



Susanna Elizabeth Garber

August 5, 1916 - June 7, 2015

Susanna E. Garber, age 98, of Versailles, passed away Sunday, June 7, 2015, at the Good Shepherd Care Center in Versailles. She was born August 5, 1916, on her family's farm outside of Versailles, a daughter of the late Lawrence and Susan (Badertscher) Aeschbacher.

On February 1, 1942, at the Versailles United Methodist Church, she was united in marriage to Raymond C. Garber. They have shared the last seventy-three years together.

Susanna was active in many organizations throughout the Versailles, Laurie, Gravois Mills and Sunrise Beach communities. She was a member of the Versailles United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women. She was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Versailles Chapter 410 where she served as Past Matron.

She was an avid sports fan. She enjoyed watching Missouri basketball and Cardinals and Royals baseball. In addition, she and Ray never missed an event in which her grandchildren participated.

Susanna cherished many things throughout her life. Along with Ray, the couple had a passion for travel, and ventured throughout the United States to visit forty-nine of the fifty states. Her favorite retreat was Alaska. The two

always drove, making their fifth adventure to the extreme northwest in their eighties.

Active in her community, Susanna loved to visit with people. She had a genuine heart that spoke of her love of people and community through her faith in God. Her witty, sharp humor was complemented by her determined spirit. Susanna believed in her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a quiet, unselfish benefactor in many ways to help her family achieve their aspirations.

Susanna attended Providence school and later graduated from Versailles High School in 1935. This year marked her 80th class reunion. After working for various industries and traveling with Ray through the Air Force, Susanna became an integral part of forming Kidwell-Garber, Inc. As a licensed funeral director, she was at Ray's side as they took ownership of Kidwell Funeral Home. Her vision helped expand to serve more of the lake area. In 1979, the Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel and Garber Memorial Estates was developed, perpetuating a legacy that remains within the business and her family.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Her most cherished times were those spent with her family.

She is survived by her husband, Raymond, of the home; her children, Sue Akin and Gary Garber both of Versailles; her grandchildren, Suzanne Hall and husband Corey of Versailles, Nathan Garber and wife Michelle of Versailles, Landon Akin of Osage Beach and Michael Garber and wife Shannon of Versailles; her great-grandchildren, Ila Garber, Ethan Garber, Landri Hall, Rose Garber, Matthew Garber and Pearl Garber all of Versailles; several nieces, nephews and many friends. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her granddaughter, Meredith Garber, her sister, Lois "Joy" Metzker and her son-in-law, Larry Akin.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 10th, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles. Graveside services and entombment will follow in the Garber Mausoleum Versailles Cemetery with Suzanne Hall, Nathan Garber, Landon Akin, Michael Garber, Brian Graber and Mark Graber serving as casketbearers. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Versailles United Methodist Church or the Bethel Mennonite Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of her family: Ray, Sue, Gary, Suzanne, Nathan, Landon and Michael at Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **9**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

JUN **10**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MD

“ *Mary Ellen Dunnaway lit a candle in memory of Susanna Elizabeth Garber*



Mary Ellen Dunnaway - June 30, 2015 at 06:37 PM

DM

“ *I wanted tell your family how sorry for your loss she was good women, mother and grandmother. She will be missed.*


Diana Moore - June 12, 2015 at 12:27 PM

ER

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family. Suzanne was a very special lady. God Bless, Everett and Angie Rayl, Carolyn Bennett and Marie Cornett*



Everett Rayl - June 11, 2015 at 08:58 PM

 Donna Garber

“ *Susanna always made me feel special. She was always smiling, always generous and had a sharp wit. I never once heard her complain about anything but graciously accepted hard work, long hours and always being on the go. Susanna give Randy a kiss for me and give Bud a huge hug! You were a heavenly blessing to me.*

Donna Garber - June 10, 2015 at 08:38 PM

TK

“ Although I've been away from Versailles 45 years, I appreciated Susanna's knowledge and interest in her community and her spirit of accommodation, when I called the Garber home wanting information about people or events in Versailles. I have read her obituary several time and am impressed by Susanna's accomplishments and by how well the obituary was written. Raymond, some of my earliest memories of Versailles is of your being part of Kidwell--Garber Funeral Home. May our Lord bless and comfort you and your family at this time and in the days to follow.



Tom & Yvonne Kerr - June 10, 2015 at 05:30 AM

DH

“ We are Bob Garber's Brother and Sister In Law in Wilmington, North Carolina. Martha Ann shared with us your loss. We are so sorry and have the whole family in our thoughts and Prayers. God will give you the strength and comfort you need for the coming days.

Dempsey & Sheryl Howard - June 09, 2015 at 09:20 PM

PD

“ Ray, Gary and the entire family. We have enjoyed knowing Susanna for more years than we can count. She was always so pleasant when we would share time with them at conventions and when we all ended up together at the Dodge Seminars over the years. She always welcomed us to her table, remembered us and was gracious and FUN. She will be missed by all of you, and please know that our hearts are with you.

Richard and Patty Dowden

Patty and Richard Dowden - June 09, 2015 at 05:32 PM

BF

“ *Bob And Robin Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Susanna Elizabeth Garber*



Bob and Robin Ferguson - June 09, 2015 at 05:18 PM

BF

Susanna will be sadly missed by the Ferguson Family. Arlene, Wanda, Bob,Robin, Jim,Shirley,Rita and Betty

Bob and Robin Ferguson - June 09, 2015 at 05:23 PM

DE

“ *Denise(Zimmerman)Stromley lit a candle in memory of Susanna Elizabeth Garber*



Denise(Zimmerman)Stromley - June 09, 2015 at 03:16 PM

DE

I am so sorry for your loss. She was a nice and classy lady. She will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Denise(Zimmerman)Stromley - June 09, 2015 at 03:18 PM

BS

“ *Ray, Gary and family please know you have our deepest sympathy and prayers .*

Brian and Sue Simmons

Jennifer Simmons

Brian Simmons - June 09, 2015 at 10:28 AM

SM

“ Our sincere condolences on the passing of your beloved wife, mom, and grandmother. We will always remember here kindness to us. We have fond memories of many conventions that we all have attended over the years. Our love and prayers,
Shawn & Jim Miller



Shawn & Jim Miller - June 09, 2015 at 10:00 AM

WS

“ Willa Stafford lit a candle in memory of Susanna Elizabeth Garber



Willa Stafford - June 09, 2015 at 07:45 AM

AS

“ Al and Shirl Small



Al and Shirl Small - June 08, 2015 at 11:28 PM

WS

“ Wilbert Funeral Services lit a candle in memory of Susanna Elizabeth Garber



Wilbert Funeral Services - June 08, 2015 at 08:07 PM

JG

“ *Jerry Garber lit a candle in memory of
Susanna Elizabeth Garber*



Jerry Garber - June 08, 2015 at 06:19 PM

MM

“ *Michele Miller lit a candle in memory of
Susanna Elizabeth Garber*



Michele Miller - June 08, 2015 at 06:02 PM

MD

“ *Mary Ellen Dunnaway lit a candle in memory
of Susanna Elizabeth Garber*



Mary Ellen Dunnaway - June 08, 2015 at 02:29 PM

JH

“ *Judy Jo Hutchison lit a candle in memory of
Susanna Elizabeth Garber*



Judy Jo Hutchison - June 08, 2015 at 01:03 PM

SS

“ So sorry for your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Shirley Sidebottom - June 08, 2015 at 11:43 AM

RB

“ So sorry for your loss. Susanna and Raymond have touched many lives and have created a wonderful legacy through their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Rachel Boatright

Rachel Boatright - June 08, 2015 at 09:49 AM

MG

“ Marleen Gerber lit a candle in memory of Susanna Elizabeth Garber



Marleen Gerber - June 08, 2015 at 09:39 AM

MG

“ So sorry to hear , she was wonderful sweet lady.

Marleen Gerber - June 08, 2015 at 09:38 AM

DM

“ Your are in our thoughts and prayers. David and Debbie (Gerber) Mccollom



debbie mccollom - June 08, 2015 at 09:26 AM