



Joseph Garrison "Garry" Guest, Jr.

December 13, 1935 - September 29, 2023

North Augusta, SC – Services for Joseph Garrison “Garry” Guest Jr., 87, who entered into rest September 29, 2023, will be conducted Friday afternoon at 2 o’clock from Grace United Methodist Church, The Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson and Dr. John M. Younginer Jr. officiating. Private interment with Veteran Honors will follow. The family will receive friends in the parlor of The Wesley Center of Grace United Methodist Church one hour prior to the service.

Mr. Guest was an only child of the late Joseph Garrison Guest Sr. and Nona Reid Guest. He was born on Dec 13, 1935, in Americus, Georgia. Garry was a devoted husband, beloved father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle, and brother-in-law. He loved God, his family, his church, and friends. Everyone who knew him was gifted with his gentle, kind, and friendly nature.

He received his elementary education in nearby Plains, and Leslie, Georgia. Subsequently, he graduated from Americus High School. There began his love of football and baseball along with woodworking which would remain an important part of his life. In his adult years, he attended night school at the University of Georgia Extension College in Warner Robins.

During his adolescences Garry spent time with family hunting, fishing, and faithfully attending the Methodist Church. Much of his homelife centered around his parents, grandparents, and cousins.

After graduating from high school in 1954, he moved to Macon, Georgia where he began working in a cabinet shop. There he further developed his interest and talent in wood working becoming an expert craftsman. In 1955 he acquired a job with Southern Bell Telephone company as a lineman, shortly thereafter becoming a cable splicer. Thus, he began his lifelong career in the telecommunications industry.

In 1958 he was drafted into the U.S. Army, receiving his basic training as a lineman in Columbus, Georgia and proceeded to Germany for two years . Upon his return to the states, his job with Southern Bell was waiting for him in Macon, Georgia. His career would span over 35 years with assignments including various craft and managerial jobs. While working on the Headquarters Staff in Atlanta he was instrumental in the development of Mechanized Time Reporting, supervising a staff of regional employees. He finished his career on the Outstate Engineering Staff as Staff Manager where he assisted in implementing a Mechanized Outside Plant System in the Engineering and Construction departments. He retired in 1991 with BellSouth (now AT&T) after 35 years of service.

He married his wife of 31 years, Sandra, and made North Augusta their home. During retirement Garry continued his love of carpentry while operating his own cabinet shop for a short span. He later became a golf instructor at Carolina Driving Range. (He had acquired this hobby in his early twenties.) His love and skill of the game motivated him to secure certification from the United States Golf Teaching Federation in Orlando Florida. He joined the Midland Valley Golf Club where he continued giving golf lessons for several years while continuing to play. His other hobbies included fishing, shrimping, boating, gardening, and sports.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a stepbrother, Eugene

Guest, niece April Nichols, and the mother of his children, Margaret Ann Lee Guest.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra, his three daughters, Cheryl Lynn Copple (David), Nona “Gaye” Johnson (Glen), Mary Margaret “Meg” Papp (David) and son, Scott Kevin Guest (Stephanie), grandchildren, Lee (Mary), Garris (Emily), and Conner Johnson, Alexandria “Alex” Papp Williams (Robbie), Carson (Reagan) Papp and Skylar Guest, great-grandson, Gibson “Gib”, great-granddaughters, Lyla and Roberta “Robbie” Johnson, sister-in-law Kay Padgett Sizemore (Wayne), brother-in-law Mark Nichols (Loretta), nephews, Tommy, (Missy), Marcus, (Amy) Padgett, Kyle Nichols, niece, Allison Nichols Bryan (Jeff), great nephews, Camden, Evan, and Steven Padgett, Drayton and Sawyer Bryan.

Garry was an active member of Grace United Methodist Church and the Stillwell Sunday school class. The family is ever grateful for their ongoing prayers, love, and support along with faithful encouragement and caring from family and friends. Special appreciation to the Piedmont Hospital Medical Staff for the excellent care rendered during his stay in the hospital.

Honorary Pallbearers will be members of the Stillwell Sunday School Class and the Sunshine Circle.

Memorials may be made to Grace United Methodist Church, 639 Georgia Avenue, North Augusta, SC 29841.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Grace United Methodist Church
639 Georgia Ave
North Augusta, SC 29841
(803) 279-7525

Memorial Service

OCT 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Private Burial

OCT 6.

Following the Service

Tribute Wall



“ Joseph Garrison "Garry" Guest, Jr.

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Garrison "Garry" Guest, Jr..



October 05, 2023 at 01:25 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Garrison "Garry" Guest, Jr..



October 03, 2023 at 07:08 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joseph Garrison "Garry" Guest, Jr..



October 03, 2023 at 09:08 AM

EL

“ *Earl Lenderman lit a candle in memory of Joseph Garrison "Garry" Guest, Jr.*



Earl Lenderman - October 02, 2023 at 08:49 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joseph Garrison "Garry" Guest, Jr..*



October 02, 2023 at 08:11 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Joseph Garrison "Garry" Guest, Jr..*



October 02, 2023 at 07:59 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joseph Garrison "Garry" Guest, Jr..*



October 01, 2023 at 08:53 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Garrison "Garry" Guest, Jr..



October 01, 2023 at 06:19 PM



“ We have so many great memories of Uncle Garry and the Guest family! We hold those special memories in our HEARTS! Sending prayers and hugs to the family for comfort. Keep those GREAT memories close to your HEART...they will carry you each day!



Kristy Jordan - October 01, 2023 at 06:11 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Garrison "Garry" Guest, Jr..



October 01, 2023 at 04:20 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Joseph Garrison "Garry" Guest, Jr..



October 01, 2023 at 02:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joseph Garrison "Garry" Guest, Jr..

October 01, 2023 at 02:40 PM



“ We are deeply saddened by the passing of Garry. He was a wonderful, sweet, kind Christian man who always had a big smile on his face. He will be missed. Love and prayers, Pam and Rodney Rawlinson

Pam & Rodney Rawlinson - September 30, 2023 at 09:57 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Garrison "Garry" Guest, Jr..



September 30, 2023 at 05:04 PM



“ One of many life long memories...
Dad always told me "when you do something, do it right the first time, so you won't have to do it three time...
Life lessons from a father last a lifetime...
Scott Guest

Scott Guest - September 30, 2023 at 04:25 PM



Agree - so sorry for your loss - Kristy

Kristy Jordan - October 01, 2023 at 06:06 PM

JH

“ I am thankful for Mr. Guest’s service to our nation in the United States Army. It is men like Mr. Guest that served to safeguard our freedom. I offer my sincere condolences to his family, may he rest in peace.

Jeff Hoefs - September 30, 2023 at 03:11 PM

BH

I lost in Garry’s passing the best friend I ever had! For many years, we were closer than brothers! My sincere sympathy To all the family! My thoughts and prayers and love to all the family! “GOD BLESS!”

Bobby Halstead - September 30, 2023 at 08:23 PM

MN

“ Mark And Loretta Nichols lit a candle in memory of Joseph Garrison "Garry" Guest, Jr.



Mark and Loretta Nichols - September 30, 2023 at 11:09 AM

MN

Garry our brother in law, a wonderful man, I know he is in heaven a whole person and not suffering anymore. We will miss him very much, a lot of good fun memories together.

Mark and Loretta Nichols - September 30, 2023 at 11:19 AM

SO

So sorry to hear of Garry’s passing. Sandra and the family are in our hearts and prayers. Ed and Sandy O’Neal

Sandy O’Neal - October 01, 2023 at 10:52 AM