



Deanna Ruth Gardner

January 9, 1945 - February 3, 2021

Deanna Ruth Cox Gardner age 76 of Kingston, TN passed away February 3, 2021 at home. Deanna was born in 1945 in Knoxville, TN. She was a graduate of Roane County High School and the University of Memphis School of Nursing in 1965 and of the Baptist faith. She married Paul Gardner and the next 55 years they had three children and seven grandchildren. She finished nearly an 18-year career as a legal assistant for the Department of Energy in 2008. She loved her children and grandchildren fiercely and treasured her cats and dogs. She can not be summarized in mere words; she was the purest symbol of love and we shall not look upon her like again.

Preceded in death by her parents Clifford and Alma Cox, son Cliff Gardner and brother Robert "Bob" Norris.

Survived by husband Paul Gardner of Kingston, TN, daughter Robin (husband Benny) Marshall of Louisville, TN, son Michael (wife Michelle) Gardner of Kingston, TN, grandchildren; Braydon Gardner of Phoenix, Arizona, Mandy Marshall of Louisville, TN, Courtnee Gardner of Phoenix, Arizona, Kaleigh Gardner of Kingston, TN, John Gardner of Maryville, TN, Aidan Hensley of Kingston, TN and Ben (Kaitlyn) Marshall of Louisville, TN, daughter-in-law Cori Gardner of Phoenix, Arizona.

Kyker Funeral Home is serving the Gardner Family. www.kykerfuneralhomes.com

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Tribute Wall

LC

“ *Paul, Robin & Michael-
I am so sorry to hear of Deanna’s passing. My thoughts are with all
of you.*

*Love you-
Linda Cogdill*

Linda Cogdill - February 10, 2021 at 05:57 PM

RB

“ *Dear Gardner family, I send my deepest
condolences to you all. I first met Deanna
while working for ORNL at HAZWRAP in
Oliver Springs. She was our group office
professional. She kept us on track and on
time. She took time to know us to the point of knowing who had
been an Eagle Scout and who liked Crackle mini bars and Miata
cars. She shared her love of her family with us and for me,
encouragement as I was just starting mine. I remember sharing a
hymnal with her for her son because he loved to play the piano at
school. What a deep legacy she has imbedded in you all. Robin
Ruark Brothers*



Robin Brothers - February 10, 2021 at 01:05 PM

MC

*How fast 75 years of close girlfriend friendship goes away. I'll miss our
long conversations and confidence about everything we could think
about. Then came Paul, she was so happy. Her children made her
dreams come true. She couldn't wait to help anyone that may have a
problem. I was lucky to call her my friend.
Marilyn Crowe*

Marilyn Crowe - February 11, 2021 at 01:40 PM

MA

“ *Marilyn lit a candle in memory of Deanna Ruth Gardner*



marilyn - February 09, 2021 at 08:35 AM

JH

“ *Paul and family,
I am so sad to read of Deanna's passing. She and I first met through work in Oak Ridge, but for many years now I have counted her as one of my dearest friends, Sadly, we have not been in close contact since we both retired, but I never doubted for a moment that if I should ever need anything, Deanna would be there to offer assistance. To this day, I have on my dresser a "care box" that she put together for me during a particularly difficult time in my life. She was truly one of a kind. I offer my prayers for the family during these difficult days and beyond.*
Judith Hickman

Judith Hickman - February 07, 2021 at 05:41 PM