



## Robert Lynn Gardner

September 23, 1937 - May 25, 2011

Robert Lynn Gardner of Elmore City, Oklahoma was born September 23, 1937 on the highest point of Garvin County and the Table Top Mountains to Tom and Jewel (Roller) Gardner. He passed away on May 25 at Pauls Valley at the age of 73 years. He married Jimmie Ellen Bennett on October 13, 1962 at the Church of Christ in Wynnewood, Oklahoma

Robert grew up in the Foster and Elmore City area. He attended elementary school at Foster and Parks and high school at Elmore City, graduating in 1956. While in high school, he was President of his class two years and one of the outstanding players on the basketball team for four years. He was also active in football, FFA, and Student Council. He attended Murray State College and Oklahoma State University. He graduated from Oklahoma State University with a B.S. degree in Agriculture, majoring in Forestry. He worked summers for the U. S. Forest Service in Arkansas, Montana, and California. Robert's career was with the Oklahoma Forestry Division working in McAlester, Wilburton, Oklahoma City, and Goldsby. He retired in 1988. After retiring, he raised black angus and longhorn cattle on the Table Top Mountains until 2004. Robert was a member of the Elmore City Church of Christ and attended as regularly until his health failed him.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Perry Glenn Gardner and James (Jim) Ray Gardner, his grandparents, and several aunts and uncles. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Jimmie Ellen; son Tom and his wife Jana, grandchildren Katie, Sara, Emma, and Zachary of Fayetteville,

Arkansas; sister Norma and husband Raymond Ivey of Elmore City; sister-in-laws LaQuetha Young, Betty Dockray and husband Rudy; nephew Randy and Lesa Ivey, nieces Jeanie and Joe Terrell, Suzanna and Bernie Jacobs, Betsy and Andrew Penner, Kathy and Todd Caddell, Diana and Randy Boultinghouse, Aunt Elsie Runyon, many cousins, great-nieces and nephews and other relatives.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY **28**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Elmore City Church of Christ  
North Missouri  
Elmore City, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ *John 16:22  
- Zachary Gardner*

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**Zachary Gardner** - April 22, 2025 at 12:23 PM



“ *Robert Lynn Gardner*

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November 12, 2022 at 02:44 AM



“ *Jimmie Ellen and Tom, I was very saddened to learn recently of Bob's passing. I have many fond memories when he & I worked together for the Forestry Division. I learned a lot about local Oklahoma history, farming, forestry, and good local restaurants from Bob. But more than anything, we loved to talk baseball - little league, college, 89ers or major league, it didn't matter. He was a good friend and someone I enjoyed spending many work days with.*

*Bob Birchell*

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**Bob Birchell** - July 31, 2013 at 01:18 PM



“ *My friend Norma, how sad I am to hear of Robert's passing. Your family was such a part of my family's life filled with wonderful memories. I know your loss is great. We must hang on to those good memories. My thoughts and prayers are with your and Robert's family. May you find the peace you need from the God of comfort 2nd Corninthians 1:3,4.*

*Love Janice (Tracy ) Bell###imported-begin##Janice (Tracy ) Bell###imported-end##*

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May 28, 2011 at 06:54 PM



“ Uncle Robert was one of my best baseball supporter during my youth, he would love to watch me pitch. He at least made me feel that way. My uncle was a man to be admired for patience and strength. I will miss him.##imported-begin##Randy Ivey##imported-end##

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May 28, 2011 at 07:00 AM



“ Dearest Loved Ones: Jimmie, Norma, Raymond

*Our hearts are filled with sadness as we mourn the loss of your beloved Robert. You are in our hearts and prayers. We pray for your strength and peace at this time of deep sorrow. Keep the faith in the Everlasting. Have hope for tomorrow. Take comfort in the love of your family and friends. We are truly sorrowful we are unable to be with you during this time of great need for comfort and love. We're in our 80's and our own mortality looms on the near horizon. I think a lot about the good times of our youthful days up on the Table Top with Jim, Robert, and Norma and cherish the memories. We fondly remember all the pleasurable times at Uncle Tom's and Aunt Jewel's with your family and we cherish the memories. Keep the Faith. Hold the precious memories close to your heart and share them and your love with your children and grandchildren. Life is a precious gift from God. Honor it. Celebrate it. Give it to God with Everlasting Love. May God shed his grace on all. We remain as always, your dear cousins. Love to all. - Don and Pat##imported-begin##Don and Pat Davidson##imported-end##*

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May 28, 2011 at 12:47 AM



“ *Norma and Raymond,*

*Sorry to hear of your brother Roberts passing, we pray God will give you strength and comfort to carry you through this time of loss.##imported-begin##Paul and Annette Bowles##imported-end##*

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May 26, 2011 at 08:50 PM



“ *Dear Norma & family,*

*I remember your brother very well as an outstanding, well liked, and kind person. I am so sorry for your loss. I lost my sister, Connie, in 1993, so I know how much you will miss him.*

*See you at another reunion.*

*Joyce Arms Stanley##imported-begin##Joyce Arms Stanlely##imported-end##*

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May 26, 2011 at 09:50 AM



“ *We are saddened to learn of the death of Robert, a classmate of Glenda and a good friend of both of us. We have good memories of Robert, one of the nicest people we've known. We are comforted to know we will see him again one day in heaven. May God be with his family and give them that peace that passes all understanding. Darrell and Glenda Tracy##imported-begin##Darrell and Glenda (Hunt) Tracy ##imported-end##*

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May 26, 2011 at 07:55 AM