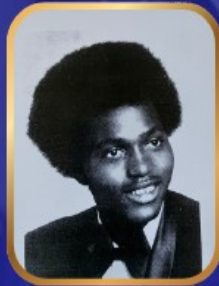


Life Reflections



Thomas Glenn Gardin Jr., age 71, passed away peacefully on May 2, 2026. He was born on September 12, 1954, and lived a life defined by dedication to his family, service to his country, and simple joys that brought him happiness.

Thomas was a proud veteran of the United States Air Force, serving his country with honor and commitment. He also dedicated over 30 years of service to the United States Postal Service, where he was known for his strong work ethic and commitment. Following his years of service, he devoted himself to his family, who remained the center of his life.



He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Barbara Gardin; his son, Taurus Gardin; and his cherished grandchildren, Tariq Bolton, Tyrell Currie, Sanaya Gardin, and Taurus Gardin Jr., who brought him immense pride and joy.

Thomas is also survived by his stepmother, Nancy Gardin, and his siblings: Deborah Oates, Wilma Wilson, Mary Watson (husband Reverend Larry Watson), Frances Hensley (husband Rick Hensley), Linda Figaro, Myra Moore (husband Edgar Moore), Tony Gardin, Vivian Smith (husband-Ronald Smith), and Bryan Bailey.



He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Gardin Sr. and Peggy Seigle Gardin, as well as his siblings Frankie Davis, Cynthia Gardin, and Tina Bailey.

In his free time, Thomas found peace and fulfillment in gardening and enjoyed watching sports, passions that reflected his appreciation for both quiet moments and shared experiences.

Thomas will be remembered for his strength, his devotion to family, and the lasting impact he made on all who knew him. His legacy lives on through the many lives he touched.

Remembering

The beauty of a memory
Is that it's always there.
Like a penny in your pocket,
You can take it anywhere.

And when your heart is heavy
And your eyes are filled with tears,
You can focus on a memory,
And travel through the years.

Your heart can visit happy times,
When laughter filled the air,
And the presence of your loved one,
Will lessen your despair.

So, as you travel on in life,
Take comfort as you go,
In a lifetime of "sweet memories,"
Of one who loved you so!

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their sincere appreciation for all acts of kindness, love, and support shown during this time of bereavement.

Your expressions of sympathy have meant so much.

Gathering at Rankin Lake Clubhouse -1750 Rankin Lake Road, Gastonia, NC, following the service.

Arrangements Were Entrusted to:

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



Mr. Thomas Glenn Gardin, Jr.

Sunrise
September 12, 1954

Sunset
May 2, 2026

Thursday; May 7, 2026 at 12 noon

St. Helen Catholic Church
341 Dallas Spencer Mountain Road
Gastonia, North Carolina

FR. MARCEL | PRESIDING

FUNERAL MASS

Order of Service

Entrance Hymn "In that Great Morning" #1

Greeting

Sprinkling with Holy Water

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Daniel 12:1-3 Musetta Glenn

Responsorial Psalm 23

Second Reading Acts 10:34-43 Lyle Wilson

Gospel Luke 24:13-35 Fr. Marcel

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Altar and Gifts
Hymn "I Got a Feeling:"

Presentation of Gifts
Bread and Wine
Taurus Gardin and Barbara "Babs" Gardin

Communion Rite
Hymn "Heaven on my Mind"

Meditation Hymn
"Because of Who You Are" Vanessa Wilson

Prayer After Communion

Reflections (2 minutes) Taurus Gardin
Linda Figaro
Frances Hensley
Barbara "Babs" Gardin

Final Commendation

Invitation to Prayer

Silence

Signs of Farewell

Prayer of Commendation

Recessional "I'll Fly Away"

Military Honors and Inurnment
St. Helen Church Cemetery
Gastonia, North Carolina



*A LIFE WELL LIVED
A LEGACY
Remembered*

