



James "Jim" Gardner, Sr.

March 27, 1935 - July 8, 2013

James Stephen Gardner, Sr., fondly known as "Jim", passed away July 8, 2013 at the age of 78. He was born March 27, 1935 in Grayson County, Tx to the late Admiral Dewey and Lillie Bray Gardner. He was a long time crop duster, and owned Gardner Air Service Inc.

He is survived by his daughters Patricia Ringo and husband Larry of Brazoria, Phyllis Smith and husband Steven of Rock Island, Charlotte McCrary and husband Robert of Cypress, Lynda Chapple of Hewitt, Jamie Hamman and husband Troy of El Campo; sons Jimmy Gardner of El Campo and Dustin Gardner and wife Joann of Del Rio; brothers Tommy Gardner of San Antonio, Jerry Gardner of Wallis and Joe Gardner of Fort Worth; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Shirley Gardner, daughters Janis Cravy and Pamela Darling; brother Bill Gardner; sister Genelle Riley; and son-in-law Johnny Chapple.

Visitation with the family will begin 1:00 pm Friday, July 12, 2013, at Triska Funeral Home. The Memorial Service will follow at 2:00 pm with Rev. Don Rose officiating.

Donations in memory of Jim Gardner may be made to American Cancer Society.

Memories and condolences may be left for the family at www.triskafuneralhome.com.

Triska Funeral Home El Campo, TX 979-543-3681

Tribute Wall

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“ *Phyllis & Jamie,*

I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad. Both of you and your entire family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Judy Merta Rohan - El Campo, TX - Friend - July 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Sending my deepest sympathy to the children and other family members during this time of great loss.....My fondest memories of my Uncle Jim live with me forever in my heart and mind....His wonderful laughter, sense of humor, his loving nature and his wonderful love of flying.*

Audia (Gardner) Langston - Houston, TX - Neice - July 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM