



## Thomas E. Garner

December 12, 1945 - October 21, 2024

Thomas E. Garner, age 78 of Glen Dale, WV died Monday, October 21, 2024 at home.

He was born December 12, 1945 in Glen Dale, the son of the late Joseph Earl and Beatrice Emma Palmer Garner.

He was a retired administrator who served as Administrative Assistant to Superintendent and Personnel Director from Marshall County Schools; also served as Vice Principal at John Marshall High School for 20 years; nine years as biology teacher at Moundsville Junior High where he also enjoyed coaching; a member of the WV Association of Secondary School Principals and NASSP where he received the Assistant Principal of the Year in 1995 from both organizations.

He was a member of First Christian Church Disciples of Christ; Marshall Union Lodge #8 AF & AM; The Scottish Rite Valley of Wheeling; Osiris Shrine; and ROJ Crt. 13, where he was a past Impresario.

Tom was an avid gardener and spent many hours in his garden; a true family man who loved his family deeply and a faithful Christian.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Dorothy Ferro Glusich, and Betty June (Milton) Shanley.

Survivors include his wife, Billie Jo Miller Garner; two sons, Brant Garner and Joshua Garner, both of Glen Dale; a brother, Larry Garner of Zanesville, OH; and several nieces and nephews.

Family will receive friends on Thursday from 2pm until time of funeral service

at 4pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 400 Jefferson Ave., Moundsville with Pastor Wesley Howsare officiating.

Private interment will be held at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to Glen Dale Volunteer Fire Dept., 402 Wheeling Ave., Glen Dale, WV 26038 or Shriner's Children's Hospital @[donate.lovetotherescue.org](https://donate.lovetotherescue.org).

# Cemetery Details

## Parkview Memorial Gardens

1922 Warden Run Rd  
Wheeling, WV 26003  
(304) 242-1320

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **24**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home  
400 Jefferson Ave.  
Moundsville, WV 26041

## Funeral Service

OCT **24**. 4:00 PM (ET)

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400 Jefferson Ave.  
Moundsville, WV 26041

# Tribute Wall

LC

“ *Linda Clarke lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Garner*



Linda Clarke - November 10, 2024 at 09:35 PM

NW

“ *Billie Joe. This is Frank and Jeanie Mason's daughter, Nikki. I was on Grisells site as my father just passed away as well (also at age 78) and saw Tom's obituary. I remember yall from my childhood. Tom was also a great and jovial guy. I am so sorry for your loss. - Nikki Mason Weaver*

Nikki Weaver - November 05, 2024 at 11:09 AM

BC

*Billie Joe, This is Barbara Jo Harler Cowan that lived across the street from you on Tomlinson for several years. I always enjoy our visits when I came over to see you. Tom and you were always so kind and loving neighbors and sweet Josh. To your family we wish you peace and love and comfort and our deepest sympathy because you truly lost a wonderful soul mate. Sincerely Barb Cowan*

Barbara Cowan - November 08, 2024 at 03:31 PM

JW

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He was a great guy. May you find some small comfort in knowing you are in our thoughts and prayers. - John Wheeler, Beth, and NancyBeth*

John Wheeler - October 25, 2024 at 10:11 AM



“ 30 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Grisell Funeral Homes** - October 24, 2024 at 12:40 PM

SF

“ *Billie Jo and Sons, we're so sorry to learn of Tom's passing. Tom was a great friend, we grew up in the same neighborhood together and hung out together. He was a great person to everyone. RIP TOM. Love and prayers to all, Steve and Nancy Fye.*



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**Steve Fye** - October 24, 2024 at 12:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas E. Garner.*



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October 24, 2024 at 11:16 AM

CP

“ Carol Philabaum planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas E. Garner.

Carol Philabaum - October 24, 2024 at 11:16 AM

CO

“ Billie Jo and sons, I am so sorry to learn of Tom's passing. He will join Dave now in Heaven. I fondly remember visiting at your house with Dave for fun times, good food, and socializing together. I will keep you all in my prayers as it is a big adjustment when losing someone you are around everyday and it takes quite a while to move on, but that is what Tom would want you to do. Love ya  
Carolyn O'Dell

Carolyn O'Dell - October 24, 2024 at 09:57 AM

JF

“ Billie Jo and Family,  
I am thinking of you and yours and remembering our times spent together so very long ago. May you find peace and comfort in your memories.  
Joyce 'Berisford' Fitzgerald

Joyce Fitzgerald - October 24, 2024 at 09:11 AM

EJ

“ Mr. Garner was a tremendous person and friend. Could always count on him in any situation during times he was needed. The world is a little less brighter today in learning of his loss. My condolences to his family and all that were close to him 🙏

Eric James - October 23, 2024 at 07:34 PM

JP

“ JMHS Football Coaches and Players planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas E. Garner.

JMHS Football Coaches and Players - October 23, 2024 at 09:36 AM

JP

“ JMHS Football Coaches and Players purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Thomas E. Garner.



JMHS Football Coaches and Players - October 23, 2024 at 09:36 AM

CS

“ Mr Garner was a fantastic example of what a teacher is. He served his students well over the years. Prayers for his family and friends.



Catherine Simmons - October 23, 2024 at 09:15 AM

LF

“ I had Mr Gardner as a science teacher at Mdsv. Jr. High and again Principal at JMHS. He was indeed one of the best teachers ever! Always smiling and kind. Lois Hammond Foster

Lois Foster - October 23, 2024 at 08:57 AM

BH

“ To one of the best teachers ever and a true gentleman, my deepest condolences to Tom’s family , , rest in peace Tom , until we meet again 🙏

Barbara Hretzok - October 23, 2024 at 01:15 AM

JB

“ So sorry about Tom. One of the older guys, I always had the utmost respect for, from way back when Eric Jurgensen and he umpired umpired my Pee Wee baseball games in the early 60's till the times I ran into him at Coach's Bar 40+ years later. He made this small part of the world a better place.. My thoughts and sympathy go out to all of his family and many friends

Jay Knapp (Brad's brother) - October 23, 2024 at 12:18 AM

TM

“ TJ Morehouse purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Thomas E. Garner.



TJ Morehouse - October 22, 2024 at 09:56 PM

DN

“ Billie Jo, Brant, and Josh, I am sorry to hear of Tom’s passing. He was a wonderful teacher, administrator, and most of all a friend. May God bring you comfort at this time.  
Dee and Tony Novel

Dee Novel - October 22, 2024 at 09:01 PM

DG

“ *Billie Jo, Brant& Josh,  
So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He always had a smile, no matter the circumstances. He will be missed immensely by all whose lives he touched - he was a special individual. Dave & I both worked in the MCS system w/Tom. Prayers for comfort, strength & healing for all.*

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**Dave & Mae Gill** - October 22, 2024 at 08:08 PM

PB

“ *Grew up in the neighborhood together, played little league ball for 4th Ward. He was a pitcher and 1st baseman. I'm sure he will be missed. RIP Tom....Phil Barcus*

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**Phil Barcus** - October 22, 2024 at 06:38 PM

SS

“ *Mr Garner was a class individual. He served the children of Marshall County well. RIP*

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**Sandy Schafer** - October 22, 2024 at 04:00 PM