



## David Garrard

April 6, 1952 - July 22, 2022

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

On Friday, July 22, 2022, David E. Garrard, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed away at age 70. The family will receive friends on July 27, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at Abundant Grace Ministries (9239 E Holmes Rd, Collierville, TN 38017). A service will follow at 11:30 a.m., and interment will be at Forest Hill Memorial Park Cemetery Midtown. Pastors Brian Graves and Robbie Wier will officiate.

David was born on April 6, 1952, to C.H. and Louise (Jones) Garrard of Itta Bena, MS. A self-proclaimed country boy, he spent his childhood in the Mississippi Delta where he loved to hunt and to fish at Blue Lake. He graduated from Leflore County High School in Itta Bena and then continued his education at Mississippi Delta Junior College. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, taking pictures, reading, playing guitar, and listening to music.

David began working at a young age, first as a clerk in a small country store and then at an automotive parts store. Later on, he became a salesman for a battery company, manager for a moving company, and supervisor for several warehouses. He spent the remainder of his working life as a transport truck driver.

At the age of 19, David's life was changed forever when he received Jesus

Christ as his Savior. A faithful member of the Church of God of Prophecy, he served his Lord and his church family as a deacon for 42 years and as a Sunday School teacher for more than 30 years.

Many will remember David as a quiet man who worked hard to provide for his family. Those who knew him best will remember his wit, the hint of mischief in his eyes, and his fierce love for his family and friends. They will also remember him as a man of prayer. Diane and Marie will always remember waking during the night and discovering him either kneeling in prayer or studying his Bible.

David was preceded in death by his father C.H. Garrard and his mother Louise Jones Garrard, his father-in-law Ralph Strange, Jr., and his nephew Scott Brandes.

Among those who are left behind to cherish his memory are his beloved wife and best friend of 47 years Diane Strange Garrard of Olive Branch, MS; daughter Marie Garrard Davis and son-in-law Philip Davis of Byhalia, MS; grandchildren Andrew Davis and Aubrey Davis of Byhalia, MS; mother-in-law Rose Marie Strange of Memphis, TN; brother Charles Edward Garrard and wife Barbara of Holcomb, MS; sister Linda Abernathy and husband Bobby of Winona, MS; sister Becky Williamson and husband Maurice of Grenada, MS; sister-in-law Julie Minnick and husband Dan of Phoenix, AZ; brother-in-law Ralph Strange and wife Sheri of Germantown, TN; niece Dana Stout and husband Dennis of Madison, AL; nephew Brad Garrard and wife Heather of Itta Bena, MS; nephew Chris Abernathy of Dallas, TX; niece Lauren Strange of Nashville, TN; great-niece Anna Claire Garrard of Itta Bena, MS; great-nephew Jacob Garrard and wife Anne Eden of Starkville, MS; great-nephew John Charles Garrard of Itta Bena, MS; and great-nephew Ben Abernathy of Dallas, TX.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Abundant Grace Ministry, Home Missions Fund. 9239 East Holmes Road, Collierville, TN 38017.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Hill Memorial Park (Midtown)

1661 Elvis Presley Blvd.  
Memphis, TN 38106

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 27. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Abundant Grace Ministries  
9239 E Holmes Rd  
Collierville, TN 38017

## Funeral Service

JUL 27. 11:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

TJ

“ I can remember David poking (good) fun at Aunt Louise and Uncle Holman. Something funny that they would say to each other. So glad we got to visit with him last November. This was one of my favorite pictures from that visit. Love you all!❤️



Theresa Jones - July 31, 2022 at 01:59 PM

SB

“ Marie would say, "Daddy, I love you." He would respond, "Feed my sheep." Praying for comfort for your family as those left behind will mourn their earthly loss. Rejoicing knowing he is with our Father hearing, "Well done good and faithful servant, well done."

Shelly Byrum - July 30, 2022 at 11:11 AM

MA

Awww... I haven't thought of that in years. Thanks for reminding me of that, Shelly!

Marie - July 30, 2022 at 03:58 PM

CM

“ David and I had a ritual. When I would come home from school at Christmas (before he and Diane married!), we would ride to Greenwood, get BBQ sandwiches and egg nog at the gas station and deli by the “middle” bridge (Malouf's?), and we'd “catch up” and talk about life. It kept us out of trouble. Obviously, we didn't require much entertainment!

Charles Murphey - July 29, 2022 at 10:18 PM

MA

*That's a fun memory! Thank you for sharing that!*

Marie - July 30, 2022 at 03:57 PM

DG

*I'm smiling. Thank you.*

Diane Garrard - July 31, 2022 at 05:11 PM

JW

“*David was a man of few words, but I can remember ever word of wisdom he ever gave me. I remember asking my father one time why he didn't talk much and my dad told me wise men don't need to talk, they lead by example. That's something David did. Thank you for being a great mentor and role model for me growing up. The men of the church and my dad are the reason I am a man today.*”

Johnny Wicker - July 28, 2022 at 10:07 PM

MA

*Thank you for those kind words.*

Marie - July 29, 2022 at 10:01 PM



“*Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of David Garrard.*”



July 26, 2022 at 01:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Garrard.*



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July 26, 2022 at 09:20 AM



“ *David was an excellent example of a Godly man. It seems like I have known him forever. Little did he know that I watched his life and in it found a glimpse of the fathers love from the way he was with his family and friends. He spoke few words but I listen when he did speak. God took a good one home and I hope to see him again one day*

*Irene*

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**irene stanbridge** - July 26, 2022 at 01:29 AM