



William Clayton Gardner

August 30, 1949 - April 12, 2025

William Clayton Gardner, age 75 of West Lick Branch in Salyersville, Kentucky passed away Saturday, April 12, 2025, at U.K. Saint Claire Medical Center in Morehead, Kentucky after battling a long illness.

Clayton was born August 30, 1949 on West Lick Branch in Salyersville, Kentucky the son of the late Carlos Hager and Bonnie Clemons Gardner, the youngest of five siblings. Daughter, Vanessa Gardner, brother, Clifford Gardner, sisters, Lorean Hamilton and Josephine Bays, also preceded in death.

Clayton worked many jobs in his life from drilling for the coal mines, driving rock trucks, dozers, loaders, working at Continental Conveyor to driving a school bus. However, the role he took most pride in was raising his little family. Clayton enjoyed farming and hunting as well. He gained many friends and acquaintances through the sport and not much beat a good hunt with them.

Clayton was always a strong man and demonstrated that strength up to his last breath. Though Clayton had been sick many years and unable to do much physically, he still was valuable part of his family. His strong will and the love he had for his family made that possible through God's help. Clayton's biggest accomplishment was giving his life to the Lord and serving Him.

Those left to mourn includes wife, Pauline Crum Gardner, whom he married June 14, 1969, daughter, Angela Burchett and husband James of Salyersville, Kentucky, granddaughter, Delana Brickey of Morehead, Kentucky, grandson, Landen Brickey of Salyersville, Kentucky, brother, Richard Clemons and wife Yvonne of Plain City, Ohio, a host of family and friends who love and miss him.

Funeral services for William Clayton Gardner will be conducted Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 11:00 AM from the chapel of the Salyersville Funeral Home. Ministers, Bud Crum, Larry Patrick, and Dallas Patrick will deliver comforting words on the day of service. The family will welcome friends Tuesday, April 15, 2025, after 6:00 PM and anytime prior to funeral services. Interment will follow in the Clayton Gardner Cemetery on West Lick Branch in Salyersville, Kentucky.

Arrangements are entrusted to the Salyersville Funeral Home in Salyersville, Kentucky. Online condolences, flowers, and gifts are available on salyersvillefuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Clayton Gardner Cemetery

Lick Branch
Salyersville, KY 41465

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **15**. 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM (ET)

Salyersville Funeral Home
694 Parkway Drive
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Funeral

APR **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Pauline and Angie, I'm so sorry about the loss of Clayton. I'm so heartbroken over losing my Terry I've not been able to focus on anything else.*

Clayton and I worked together at Middlefork school many years ago. He was a family godly man! He always talked about how proud he was of you Pauline being his wife and Angie and Vanessa being his daughters.

I always talked to him about how good Terry was as a husband and family man. He and Terry knew each other very well! I sure hope when they meet up in Heaven they will rejoice with each other! I know the heartache from losing Terry sure is painful down here in earth. I'm sure it's painful for you all losing Clayton also!

*Love you all,
Callie*

Callie Rowe - April 20, 2025 at 06:36 PM

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“ *Clayton regularly texted me and checked in on Dad when he got sick and health deteriorated. I appreciated his prayers and support. Condolences and prayers to the family - Lawrence Rowe Family*

Joe Rowe - April 15, 2025 at 08:49 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Clayton Gardner.*



April 14, 2025 at 10:21 PM

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“ *He was my uncle and like the big brother I never had. I loved him and he will be very much missed.* ”

Robert Pitts - April 13, 2025 at 06:08 PM