



Michael David Gardner

August 16, 1948 - June 7, 2026

Mike D. Gardner, 77, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, June 7, 2026, with the love of his life, his wife of 57 years, Terrie L. Gardner, by his side.

A 1966 graduate of Bloomington High School (part of the first class to graduate from the new S. Walnut Street building), Mike built a varied career working for Otis Elevator, Cummins, Westinghouse, Indiana Limestone, and an independent welding shop, before spending 27 years at Monroe County School Corporation, where he drove buses, worked as a bus and tractor mechanic, moved into maintenance, and ultimately retired as an electrician.

Those who knew Mike remembered him for his constant smile, quick humor, and playful antics that kept family and friends on their toes. He was known for being able to fix just about anything - a talent freely offered to neighbors and anyone who needed a hand.

In his younger years Mike was an avid dirt bike rider, competing in hare scrambles and hill climbs. He loved tinkering with small engines, tractors, and cars, and enjoyed country music as well as his favorite show, Gunsmoke. Mike and Terrie retired on their 45-acre property, which Mike took great joy in caring for.

In his final days, Mike reaffirmed his faith in Jesus Christ, a peaceful end to a life well lived.

Mike is survived by his wife, Terrie Gardner; son David Gardner (Tiffany); daughter Gabrielle Gardner; brothers Mark Gardner (Candy) and Barry Gardner (Ronda); grandchildren Ross, Grant (Melea), Payton, Gracyn, Colson Gardner, and Jackson Lang; as well as great-grandchild Calvary Gardner. He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Eula Gardner, and his son, Brian Gardner.

Mike will be laid to rest on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at Clover Hill Cemetery in Bloomington, Indiana. In lieu of a formal funeral service, family will receive friends and those who knew him from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on Friday, June 12, 2026, followed by a celebration of his life at 6:00 PM. Both will be held at the Sherwood Oaks Christian Church Chapel, 2700 E. Rogers Rd, Bloomington, IN 47401.

Previous Events

Burial

JUN 10. 3:00 PM (ET)

Clover Hill Cemetery
Harrodsburg, IN

Celebration of Life Gathering

JUN 12. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Sherwood Oaks Christian Church
2700 E. Rogers
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Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Michael David Gardner.*



June 11 at 02:35 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss.*

Linda Deckard Reeves

Linda Reeves - June 10 at 09:14 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael David Gardner.

June 09 at 11:37 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Michael David Gardner.*



June 09 at 11:37 AM



“ Jimmy Frye lit a candle in memory of Michael Gardner



Jimmy Frye - June 09 at 06:06 AM

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Mike was my Mentor and a great friend he was a Mechanical Genius he taught and sold me my first Honda Motorcycle and we traded many more as I got a little older if you met him you had a dear friend for life .My Deepest Sympathy Thoughts and Prayers To the Entire Family .Mark and Barry We love you all .

Jeffrey Dumas - June 09 at 05:18 PM