



Mr. Gary Marvin Garner

September 26, 1954 - July 14, 2017

Gary “Peas” Marvin Garner was born on September 29, 1954, in Hartford, Connecticut to Joseph Gladden and Lucile Brown. He graduated from Apopka Memorial High School in 1972. After high school, Gary earned his Associate of Arts degree from Valencia Community College in 1974. Shortly after completing his degree, Gary made the decision to enlist into the military in 1975 to serve his country. As a notable Marine, Gary became a skilled machine gunner technician which introduced him to the energy field in 1978.

Gary was a dedicated employee of Florida Power & Light, Progress Energy, and Duke Energy. Throughout his 35 years of employment, he worked as a lineman and was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. His colleagues described him as “happy go lucky”. He was known to always have a smile on his face and a positive spirit. He retired from Duke Energy in 2014.

As a father, Gary enjoyed the company of his daughters and grandchildren. He held a special bond with his sibling and extended family. He enjoyed watching television and especially watching University of Florida football.

In the community, he was known as the man in the Florida Power truck. Many would see his truck parked outside of his grandmother’s restaurant, Garner Café or at his beloved Uncle William Gladden’s house. Gary had a

tremendous love for his family and often generously gave his time and resources. In addition to being an influential father, he was also a believer of the Gospel. Gary served as a Trustee at Macedonia Independent Free Methodist Church, where he was a faithful member for over 60 years.

Three months into his well-deserved retirement, Gary's health began to decline due to a massive ischemic stroke in 2014. Throughout the many medical procedures, doctor appointments, and home care, his daughters and aunt remained by his side.

While in the presence of his daughter, Jasmine, the Lord saw fit to grant Gary Marvin Garner a heavenly home on July 14, 2017.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Gladden and Lucile Brown, and his beloved grandmother Elizabeth "Liza" Garner.

To remember and cherish his legacy: four children: Carmen Sanders, Shonta Garner, Jamika Garner, Jasmine Sanders; four grandchildren: Amari DuVall, Jaden Lingo, Aiden Richardson, and Jayvon Kitchens; sister: Sandra Jean Rumph (Kevin); special cousin like a brother: Rogers "Hawk" Beckett; aunt: Rovenia James; uncles: Rufus Garner (Lina) and Kenneth Garner (Angela); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and coworkers.

Cemetery Details

Edgewood Cemetery ~ Apopka

141 South Edgewood Drive
Apopka, FL 32703

Previous Events

Service

JUL 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church
1012 South Park Avenue
Apopka, FL 32703

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Gary Marvin Garner*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Elsie King purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Mr. Gary Marvin Garner.*



Elsie King - July 21, 2017 at 11:51 AM



“ *THE MACON'S FAMILY SEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF GARY GARNER..A FAMILY WELL KNOWN IN APOPKA SOUTH*



Bernard Macon Sr - July 20, 2017 at 07:15 PM



“ *The Class of 1972 purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Gary Marvin Garner.*



The Class of 1972 - July 20, 2017 at 03:26 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Gary Marvin Garner.*



July 19, 2017 at 09:38 PM



“ *The Newsome Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary Marvin Garner*



The Newsome Family - July 19, 2017 at 02:38 PM



“ *I worked with Gary for years (Florida Power to Duke Energy). He was a good lineman and good friend. He will be missed. We are so sorry to hear that he passed away.*

Bob Niepert

Robert Niepert - July 19, 2017 at 10:01 AM



“ *Sharing your sorrow in the loss of one so dear, and sending deepest sympathy.*

Erica Wynn - July 18, 2017 at 09:14 PM

TO

“ *Toyea lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary Marvin Garner*



Toyea - July 18, 2017 at 07:56 PM

LG

“ *So sad to hear of Gary's passing. I have fond memories from working with him over the years at Florida Power/Progress Energy/Duke. He was a kind, helpful and happy man that will be missed. Rest In Peace Peas.*



*Lynn Goldrick
Human Resources-Retired*

Lynn Goldrick - July 18, 2017 at 04:49 PM

WF

“ *West Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary Marvin Garner*



West Family - July 18, 2017 at 01:35 PM

BS

“ *The MACON FAMILY SENDS OUR
CONDOLENCES AND LOVE TO THIS
FAMILY DURING THEIR HOUR OF LOSS*



Bernard Macon Sr - July 18, 2017 at 10:24 AM

NS

“ *Nina Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Gary Marvin Garner*



Nina Sullivan - July 18, 2017 at 02:19 AM