



## Mr. Harrell Lee Gardner

May 29, 1925 - April 29, 2013

Hartsville, SC Harrell Lee Gardner

Mr. Harrell Lee Gardner, 87, died peacefully with his family by his side on Monday, April 29, 2013. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m.

Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at Bethel United Methodist Church Cemetery. The Rev. Fran Elrod will officiate and Brown-Pennington-Atkins is serving the family. The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home and at other times at the home of Lee and Bonnie Gardner, 509 East Lydia Highway, Hartsville.

Mr. Gardner was born in Hartsville, a son of the late Horace Greeley Gardner and Grace Lee Gardner. He was a graduate of Hartsville High School. Upon graduation from high school, Mr. Gardner enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He served with the 8th Air Force as a tail gunner in a B-24 in Shipdam, England. After the successful completion of 25 missions, Mr. Gardner returned home. In 1955, Harrell and Winifred Gardner established Gardner's Fertilizer and Farm Supply. Laura and Keith Hancock assumed the day to day operations of Gardner's in 1991. However, Harrell remained a permanent fixture at Gardner's until 2011.

Harrell Gardner was a member of the Hartsville Lion's Club for 55 years. On Saturday, April 27, 2013, Harrell was inducted into the Lion's Club Hall of Fame. Harrell was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church and served on the Darlington County Council for 20 years.

Mr. Gardner is preceded in death by his wife, Winifred Parrott Gardner, and a

son, Lawrence Charles "Larry" Gardner. He is survived by his son, Harrell Lee (Bonnie) Gardner, Jr. and his daughter, Laura Gardner Hancock. His grandchildren are Jennifer Gardner (Kyle) Carlson of Columbia, Mary Grace "Gracie" Gardner of Hartsville, Casey Gardner Hancock of Hartsville, and Rebecca Fanning Whitehead of Rock Hill. He has two great-grandchildren, Katherine Louise Carlson and Michael Robert Carlson.

Mr. Gardner is also survived by sisters, Thelma Gardner Gersch of Atlanta, GA, Doris "Dotty" Gardner Chaplin of Hartsville, and his twin sister, Hazel Gardner Puyet of Pawley's Island, SC. He was preceded in death by a sister Marjorie Gardner Waters. He is survived by many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Gardner was blessed with many wonderful friends and customers over his lifetime. A special thank you goes to Harrell's dear friends who stopped by Gardner's Fertilizer and Farm Supply to visit with him on a regular basis and continued that friendship after his retirement from Gardner's. A sincere thanks to all of the devoted customers who made Gardner's their "garden and farm supply" choice.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to all of the employees at Southern Care Hospice for the excellent care they provided to Harrell over the past four months and to Tony Williams and James Jackson for providing him with extra personal care over the past month.

The family asks that memorials be made to Wesley United Methodist Church, 145 East College Avenue, Hartsville, SC 29550, or the Darlington County Humane Society, Box 1655, Hartsville, SC 29551.

# Cemetery Details

## Bethel Cemetery

2423 Bethel Road  
Hartsville, SC 29550

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel Cemetery  
2423 Bethel Road  
Hartsville, SC 29550

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ *A very fine person.* ”

jamesearl curry - May 31, 2017 at 11:23 AM

AJ

“ *Ann King Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harrell Lee Gardner* ”



Ann King Johnson - May 07, 2013 at 05:49 PM

LR

“ *Some of my fondest memories involved going into Gardner's with my Dad and buying plants. As an adult, I enjoyed going into the feed store to talk to Mr. Gardner when I picked up fertilizer, seed and such. He was such a joy. He will be missed by many.* ”

*Laura Roscoe*

Laura Roscoe - May 07, 2013 at 01:38 PM

JL

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.* ”

*Joe Lavender and family*

Joe Lavender - May 03, 2013 at 10:33 PM

RA

“ Randal & Jean Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harrell Lee Gardner



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**Randal & Jean Atkinson** - May 03, 2013 at 02:37 PM

CH

“ Laura - thinking about you and your family.  
Cindy Snipes Herring

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**Cindy Herring** - May 02, 2013 at 08:03 PM

PC

“ He was always so kind to me when I would buy my garden supplies from his store. Peace to his family

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**Patrica Collins** - May 02, 2013 at 11:17 AM

JS

“ Jennie Sellers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harrell Lee Gardner



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**Jennie Sellers** - May 02, 2013 at 04:35 AM

DC

“ *When you think of Harrell Gardner you have to smile. If you saw him at work or at Lions Club, he was always surrounded by his buddies and there was always laughter. To know him was to love him. If he was your friend, he was your friend forever.*

*My thoughts, prayers and heartfelt sympathy are with his family.*

*Dianne Chinnes  
Columbia, SC*

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**Dianne Chinnes** - May 01, 2013 at 05:58 PM

WP

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**Walt Peterson** - May 01, 2013 at 05:09 PM

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**Walt Peterson** - May 01, 2013 at 05:07 PM

BF

“ *Laura and Lee, Your daddy has been so important in my life. He always had this way of smiling from his heart when he looked at Irene and I. I kept him on a pedestal right beside my daddy. We will miss him.*  
*Becky Funderburke*



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**Becky Funderburke** - May 01, 2013 at 12:15 PM

BO

“ *Bobby Oakley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harrell Lee Gardner*



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**Bobby Oakley** - May 01, 2013 at 10:36 AM

FH

“ *Faith W. Howle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harrell Lee Gardner*



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**Faith W. Howle** - May 01, 2013 at 10:11 AM

AB

“ *Allen And Sandi Burr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harrell Lee Gardner*



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**Allen and Sandi Burr** - May 01, 2013 at 09:49 AM

LK

“ *Lee and family,  
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I will remember you and your family in my prayers. I know this will be a difficult time for you all as a family. Remember those precious times you had as a family and Mr. Gardner will live on in your hearts and minds forever. May God give you the peace that surpasses all understanding.  
Sincerely,  
Linda Knorr*

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**Linda Knorr** - May 01, 2013 at 09:11 AM

EH

“ *Mrs. Hazel Puyet and family So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prays are with the family. Jeff, Darlene, Elaine and Ann Hedgepeth*

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**elaine hedgepeth** - May 01, 2013 at 08:23 AM

EB

“ *Eric And Jo Lynn Bradshaw lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harrell Lee Gardner*



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**Eric and Jo Lynn Bradshaw** - May 01, 2013 at 07:12 AM

R5

“ On behalf of the entire membership of Hartsville American Legion Post 53, I wish to extend our condolences to the family of Mr. Gardner. Harrell was a dedicated and active member of Post 53 for over sixty years, and a wonderful friend to all. His smiling face and humorous war stories will be greatly missed. ps: We didn't believe all the stories.

*Robert Hart, Commander, Post 53*

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**Robert Hart, Commander, Post 53** - May 01, 2013 at 07:08 AM

AS

“ Dr. Gardner, sorry to hear about your loss. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers during this sad time. I pray for your comfort and your strenght..

*Alicia Wallace Steen and family*

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**Alicia Wallace Steen** - May 01, 2013 at 03:21 AM

KG

“ Kent And Linda Gainey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harrell Lee Gardner



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**Kent and Linda Gainey** - April 30, 2013 at 11:08 PM

BB

“ Laura and Family. We are so very sorry to hear about your Father's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God give you comfort during this most difficult time. Sincerely, Barbara, Jeter and Kip Byrd

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**Barbara M. Byrd** - April 30, 2013 at 11:05 PM

TM

“ *Tonya McLaughlin-Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harrell Lee Gardner*



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**Tonya McLaughlin-Hall** - April 30, 2013 at 07:10 PM

TS

“ *Mr Gardner always got my business in the spring time when I got ready to plant my garden. I am so sorry for your loss. He was a good man. Trudy Stamey*



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**Trudy Stamey** - April 30, 2013 at 07:07 PM

LP

“ *Linda And Billy Price lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harrell Lee Gardner*



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**Linda and Billy Price** - April 30, 2013 at 06:27 PM

GO

“ *Hartsville has indeed lost a legacy. I have known Harrell since I was a little child having grown up around the neighborhood, when ever we needed to borrow a tool,(SHOVEL OR RAKE,etc) He gladly let us borrow it. that was just the kind of man he was. He never met a stranger. he was an inspiration to all that knew him. I noticed after hours when he worked at the Feed Store, I told myself, He's having his meeting, there was a lot of cars parked over there. No one can replace his legacy. it will still live on. my family and I are praying for the family.*

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**GRADY O'NEAL** - April 30, 2013 at 04:27 PM

GO

“ *GRADY O'NEAL lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harrell Lee Gardner*



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**GRADY O'NEAL** - April 30, 2013 at 04:16 PM

BH

“ *Blake Howle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harrell Lee Gardner*



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**Blake Howle** - April 30, 2013 at 03:05 PM

AC

“ *Ann Crowley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harrell Lee Gardner*



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**Ann Crowley** - April 30, 2013 at 03:04 PM

DW

“ *Debbie Brown Wynne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harrell Lee Gardner*



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**Debbie Brown Wynne** - April 30, 2013 at 03:03 PM

JS

“ *Joyce Strome. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harrell Lee Gardner*



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**Joyce Strome.** - April 30, 2013 at 02:59 PM

MG

“ *Mike And Cynthia Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harrell Lee Gardner*



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**Mike and Cynthia Gardner** - April 30, 2013 at 02:47 PM

BT

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Larry and Barbara Tanner*



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**Barbara Tanner** - April 30, 2013 at 02:12 PM

RM

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**robert mcwatty** - April 30, 2013 at 02:05 PM

RM

*Five wonderful Lions members (Doc Turbeville, Ellis Parsons, Dan Askins, King Lion Bud Gandy, and Harrell Gardner).*

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**robert mcwatty** - April 30, 2013 at 02:08 PM

CM

“ *Crystal McDonald lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harrell Lee Gardner*



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**Crystal McDonald** - April 30, 2013 at 01:36 PM

LG

“ *Dr Gardner and family, So sorry to hear of your loss. May God give you comfort*

*Lisa and Michael Goodale*

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**Lisa Goodale** - April 30, 2013 at 01:17 PM

VM

“ *Vern & Nancy Myers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harrell Lee Gardner*



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**Vern & Nancy Myers** - April 30, 2013 at 01:02 PM

FE

“ *"There is nothing in death or life, in the realm of spirits or superhuman powers, in the world as it was or the world as it shall be, in the forces of the universe, in heights or depths - nothing in all creation that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Paul - letter to the Romans) Please know that we have you in our hearts and prayers. Fred and Nancy Edinger*

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**Fred and Nancy Edinger** - April 30, 2013 at 12:52 PM

WG

“ *William And Jean Gullede lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harrell Lee Gardner*



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**William and Jean Gullede** - April 30, 2013 at 12:33 PM

CP

“ *Caitlin Peavy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harrell Lee Gardner*



Caitlin Peavy - April 30, 2013 at 12:23 PM

LB

“ *Laurie Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harrell Lee Gardner*



Laurie Brown - April 30, 2013 at 11:32 AM



“ *Wanda Freeman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harrell Lee Gardner*



Wanda Freeman - April 30, 2013 at 11:12 AM



*Frankie and Wanda Freeman and Family sorry for your lost.*

Wanda Freeman - April 30, 2013 at 11:18 AM

KK

“ Keith Kirven lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harrell Lee Gardner



Keith Kirven - April 30, 2013 at 11:02 AM

TE

“ The Girls At Jones Family Eyecare lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harrell Lee Gardner



The Girls at Jones Family Eyecare - April 30, 2013 at 10:25 AM

JC

“ Jason And Alicia Caston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harrell Lee Gardner



Jason and Alicia Caston - April 30, 2013 at 10:06 AM

PW

“ We were so sorry to hear about your loss. Please know that your family will be in our prayers!

*Patty and John Whitehead*



patty whitehead - April 30, 2013 at 08:18 AM

JM

“ Johnny And Denise Mclain lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harrell Lee Gardner



Johnny and Denise Mclain - April 30, 2013 at 07:18 AM

GB

“ Gloria B Butler lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harrell Lee Gardner



gloria b butler - April 30, 2013 at 06:11 AM

ML

“ Lee, Bonnie, Jenn, and family, you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Gang-Gang will be missed.

Mellette amd Allana

Mellette Lyles - April 29, 2013 at 11:57 PM

ML

“ Mellette Lyles lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harrell Lee Gardner



Mellette Lyles - April 29, 2013 at 11:55 PM

HS

“ *Harrell will be missed. He was a pillar of the Hartsville community and a good friend to so many. My thoughts are with the family.*

*Hiller Anne Spires*

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**Hiller Spires** - April 29, 2013 at 09:38 PM

JW

“ *Janice Mixon Woods lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harrell Lee Gardner*



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**Janice mixon woods** - April 29, 2013 at 09:15 PM

DB

“ *Harrell Gardner was a good friend of mine and I will truly miss him. My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time.....Dick Brown*

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**Dick Brown** - April 29, 2013 at 05:50 PM