



John J. Gardner, II

October 09, 1946 - January 13, 2019

John J. Gardner II, well-known Ponca City attorney, passed away peacefully on January 13, 2019 at the Olathe Medical Center in Olathe, Kansas with his daughters and families present. A memorial ceremony will be held at 2:00 pm Friday, January 18, 2019 at Grace Episcopalian Church, 109 N. 13th St. Ponca City, with reception following. A private family internment will take place on Friday. Arrangements are under the direction of Trout Funeral Home & Crematory.

John was born at the Ponca City Hospital on October 9, 1946 to John J. and Verlee Carpenter Gardner. He spent his early years in Ponca City and Newkirk. John was an Eagle Scout. After high school John enrolled at Oklahoma State University where he was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He graduated in 1968 with a Bachelor of Science degree and a love bordering on fanaticism for OSU Cowboys. John also received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Oklahoma and passed the Oklahoma Bar in 1971. He then served in the United States Army, U.S. Army Signal corps attaining the rank of 1st Lieutenant.

John began his career as an attorney, practicing with the Northcutt Law Firm in Ponca City, Oklahoma. He became a senior partner, enjoying a lengthy and successful career from 1971 to the present. He served the Bar Association as a member of the Professional Responsibility Tribunal, 2003-2009, the Oklahoma Trial Lawyers Association and was AV Peer Review Rated.

John added value to the lives of others by serving on the board of The Opportunity Center in Ponca City for several decades. He was also the longest standing board member of Bridgeway, serving since 1972. He belonged to the Kay County Bar Association and was also a member of the Elks, the Masons, and the Guthrie Scottish Rite. John belonged to the Akdar Shrine Temple in Tulsa and was a Jester.

John was a devoted father, father-in-law, grandfather, brother, uncle, friend who loved hosting gatherings and serving up his favorite dishes while overseeing the grill. He was also a committed Christian and long time member of Grace Episcopal Church serving as Lay Eucharistic Minister, and Parish Chancellor for more than twenty years.

John is preceded in death by his parents. John is survived by his daughter, Traci and son-in-law, Matt Jackson of Olathe, Kansas; daughter Summer and son-in-law, Wayne Walker of Ponca City, Oklahoma; a sister, Ann and Steve Grassfield of Austin, Tx; brother Neal Gardner of Newkirk. John was blessed with four grandchildren, whom he loved deeply and whose lives he followed closely; Ryan Jackson, Paige Jackson, Nixon Walker, and another grandson due in July 2019. John is also survived by niece, Julie and Jimmy Neizel and niece, Elissa and Tim Frickenschmidt both of Austin, Tx. He never failed to remember his great nephews Jake, Gage and Powell Frickenschmidt, James Neitzel and his great niece Annie Verlee Neitzel on their special days throughout their lives.

John's dad once said "if John had a dollar, you had a dollar." meaning that he was the happiest when he could exhibit generosity, encourage, and advocate for others. John's life inspired many to be

good to their neighbors, strive for success and to keep hope alive.

He shone a very bright light in his heart for his family and friends, and we will miss him and his kindnesses very much.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Bridgeway, Inc., 612 W. Grand Ave.
Ponca City, OK 74601

Events



MEMORIAL SERVICE

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Grace Episcopal
Church 109 N. 13th
St., Ponca City, OK
74601 There will be a
reception following the
memorial.

Tribute Wall

B Brandon

I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. Losing a loved one in death is such a difficult thing to cope with. My heart goes out to the family and friends of John during this time. Cherish the memories. Please find comfort in knowing that God views death as an "enemy" and will act to end it forever (1st Cor 15:26). God's Word also promises a time in the future where we can all have a hope of seeing our dead loved ones again (John 5:28,29). A beautiful hope. Take care.

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I am very sorry for your loss of your dad, my condolences.



Tribute Store

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"Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant"
was purchased for the family of John J. Gardner, II

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J Jenna Wright

My best memory with John is having him as a neighbor when I was 5 years old. I loved every fall because he had some pecan trees. I would go help him pick up the pecans every year and it was truly my highlight of the day, to be able to spend it with him. He was always so uplifting and made me smile. After we moved, we always kept in touch and I was able to later find out his daughter Traci shared the same love of horses, and dressage with me. John would come to the horse shows and watch both of us when he could. He was loved by me and so many others for obvious reasons. He will be greatly missed, and when I see pecans I will forever think of him.



"Heart"
was given in memory of John J. Gardner, II

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M Mike and Jeni Martin

He was an almost twin cousin. Great person from a great family!! I am so sorry for your loss. Love, hugs and prayers to his siblings and all the family!!

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I had the privilege of working in the same law office as John when I worked there from 2010-2013. He was a very nice and sweet man . I will miss him.
