



Margaret Smith Gardner

December 24, 1952 - October 30, 2009

Margaret (Marti) Smith Gardner, 56, of Kingston, TN died at her home October 30, 2009, with her family at her side, after a hard fought battle with cancer. Marti graduated from Oak Ridge High School and attended Middle Tennessee State University. Marti's career was spent as an independent manufacturer's sales representative, working 15 years for Red Oak sportswear traveling throughout the Southeast.

Marti was born December 24, 1952 in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, to Newell D. Smith, who preceded her in death, and to Sarah Messer Smith. Besides her mother, she is survived by her devoted husband of eleven years, Barry Lynn Gardner; two sisters, Louise R. Smith of Ridgetop, Tennessee, and Sheila Gregory of Hendersonville, Tennessee; step-daughters and friends, Tracey Gardner of Los Angeles, California and Stephanie (and Kent) Bailey of Kingston, TN; grandchildren, Madalyn Maye and Miller Bailey, sister-in-law Ann (and Mike) Givens, and brother-in-law Kevin (and Tonia) Gardner. She was a favorite aunt of five nephews and one niece, and one great-nephew. She leaves a host of cousins, work associate "buddies", and friends including her best friends Sherri Carr and Tricia Everett.

Marti loved flowers and gardening, traveling with her husband, her little Yorkies, Maggie and Lilly and her beloved University of Tennessee Vols.

Visitation will be on Saturday November 7, 2009 at noon at Kingston United Methodist Church of Kingston, TN with service following at 1:00 PM with Rev. Don Morris.

Following the funeral service, at the lakeside home of Marti and Barry, there will a celebration of her life for close friends and family.

The family would like to thank Rev. Don Morris, Sue Lynn Johnson and Marlene Raustler of Kingston United Methodist Church, Dr. Bruce Allsop and staff of Trinity Medical Associates, Dr. Richard Grapski and his staff at the Thompson Cancer Center, Elizabeth Newcomb, Vicki West, and Shirley Bailey of Home Healthcare of East Tennessee and Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Call toll free 1-877-465-6636, or donate online at www.komen.org

You are invited to share your thoughts and memories of Marti at her memorial website at www.kykerfuneralhome.com.865-376-6531. Kyker Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements

Tribute Wall

WD

“ Barry, sorry that I didn't become acquainted while you were together on the lake. By the wonderful comments, Marti must have been an involved-caring individual.

The choir is looking forward to your becoming a part of us. That will help us and you express feelings through music.

God bless,

Wayne

Wayne Duggin - November 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ We have been neighbors for over six years and were so distressed to see Marti so ill. She was such a lively person and had so much to live for. She will be greatly missed as we talked over our gardening. Barry, Stephanie, and Tracy, we offer our sympathy and help through your recovery period. Mary and Frank

Mary Koon - November 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Marti was a beautiful lady with the brightest smile that could brighten your day, She loved to have fun and laugh and enjoyed being part of the gang. Marti was very proud of her family and her and Barry have always been just great to be around. We have comfort in knowing she will be watching over us. Our friend will be greatly missed.

Rich Lee - November 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Although I never had the opportunity to meet Marti, I have heard many good things about her. I wish to send condolences to Barry and the rest of her family.

Paula (Pokie) Givens Baggarly - November 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I was so sorry to hear thyat Marti lost the battle and she will be missed terribly. From all the people at Walmart she was loved.

kim Barrett - November 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM