



Everett Gardner

November 21, 1931 - April 13, 2015

Everett Gardner, age 83 of Albia, passed away on April 13, 2015 under the care of Hospice of Central Iowa at Oakwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Albia.

Everett was born November 21, 1931 to Harold and Evelyn (Estlack) Gardner on the family farm in Bluff Creek Township. He attended country School before attending and graduating from Albia High School Class of 1949. On December 14, 1951, he married Ruth Ella Small at the home of Rev. Paul Beckman in Albia and shared over 63 years of marriage together. To this union 2 children were born, Steve and Norman.

Everett began farming full-time out of high school, developing a diversified operation consisting of corn, soybeans, oats, and alfalfa. He had farmed the same land his great-great grandfather settled on in 1886 and in 1999, Everett and his wife were named to the Monroe County Ag Hall of Fame. He dedicated many years to 4-H in Monroe County, helped organize the Monroe County Feeder Pig Association, and the Southern Iowa Tractor Puller Association. He was a member of the Masons, Astor Lodge #505 of Albia, Order of the Eastern Star and the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albia.

Everett is survived by his wife Ruth Ella Gardner of Albia; his son, Steve (Lori) Gardner of Urbandale; 3 grandchildren, Adam, Jesse and Josh Gardner; 6

great grandchildren; a sister, Irene Flattery of Albia. Everett is also survived by nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Evelyn and a son Norman.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, April 17, 2015 at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albia, with Pastor Neil Montz officiating. Burial will follow services at Oak View Cemetery in Albia.

Visitation will be held from 12:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Thursday, April 16, 2015 at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Everett's family present from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the Trinity United Methodist Church Family Life Center.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.tharpfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Everett Gardner*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Everett Gardner*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *I attended high school with Everett and graduated in 1949 with him. Regrettfully I didn't attend any class reunion's Everett was a very kind person and very respectful. I'm sure he will be missed so very much. I lost my husband two years ago Ruth Ella time will heal. Pauline McGinn Steinbach Des Moines Iowa.*

Pauline Steinbach - Des Moines, IA - schoolfriend - April 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *My memories go way back in the 60's when Everett drove a John Deere tractor in the 9000 pound weight class. Everett was a skilled driver and well respected and knowledgeable about official tractor pulls and was instrumental in starting the Southern Iowa Tractor Pull Association. He was known as one of the best in his class. He was a very hard working man.*
I can close my eyes and still see the Black Smoke pouring out of his John Deere tractor at the tractor pulls. What fun it was to watch by all!!!!
Sincerely,
Max Smith

Max Smith - Knoxville, IA - Customer and tractor pull fan - April 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CI

“ Several years ago I did some veterinary work for Everett. He was one of my favorite producers to work for. I always enjoyed visiting with him and he was always kind to me. I specifically remember him using what I think was a home-made remote control gate-opener to drive us into the lot and get to the barn for a bovine OB. I also recall he had some really nice Charolais-cross calves in that lot. My condolences to the entire family and may he rest in peace.

Chris Clark - Anita, IA - April 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Ruth and family, We were sorry to hear of Everett's passing. We cherish our memories of the good old days of tractor pulling, ITPA meetings and state fair. Our sincere sympathy Jerry and Sharon Russell

jerry and sharon russell - IA - April 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Ruth Ella and family,

I am so sorry for your loss of a dear sweet man. He was kind in the things he did, while I worked at the Leisure Lounge. Always had a great time going to the casino with both of you. Heaven recieved a wonderful angel.

Love Pam

Pam Janney - Sioux Falls, SD - Friend - April 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Ruth Ella and family, I always enjoyed visiting with Everett when he came in to Johnson Ins., He always had a story to tell. May gods arms wrap around you during this time of sorrow, but know that he is no longer in pain. He will be missed by many.

Marilyn Larson - Albia, IA - friend - April 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ *Ruth Ella - Remembering the good times we had as young married. Those years flew by so fast. I will uphold you in prayer during these difficult days.*

Nola Scott - Green Valley, AZ - friend - April 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ *So very sorry to hear. I know he struggled many years with his health issues. He and ruthella were old neighbors to me and friends to joe. Joe will miss visiting with him at oakwood. Our deepest sympathy.*

Wanda flahive - albia, IA - friends - April 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ *Everett once asked if I'd like to work weed the beans. I was 15 or 16 and said sure. We didn't walk the bean field. He welded two old tractor seats to the top of the cultivator with a handle between them and we rode and only hopped off when the cultivator missed a weed. Had to watch him though, once in awhile we'd have to yell at him because he was off track and started taking out a couple rows of beans. He will be missed.*

Brad Lane

Brad Lane - Manchester, IA - Former Neighbor - April 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *To Ruth Ella and family. I am so sorry to hear of Everett's passing. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love Denise.*

Denise Wolfer Waite - Deer Lodge , MT - friend of family - April 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM