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Donald James Gardiner, 59, passed away on Thursday, March 26, 2020 at his home in Fairfield.

Don was born February 7, 1961 in Rhode Island to Pardon and Elsie Gardiner. Donald was the youngest of thirteen children.

Don married the "Love of his Life", Clara Laa, 32 years ago on May 28th.

Don worked as an Electronic Technician at Telstar for 30 years, retiring after suffering a stroke in 2014.

Don enjoyed life. He loved the Lord and looked forward to worship every Sunday. Prior to his stroke, he was an avid outdoorsman. Most importantly, Donald was a Husband, a Father, and a Papa that loved his family immensely. Don was truly loved by his family, his many friends, and colleagues.

Don loved telling jokes and making people laugh. He enjoyed listening to music, singing, and dancing. He loved watching movies and quoting his favorite lines. Don loved to eat, figure out puzzles, play games, and create football pools. He loved attending his son's baseball games and going to Chuck E. Cheese with his grandson he adored. Donald enjoyed spending time at Bodega Bay and loved his dogs.

Don is survived by his wife, Clara "Sissy" Gardiner of Fairfield; one daughter, Mickie Gardiner; one son, Donnie Gardiner, both of Fairfield; one grandson, Lucas, of San Francisco; five sisters (Joan, Shirley, June, Jane, Judy) and five brothers (Gene, Gismo, Robert, Jimmy, John), and numerous nieces and nephews.

Don was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers (Eddy and Walter).

There will be no services at this time due to the current world crisis. We will plan a "Celebration of Life – Memorial Service" and interment for a future date.

Cemetery

Fairmont Memorial Park

1901 Union Ave.

Fairfield, CA, 94533

Comments



“ To The Love of My Life Happy 32 Yrs to You & Me. Our first anniversary physically apart :(I miss you so much. I remember our wedding day & how much we have always loved each other. I thank our Lord for helping us find each other. I will be yours forever My Love. Love You



Clara Gardiner - May 28 at 07:25 PM



“ Donald, more than a brother-in-law, you are my brother. I am so grateful for the love and generosity shown to me and your nephews. Thank you for so many beautiful memories. You will always be in our hearts. Until we meet again - A Hui Hou.



Rose Rodriguez - April 24 at 01:44 AM



“ Wishing your wife & family my condolences.
I lost your brother (Tonka) 4 years ago.
I'm not very good at things like this.

Keeping your family in my prayers.

Your sister-in-law
Pat

Pat Gardiner - March 29 at 04:46 PM



“ It's been a very long time since I have seen & talked to you. It was late 70's since Tonka & I was there. You can talk to him every day to catch up. You both had similar health problems. I know what you wife is going through because I still think about Tonka 4 years later. Family is the greatest thing to have. Wishing your wife & family all my love

Pat Gardiner - March 29 at 04:21 PM



“ My brother may you rest in peace. Another shock to the Gardiner family. Tell Tonka and Eddy I miss them. Your finally at peace..

Judy Turner - March 28 at 09:34 PM



“ Sending my heartfelt prayers Judy Gardner (Rollie)
Always family

gardner thomas - April 04 at 01:18 PM



“ Sending condolences to Sissy & family for the passing of your loved one. As a young man he was always polite & smiling.
Tom & Gayle B.

Gayle Brewster - March 28 at 03:31 PM



“ I will forever miss Bodega Bay with you dad. I'll catch you a big one for you next time
I'll love you and miss you forever dad, I see you again



Donnie Gardiner - March 27 at 09:41 PM



“ Donnie
I've never met you but I want you to know I grew up on Bell ave with your family, Donald n I
were like family growing up along with Johnny Judy June and tonk I'm so ver sorry as my
heart breaks like loosing a brother
Love Gardner (Rollie) Thomas

gardner thomas - April 03 at 12:36 PM



“ Prayers going up for you Donnie and the Gardiner family. The lost of one of my most
cherished childhood friends is heartbreaking. R.I.P. Donald
Gardner (Rollie) the bell ave bonds never break

gardner thomas - April 04 at 09:58 PM



“ I miss you, Dad.

How does it feel in heaven? Are you looking down on us? Do you have an ice machine? Are you watching all your favorite movies on loop? Did you catch a fish? How are the doggies?

I love you, Dad. I'll write more later. I just really miss you though.

Hey Dad, Lucas asked what eats a red rock?



Mickie Lei - March 27 at 09:29 PM



“ I've known Don for many years, as a co-worker and more as he became a dear friend and I got to love him as a brother. I'll always remember his upbeat personality and his gentle soul. Very few times in one life, you come in contact with an exceptional person, and I'm very lucky to have met him in Don. Rest In Peace, Don. Thank you for the memories we shared as friends.

doug rodgers - March 28 at 09:15 PM



“ My baby brother. We always talked sports. You would always give me pointers on the ponies. But, my favorite memory was one Halloween waiting in the upstairs bedroom looking out the window. I got a heads up you were coming to scare me. All of a sudden, I see this big tall chicken sneaking in the court! I laughed so hard when I ran out to stop you.

I'll miss talking sports and gambling.

Luv ya little “clam dog”.

Jane - March 28 at 10:27 PM



“ Growing up with you Johnny and the bell ave group was the greatest time of my life ,w Donald May you Rest In Peace love to the family
Gardner Thomas

gardner thomas - April 03 at 12:39 PM



“ Baby I Love You Forever & will Miss You Forever until we are together again one day.



Clara Gardiner - March 27 at 09:14 PM



“ You look a lot like Tonka. You both will be missed.

Pat Gardiner - March 29 at 04:23 PM



“ Beautiful family

Pat - March 29 at 04:58 PM