



David Dean Gardner

March 6, 1978 - June 2, 2021

David Dean Gardner, age 43, of Versailles, passed away Wednesday, June 2, 2021, at his home. He was born March 6, 1978, in Columbia, Missouri, a son of Richard and Ranae (Hawkins) Gardner.

On May 10, 2020, in Versailles, he was united in marriage to his surviving wife, Courtney (Whitaker) Gardner.

Dave loved celebrating life's moments with Courtney. They traveled to many fun places and restaurants making many great memories.

He was a family man and tried to make everyone feel loved.

Dave attended the Versailles First Christian Church.

He was a man of faith who loved adventures. He wanted to go everywhere and do anything.

For many years, he was employed by Beeline Snack Shops. He became ill and lost his job so he changed his dream to owning a restaurant. In February of this year, he and his wife signed a lease for a pasta restaurant in Versailles, which opened last month. He was so excited to start this adventure.

One of his hobbies was traveling to all the covered bridges in Missouri. After completing that goal in 2018, he decided to try visiting all the State Parks. During this journey, he found one in Eminence that he loved. Echo Bluff became the getaway spot and where he wanted to retire. He wanted to buy a new Ford Bronco and escape to either Echo Bluff or Arkansas and live in peace and quiet, in the country.

Things that brought Dave joy were Ford Broncos, Kansas City Chiefs, adventures, children and his grandson, owning and operating the restaurant, dad jokes, children laughing, sitting outside drinking coffee, listening to Mark Sidebottom preach and treasured the time he spent hanging out with his family.

He was preceded in death by his father, Richard Gardner.

Dave is survived by his wife, Courtney Gardner of the home; daughters, Selena Carpio, Paisley Carpio and Sahara Carpio and grandson, Tucker of Versailles; his mother, Ranae Gardner of Jefferson City; sisters, Elizabeth Sherrell and husband Scott of Jefferson City and Rebekah Henley and husband Rob of Versailles and two nephews, Zakk and Xander. Dave had two children by a previous marriage, Jakeb and Iris Muzy of California, Missouri.

A celebration of Dave's life will be held at 6:06 p.m., Sunday, June 6th, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 6:06 p.m., Sunday, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to Pass-Da Buckets in care of Courtney Gardner.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 5:00 PM - 6:06 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Versailles Chapel
207 North Monroe St.
Versailles, MO 65084
(573) 378-4655

Celebration of Life

JUN 6. 6:06 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Libby (gardner) Sherrell lit a candle in memory of David Dean Gardner*



Libby (gardner) Sherrell - June 04, 2021 at 05:48 PM

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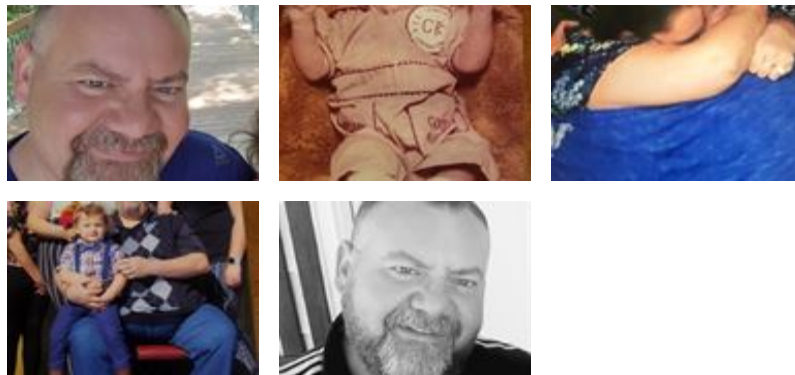
“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Libby (gardner) Sherrell - June 04, 2021 at 05:35 PM



“ *41 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Kidwell-Garber Funeral Homes - June 04, 2021 at 01:17 PM

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“ *Daves happy place*



Libby (Gardner) Sherrell - June 04, 2021 at 08:59 AM

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“ *Dave and his crew*



Libby (Gardner) Sherrell - June 04, 2021 at 08:59 AM

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Libby (Gardner) Sherrell - June 04, 2021 at 08:57 AM

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“ *I love this picture , one of daves happiest moments*



Libby (Gardner) Sherrell - June 04, 2021 at 08:55 AM

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“ Dave with Iris and Jakeb



Libby (Gardner) Sherrell - June 04, 2021 at 08:54 AM

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“ Love his smile



Libby (Gardner) Sherrell - June 04, 2021 at 08:53 AM

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“ Dave blowing kisses



Libby (Gardner) Sherrell - June 04, 2021 at 08:52 AM

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“ *Dave and his son jakeb*



Libby (Gardner) Sherrell - June 04, 2021 at 08:51 AM

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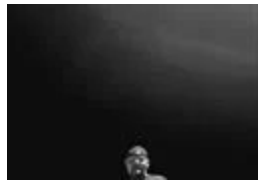
“ *Dave had a great sense of humor*



Libby (Gardner) Sherrell - June 04, 2021 at 08:50 AM

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“ *Dave*



libby (Gardner) Sherrell - June 04, 2021 at 08:42 AM

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“ *Dave and Libby*



libby (Gardner) Sherrell - June 04, 2021 at 08:30 AM

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“ *Dave and his sisters saying good bye to dad*



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“ *Old family photo*



libby (Gardner) Sherrell - June 04, 2021 at 08:20 AM

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“ *Dave in 8th grade*



libby (Gardner) Sherrell - June 04, 2021 at 08:19 AM

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“ *Dave in kindergarten*



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“ *Mom, dad, and Dave*



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“ *Me and my big brother*



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“ *Some of our Family photos*



libby (Gardner) Sherrell - June 04, 2021 at 08:05 AM

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“ *Dave ,zakk,and Xander at daves wedding*



libby (Gardner) Sherrell - June 04, 2021 at 08:03 AM

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“ *The boys !!*



libby (Gardner) Sherrell - June 04, 2021 at 08:01 AM

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“ *Dave with Jakeb and Iris*



libby (Gardner) Sherrell - June 04, 2021 at 07:59 AM

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libby (Gardner) Sherrell - June 04, 2021 at 07:47 AM

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Dave loved his nephew's with all this heart ❤️

libby (Gardner) Sherrell - June 04, 2021 at 07:50 AM

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“ *Forever in my heart, words can't describe the Memories we had together. Im going to be lost with out the advice of my big brother ,our long talks and your caring heart , I will forever cherish the 41 years of Memories we had ..you will always be by my side and in my heartRIP*



libby (Gardner) Sherrell - June 04, 2021 at 07:44 AM

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“ *Ill miss u I was so happy when i met u the first time at the wedding*



Solomon leach aka salamander - June 04, 2021 at 02:09 AM

WL

“ *Wendy Liggett lit a candle in memory of David Dean Gardner*



Wendy Liggett - June 04, 2021 at 12:14 AM

PZ

“ Patricia Zeigler lit a candle in memory of David Dean Gardner



Patricia Zeigler - June 03, 2021 at 10:19 PM

BG

“ Barb Gehl lit a candle in memory of David Dean Gardner



Barb Gehl - June 03, 2021 at 08:44 PM

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“ Lura Shafer lit a candle in memory of David Dean Gardner



lura shafer - June 03, 2021 at 08:09 PM