



Doran Gardner

August 15, 1924 - September 1, 2008

Doran Grant Gardner, 84, Topeka died on August 28th, 2008 at home. He was born August 15th, 1924 on a small farm east of Clifton, Kansas, the son of Guy and Lena (Babe) Bouley Gardner. He attended Chester Grade School and graduated from Clifton High School. He married Mary Dolores Veasart on June 1, 1946. She survives. Doran was a member of Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church and previously Holy Name Catholic Church since 1959. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus for 58 years, American Legion Post 400, Telephone Pioneers, VFW Post 1650, Rolling Sam's Camping Club and when his boys were young he coached little league baseball and basketball. Doran served in WWII in the 103rd Infantry Battalion in the South Pacific from 1943 to 1946 and was awarded the bronze star. After he was honorably discharged from the Army he continued to serve his country as a Master Sergeant with the National Guard until 1952. He retired from Southwestern Bell / AT&T after 40 years. He and his wife enjoyed traveling by RV in their retirement to all 49 states and flew to Hawaii to make the tour complete. Doran enjoyed his children and grandchildren, friends and warm weather wintering in Texas. Other survivors include five children: Doug Gardner (Kathy), Trumbull, CT; Ann Gardner Hock (Leonard), Pensacola, Florida; Rick Gardner (Sheila), Topeka; Karen Strobel (Scott), Topeka; and Kathy McKee (Jeff), Lawrence; 11 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; a sister Maxine Branfort of Clifton and brother Raymond Gardner of Atchison. He was preceded in death by his infant daughter, Janet Kay and his sisters

Mary and Ada Mae. Family will greet friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday, September 1st at Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, 2014 NW 46th St., Topeka, KS 66618 where a prayer vigil will be held at 5 p.m. and a parish rosary at 6:30 p.m.. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 2nd at the church with burial at Prairie Home Cemetery at 35th and Menoken Rd., Topeka. Memorial contributions may be made to Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church building fund or Heart of America Hospice sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd., Topeka, KS 66614.

Tribute Wall



“ *Doran Gardner*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Family of Doran. You are in our thoughts and prayers. I did not know Doran personally but if he is anything like his sisters Maxine and Mary, he was a wonderful man. Our deepest sympathy.*
The Affolter's
Dan, Sue, Corey, and Megan
(Clifton, Kansas)

Sue Affolter - September 02, 2008 at 02:27 PM



“ *Rick and Tanner: Sorry for your loss. Your family is in my prayers.*

Mary Clements - September 02, 2008 at 12:29 PM



“ *Dolores,*
David and I are so sorry to hear of your loss. Doran was a wonderful man and we so enjoyed working with him! You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Please call us anytime if there is anything that we can do to help you.
Sincerely,
~Lisa McCue & David Long~
UBS Financial Services, Inc.

Lisa McCue - September 02, 2008 at 10:27 AM

DF

“ Hello Dolores, I just wanted you to know how much we love you and wish we were there with all of you. Doran will be missed by so many. My prayers are with all of you. Much Love, Donelle and family

Dolores and Family - August 31, 2008 at 10:03 PM

CL

“ Rick.. Just wanted to let you know that I was sorry to here about your Dad. I am thinking of you and your family in this time of sorrow.

Connie Lynch - August 31, 2008 at 09:35 PM

CT

“ Scott, Karen and family,
We are thinking of you at this time of sorrow. We enjoyed knowing Doran and know he will be missed. We hope that you are comforted by fun family memories and love from friends and family.

Chuck and Carol Torrence - August 31, 2008 at 12:12 PM