



Donald Ray Gardner

September 19, 1939 - March 9, 2014

Donald Ray Gardner, 74, Kingsville, Missouri, passed away Sunday, March 9, 2014, at Lee's Summit Medical Center, Lee's Summit, Missouri.

He was born September 19, 1939 in Kansas City, Missouri a son of Wallace and June (Hamilton) Gardner. After spending early childhood in Pleasant Hill, he lived most of his life in the Kingsville community. He graduated from Kingsville High School and on February 10, 1961 he married Ruth Evelyne Strate.

Don had worked at Stahl Specialty Company and Blum's Service Station in Kingsville, owned and operated Gardner's Restaurant in Kingsville, and retired from propane delivery for MFA. He was a member of the Medford United Methodist Church, near Holden.

He leaves his wife, Ruth, of the home; three sons, John Gardner, Kingsville, MO, Robert Gardner, Holden, MO, and Wayne Gardner, Kingsville, MO; one brother, Bill Gardner, Lee's Summit, MO; one sister, Berna Dene Yates, Raytown, MO; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 pm Wednesday, March 12, 2014, at Ben Cast & Son – Wood Funeral Home, Holden, MO. Friends may call 1:00 – 1:30 p.m. Wednesday. Interment will be in Holden Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society.