



Mr. Clyde Keller Gardner

September 28, 1931 - June 2, 2025

With deep sorrow, the Gardner family announces the death of Mr. Clyde Keller Gardner, 93.

Mr. Gardner, the widower of Ruth Wicker Gardner, passed away peacefully at home on Monday, June 2, 2025. The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home & Crematory are caring for the family.

A funeral service to honor his life will be held at one o'clock on Saturday, June 7, 2025, in The Chapel of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home, in Hartsville, SC, with The Rev. Lin Kirkman officiating. The family will receive friends immediately following the service. A private family burial will be held.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his honor to The Jacob Kelley House, Darlington County Historical Commission, 204 Hewitt Street, Darlington, SC 29532.

Born in Greenwood, SC, Mr. Gardner was the son of the late Ross Eugene Gardner and Elizabeth Duckett Gardner. He graduated from Hartsville High School and attended Newberry College and Coker College. For twenty-eight years, he was employed by DuPont in Camden, SC, in the power department. Following his retirement in 1992, he worked with Darlington Raceway and Segars Construction Company, work he continued until he was nearly 90

years old. A lifelong resident of the Kelleytown community, he is a descendant of Jacob Kelley, for whom Kelleytown is named.

He is survived by his son, Andy Gardner (Diana), of Hartsville, SC; daughters, Rachel Hodges (Gov. James Hodges) of Columbia, SC, and Fran Gardner (Van Richardson), of Heath Springs, SC; grandchildren, Keller Perry (Mike Smith), of New York, NY, Luke Hodges of New York, NY, and Samuel Hodges (Sarah) of Columbia, SC; niece, Rebecca Alford (Paul) of Hartsville, SC; brother, Ronald Gardner (Kathryn) of Murrells Inlet, SC; and many nieces and nephews.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

The Chapel of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home
306 W. Home Avenue
Hartsville, SC 29550

Visitation

JUN 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home
306 West Home Avenue
Hartsville, SC 29550

Tribute Wall

CW

“ Rachel, Fran and Families,
Thoughts and Prayers to each of You and Your Families. May God give each of You...Peace, Comfort, Strength and Understanding in the days and months to come. May God Wrap His Loving Arms around each of You. Love, Prayers and Blessings.

Connie Sells Wallace - June 11, 2025 at 06:24 AM

VS

“ Dear Gardner family, so sorry for your loss may the Lord give you strength and comfort at this time and in the days ahead. Prayers sent for the entire family.
Vicky and Joel Segars



Vicky and Joel Segars - June 07, 2025 at 10:59 AM

PC

“ Phillip And Donna Crocker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clyde Keller Gardner



Phillip and Donna Crocker - June 06, 2025 at 10:50 AM

JK

“ Fran, Rachel, Andy and family... what sweet memories I have of you all! I still think of you each time I round that curve in Kelleytown. Praying for peace and comfort! Love to each of you!!! Jeda

Jeda Kelley - June 04, 2025 at 04:54 PM

LS

“ *Lavonde Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clyde Keller Gardner*



Lavonde Smith - June 03, 2025 at 09:44 PM

BA

“ *Love & prayers to everyone! Mr. Clyde was a very present part of my childhood. I remember his quiet strength. My father always spoke of Clyde's sense of humor & his penchant for assigning clever nicknames. Thinking of you all!*

Beth Kelley Abernathy - June 03, 2025 at 08:16 PM

CG

“ *Connee Gamble Grantham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clyde Keller Gardner*



Connee Gamble Grantham - June 03, 2025 at 06:17 PM

RD

“ *Rick And Cheri Dunlap lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clyde Keller Gardner*



Rick and Cheri Dunlap - June 03, 2025 at 04:53 PM

CM

“ My thoughts and prayers are being sent. He will be missed in the community. He love to mow the lawn. He just like to be busy working with different people. 🙏🙏❤️

charrles McLendon - June 03, 2025 at 01:19 PM

TW

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Mr. Gardner's passing. Although, I never stopped to visit, I would glance in the direction of his in house when driving to and from work. .I would often see him sitting at his kitchen table in the evenings.. I got to know him when when Ashland Mini Mart was still in operation..He would come in to have lunch and we found out that we had something in common; we liked to mow the lawn..I shall miss him.
Sending heartfelt condolences to all..

Terri Northcutt Woodham - June 03, 2025 at 11:35 AM



“ Joseph Bradshaw lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clyde Keller Gardner



Joseph Bradshaw - June 03, 2025 at 10:45 AM



Your family will be in my prayers. ❤️🙏

Joseph Bradshaw - June 03, 2025 at 10:46 AM

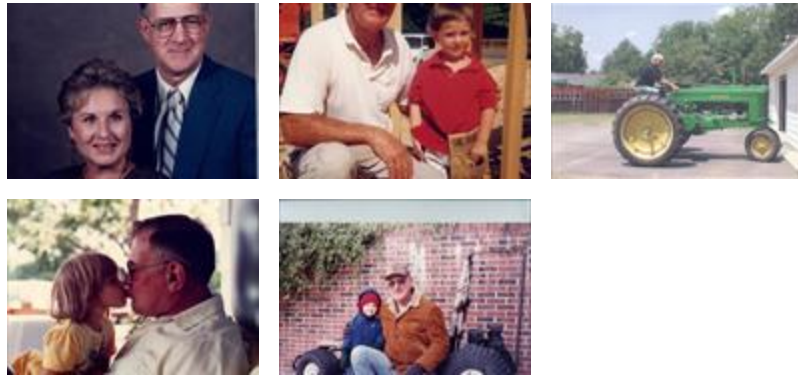
SG

Andy, Rachel and Fran we are so very sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. Stacey talks of him with fond memories and his sense of humor. We are praying for you all .

Sandy Gardner - June 06, 2025 at 11:24 AM



“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - June 03, 2025 at 10:16 AM



“ Jason Beasley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clyde Keller Gardner



Jason Beasley - June 03, 2025 at 04:23 AM



“ Jerry And Angela Lane lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clyde Keller Gardner



Jerry and Angela Lane - June 02, 2025 at 11:38 PM



“ *David Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clyde Keller Gardner*



David Jordan - June 02, 2025 at 11:35 PM

DB

“ *Dick Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clyde Keller Gardner*



Dick Brown - June 02, 2025 at 10:44 PM

DS

“ *Our sympathy to the family, our prayers are with you.*



Danny and Phoebe Stokes - June 02, 2025 at 09:30 PM

TW

“ *Travis And Marilyn Walters lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clyde Keller Gardner*



Travis and Marilyn Walters - June 02, 2025 at 09:25 PM

BH

“ Beverly Hooks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clyde Keller Gardner



beverly hooks - June 02, 2025 at 09:02 PM

VB

“ Violet Bragdon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clyde Keller Gardner



Violet Bragdon - June 02, 2025 at 08:09 PM

DN

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Mr. Clyde was very dear to me and my family. Will certainly miss him. May God's great love comfort you all.



Dan and Kathy Newsome - June 02, 2025 at 07:58 PM

MW

“ Michael Walters lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clyde Keller Gardner



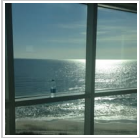
Michael walters - June 02, 2025 at 07:40 PM

MB

“ *Marvin Beasley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clyde Keller Gardner*



Marvin Beasley - June 02, 2025 at 07:25 PM



“ *Prayers for the family. Angels & Bill*



Bill Stokes - June 02, 2025 at 07:16 PM

CT

“ *Curtis Tyner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clyde Keller Gardner*



Curtis Tyner - June 02, 2025 at 06:03 PM

LL

“ *Lori H Lynch And Billy Lynch lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clyde Keller Gardner*



Lori h lynch and Billy Lynch - June 02, 2025 at 05:57 PM