



## Shirley Jean Gardner

October 15, 1939 - March 3, 2015

Shirley Jean Gardner passed away peacefully at her residence on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at the age of 75. She was a native of Little Rock, Ark. and a resident of LaPlace. Beloved wife of George Gardner, Jr. Loving mother of Debbie Gardner LaMeer (Daryl), Melissa Gardner (David), David Wayne Gardner (Michele), George Gardner III (Judy), Cathy Bergeron (Robert) and the late Candace Ann Tarver (Paul). Grandmother of Dr. Shirley Visser (Jared), Stanley Catoire Jr. (Lacey), Ashley Huet, Kaylyn and Brennan Gardner, George Gardner IV, Jennifer Gardner, Jason and Jy Sanders, Robert (Tracey), Codi (Jay) and Katie Bergeron and the late Amanda Poche, Jade Sanders. Great grandmother of Lillian Visser and Seth Catoire. Daughter of the late Willie Mae Harrington and W. A. Jones. Sister of Sue Collins, Annie Mae Morris, Patty Cortez and the late Billy and Bobby Jones. Sister-in-law of Shirley Chauvin, Patsy Malone and the late Lydia Herty. Also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and step great grandchildren.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Service at First Baptist Church of LaPlace, 120 Ormond Blvd., LaPlace on Friday, March 6, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. Visitation will begin in church at 10:00 a.m.

Interment in St. John Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Arrangements by Millet-Guidry Funeral Home. To view or sign the online guest book, please visit <http://www.milletguidry.com>

# Cemetery

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## St. John Memorial Gardens Cemetery

2205 W. Airline Hwy.  
LaPlace, LA, 70068

# Events

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**MAR** **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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First Baptist Church of LaPlace  
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**MAR** **Service** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ So sorry for family's loss! She will be missed!



**Kimberly Anzalone-Lee** - March 07, 2015 at 12:27 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss, Ms Shirley was a great woman & will be missed by many, Heaven has gained yet another Angel & she is flying high watching over her family & pain free, God Bless Tisa Johnson

**Tisa E Johnson** - March 06, 2015 at 05:34 PM

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## “ Eulogy

Our mother was a lovely woman and the center of our family. she embodied all of the attributes of a perfect mom. She was caring, thoughtful, hardworking, compassionate, loving and so much more. It is so difficult to think of all of the words that described our mother as a person and how much she meant to us. Family was so important to her. Our mother worked hard to raise our family and taught us to be kind, she was always there for us when we needed her. She made sure that we studied hard and were enrolled in a variety of activities, which she always transported us to and from. She took us to family outings on the weekends such as BBQ's at the spillway and family vacations every year. She taught us about Respect. She set the expectation regarding interaction, and what was acceptable.

She made sure we had Structure in our lives. The typical school week meant that we were up early to get ready for school, the evening was dinner together as a family, followed by her helping us with homework, we were all expected to be inside when the street lights came on, thereafter brief family tv time prior to bathing.

She made sure she always had a clean house and passed that on to us. She set Expectations regarding house keeping even though her expectations were not mutual but none the less would be met; Missy was challenged with cleaning the commodes, for some reason she couldn't quite see the underside of the bowl, even though it was pointed out repeatedly. Deborah realized at a young age that dusting was not a task that she was going to excel at. And David escaped cleaning the house but she made sure he cut the grass. My Personal experience was trip to the camp at Grand Isle, Our weekend was coming to a close and I was tasked with cleaning the boat myself, I had learned my lesson and made a point to ask the Admiral to come aboard for an inspection. We all quickly realized that moms cleanliness was nothing compared to the crazy cleanliness of Michele and together they were a force to be reckoned with!!!! The only difference was mom never got rid of anything and Michele wanted to throw everything away. they would constantly go back and forth but in the end mom always won.

Shirley was a very gentle loving woman but she did have a competitive side. Debbie fondly remembers a fishing trip to Grand isle where Shirley and Debbie caught the biggest Red Fish and loved rubbing it in to the guys.

Debbie-I have so many memories of special time spent with my beautiful mother: shopping, going to special occasions (showers, weddings), I remember how she was always there for me through all my trials and tribulations throughout my life and will miss her dearly. I feel like I could stand up here all day speaking about my mother. She was an amazing woman who taught me a lot. The most important lessons were not verbal; they were in her actions. She always worked hard, never complained and was there when you needed her. She was my mother, but also my friend. I will miss her every day for as long as I live

Missy my special memory of my mother is painting her toe nails, fixing her hair, confiding in her and knowing that our discussions were between her and I. going to the beach and crabbing at grand isle, spending time at the lake front and Ponchatrain beach was one of our favorites. always loved flowers that i would bring

to her.

david- Words will never express the relationship I had with my mom. My bond with her was so special that i struggle to find the strength to move forward. My memories are bigger than life, when i think of all the moments we shared throughout my life i can only smile. She was always there for me no matter what. She loved me so much and it showed in every single way. I can remember sitting on the couch watching tv and holding my moms hand. I was and still am "mommas boy." My life is forever changed without her and i will miss her every second of every day

**Debbie Lameer** - March 05, 2015 at 10:45 PM

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“ I will always cherish our time together. Miss Shirley you were like a mom to me and I will forever be blessed to have had you in my life. You will be greatly missed....

**karla Brower** - March 05, 2015 at 01:28 PM

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“ Janice Fraise lit a candle in memory of Shirley Jean Gardner



**janice fraisse** - March 05, 2015 at 09:19 AM

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“ Shirley, I remember when I 1st met you and George at Grand Isle, those were great days at your camp, also remember all the fun we had at your house at the Laplace Parades my kids and Steve R.I.P miss you and say hi to my Christian and Steve I love you Janice Fraise and family



**janice fraisse** - March 05, 2015 at 07:31 AM