardner family your Father was one of a kind!My best,Dave Burns

November 25 at 7:26 AM



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AA

Angela Aleman shared 5 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Love you Grandpa! You were always so full of life and I will miss all of the wonderful adventures!! Hopefully you're with grandma now, starting a new forever adventure! Your great granddaughters love you very much. Until we meet again, Rest In Paradise grandpa Jack! Love you always and forever ❤️



November 24 at 12:47 PM

VG

Victoria L Gardner November 24 at 1:52 PM

Beautiful! xoxo MOM

VG

Victoria L Gardner lit a candle in honor of Edward.

My Daddy and Friend--Thank You for ALL you are to me--The memories and moments we shared will forever be treasured. Your dedication to us, your children was endless. You were always there for us though everything. You were Simply the BEST!!! My heart aches but I know your Strive is over and your Battle is Won--You can now Rest in Peace-Polka Dance on the Clouds with Mom. Play cards with All the relatives before you.. Simply know that My Heart will forever be Grateful that YOU are MY Dad! Big Squeezy HUGS-I LOVE YOU!!! xoxoxo



November 24 at 12:47 PM

VG

Victoria Gardner November 25 at 12:53 PM

Thank You Father Dan! He was truly " One of a Kind " Blessed that he was My Dad!

FD

Fr. Daniel Depew November 25 at 6:37 AM

My deepest sympathy at the passing of such a good good man. He was a very faithful man who shared the gifts that God Gave Jack. There's a big hole at St. Mary spring lake and in the community with the passing of this good man. My deepest sympathy to his family into the many friends he had. God bless you all



Angela Aleman shared 5 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

November 24 at 1:03 PM





Media

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Edward by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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