



Max Gardner Jr.

December 10, 1958 - November 8, 2016

1 Corinthians 13:13 “And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”

Max Gardner, Jr., age 57, of Alpharetta, Georgia passed away on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at his home in Alpharetta, Georgia. Max was born December 10, 1958 in Laurel, Mississippi to the late Max and Peggy Gardner. He attended Mosley High School in Panama City, Florida and earned his Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting and Business Law from Georgia College in Milledgeville, Georgia where he was a member of Delta Sigma Pi, Honorary Business Fraternity. He went on to earn an Executive MBA in Finance and Marketing at Stanford University in California. Over the course of his career, Max worked as a Systems Consultant and System Engineer for Oracle, Peregrine Systems and Hewlett-Packard. Max and his family attend North Point Community Church in Alpharetta, GA.

Max was very involved in his community. As a proud band parent, he served as the President of the Band Booster Association and was a Founding Member and President of the Alpharetta High School Foundation. Throughout his seven years as an active band dad, not one football game, marching band competition, or band trip, near or far, was missed.

Max loved his family. He attended every sporting event his girls participated in

and always cheered louder than anyone else in the stands. He loved watching sports and cheering on his favorite teams, yelling from “his chair” in the family living room. Max never met a stranger, striking up conversation with anyone he encountered and leaving a lasting impression with his wit and charm. Max could find humor in any situation, was the first to tell a joke and enjoyed the final word in any discussion or debate.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years and high school sweetheart, Judy Gardner of Alpharetta; daughters Emily and Abigail, both of Alpharetta; sister, Lilli Thomas and husband Bill of Greensboro, GA; brother-in-law Michael Knauss and wife Amy of Buford, GA; aunt Cindy Lancaster and husband Jim of Huntsville, AL; uncles Don “Togie” Gardner and wife Ann and Richard “Red” Gardner all of Mobile, AL; mother and father-in-law Modray and David Knauss of Panama City, Florida; nieces and nephews, Stuart Thomas and wife Casey, Susan Satterfield and husband John and Jacob Thomas and wife Carri of Greensboro, GA, and Addison and Owen Knauss of Buford, GA; great-nieces and nephews, Evan, Sidney and Hailey Satterfield, India and Gray Thomas, Braxton, Wyatt, and Elli Blake Thomas of Greensboro, GA; and a number of other aunts, uncles, and relatives as well as many friends who each held a special place in Max’s big heart.

He was preceded in death by his parents Max and Peggy Gardner; grandparents Lydia and L.O. Norrell and Robert and Marie Gardner; great-aunts Bessie “Bubba” Harrison Bishop and Flossie Harrison Stallworth; and Joey Hopkins, Abigail’s college sweetheart, who was loved dearly by Max as “Joeyhop.”

Funeral services will be held Saturday, November 12, 2016 at 11 a.m. at Northside Chapel in Roswell, GA with Pastor Mike Teston officiating. The family will receive friends on Friday, November 11 from 5-8 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. followed by the service at Northside Chapel. A brief graveside

service will follow at Green Lawn Cemetery in Roswell, Georgia. Serving as pallbearers are Michael Knauss, Bill Thomas, Stuart Thomas, Jacob Thomas, Robert McElroy, Scott Deal, Jeff Culpepper, and Oliver Blackburn.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Alpharetta High School Band Booster Association. PO Box 5188, Alpharetta, GA 30023.

Cemetery Details

Green Lawn Cemetery

10993 Alpharetta Hwy
Roswell, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 11. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Visitation

NOV 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Funeral Service

NOV 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Max Gardner Jr.*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Judy and Family,*

So sorry to hear of the passing of your husband and father. Please accept our deepest sympathy and know that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. While I know that no words can fully take away the sadness, I also know that memories can also bring a smile. I know your hearts are full of such memories. I was researching appropriate words to say at a time like this and came across a very uplifting short poem:

*Somewhere a journey begins at the end of the worldly existence we know,
Somewhere a path stretches over the stars and rivers of memories flow,
Somewhere a silence is heard far away and the brightness of day fills the night,
Where the trails of life are resolved into peace when a soul finds its way to the light.*

May our God comfort your hearts until you meet meet Max again someday.

With our deepest sympathy,

Dan & Mona Huffman

Dan & Mona Huffman - November 18, 2016 at 06:30 PM

DL

“ *Judy, Emily and Abigail,
I heard the news of Max's passing today and wanted to pass my condolences on to all of you. I hadn't talked to Max in quite some time but have such fond memories of working with Max and also getting to meet your beautiful family. We spent a fair amount of time together during our Peregrine days and I really enjoyed our trips together and the many discussions we had about business, sports and family. I will always remember his wit, his passion for all of you and his smile. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Very sad.*

Dave Leibow - November 14, 2016 at 08:23 PM

EC

“ *Max worked for me back in the day at Peregrine. I was saddened to hear about his passing. Max was a great guy. I liked working with him but I loved spending time with him during our travels. Truly one of the good guys. Thanks Max for all the good times. And I wish his family all the best.*

*Edward Chopskie
Peregrine Systems (1996 - 2005)*

Edward Chopskie - November 14, 2016 at 11:37 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Max Gardner Jr..*



November 12, 2016 at 04:54 PM



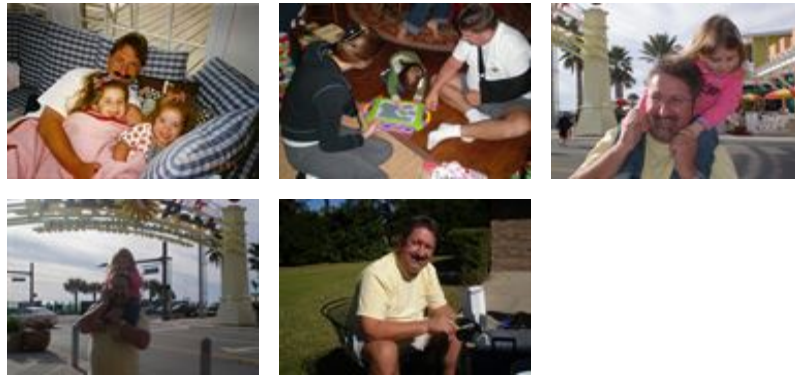
“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Max Gardner Jr..*



November 11, 2016 at 08:15 PM



“ *296 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Northside Chapel - November 11, 2016 at 04:43 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Judy.*

Betty McGinty

Betty McGinty - November 11, 2016 at 04:07 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Max Gardner Jr..*



November 11, 2016 at 02:56 PM



“ *Della & Walt Hopkins purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Max Gardner Jr..*



Della & Walt Hopkins - November 11, 2016 at 01:07 PM



“ *Sincerely, Chris and Ruth Ellen Bridgers purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Max Gardner Jr..*



Sincerely, Chris and Ruth Ellen Bridgers - November 11, 2016 at 12:12 PM



“ *Loving Grace was purchased for the family of Max Gardner Jr..*



November 11, 2016 at 12:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Max Gardner Jr..*



November 11, 2016 at 11:04 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Max Gardner Jr..*



November 11, 2016 at 10:37 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Max Gardner Jr..*



November 11, 2016 at 09:28 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Max Gardner Jr..*



November 11, 2016 at 07:17 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Max Gardner Jr..*



November 10, 2016 at 10:58 PM



“ *John, Han & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Max Gardner Jr..*



John, Han & Family - November 10, 2016 at 10:12 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Max Gardner Jr..*



November 10, 2016 at 07:40 PM



“ *Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of Max Gardner Jr..*



November 10, 2016 at 05:40 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Max Gardner Jr..*



November 10, 2016 at 05:32 PM



“ *Richard Gardner Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Max Gardner Jr..*



Richard Gardner Family - November 10, 2016 at 05:30 PM



“ *Your Northside Cherokee Pharmacy Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Max Gardner Jr..*



Your Northside Cherokee Pharmacy Family - November 10, 2016 at 05:30 PM



“ *Mike and Winfred Tate purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Max Gardner Jr..*



Mike and Winfred Tate - November 10, 2016 at 05:02 PM



“ *Judy, Emily and Abigail,*

I am shocked and saddened by Max's passing. Max was an incredible guy and will be greatly missed. Although we didn't see each other frequently, I can tell you Max always had a smile and something positive to say. I will miss him, and will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers.

Marty and Chris Cone

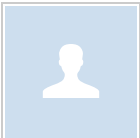
Martin Cone - November 10, 2016 at 03:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Max Gardner Jr..*



November 10, 2016 at 02:19 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Max Gardner Jr..*



November 10, 2016 at 02:13 PM

RO

“ My sincere condolences on the passing of Max. He was one of kind; loved to laugh, treated everyone with kindness and respect. I have many fond memories and stories from time of working with him at Peregrine - he loved a good steak, Cold Stone ice cream, and grouper sandwiches.

When I hear of someone's loved one passing, I am reminded of the people in my life that have passed and reflect on the following poem. I hope it brings you some level of comfort at this difficult time.

*Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am in a thousand winds that blow,
I am the softly falling snow.
I am the gentle showers of rain,
I am the fields of ripening grain.
I am in the morning hush,
I am in the graceful rush
Of beautiful birds in circling flight,
I am the star shine of the night.
I am in the flowers that bloom,
I am in a quiet room.
I am in the birds that sing,
I am in each lovely thing.
Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not there. I do not die.
by Mary Elizabeth Frye*

With heartfelt sadness.

Bobby Lee

Robert - November 10, 2016 at 02:06 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Max Gardner Jr..*



November 10, 2016 at 01:27 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Max Gardner Jr..*



November 10, 2016 at 12:57 PM



“ *Judy, Emily and Abigail and family. We were so shocked to hear of Max's death. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Pat and John Gilley

Patricia Gilley - November 10, 2016 at 12:05 PM



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Pat and John Gilley

Patricia Gilley - November 10, 2016 at 12:03 PM

GB

“ Gary and I (Brigitte) send our love and prayers. We will always remember what a kind and caring man Max was and the impact he had on all of the band kids who were blessed to have his joyful support.

Gary and Brigitte - November 10, 2016 at 11:46 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Max Gardner Jr..



November 10, 2016 at 10:28 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Max Gardner Jr..



November 10, 2016 at 09:09 AM

MJ

“ Mitch, Karen, Amanda, Robert, Lauren and Jeremy purchased the Bountiful Rose Basket for the family of Max Gardner Jr..



Mitch, Karen, Amanda, Robert, Lauren and Jeremy -
November 10, 2016 at 08:59 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Max Gardner Jr..*



November 10, 2016 at 07:15 AM



“ *Judy, Emily and Abigail, Michael and Amy, please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Max will be deeply missed. May God watch over and bless you all.*

Mitch and Karen Wood

Mitch Wood - November 10, 2016 at 04:57 AM



“ *Judy, Emily and Abigail We are deeply saddened to hear about Max's death. He has been such a support for us since the death of Michael. We hope that you know how special your family is to us. Mike and Nancy Beck*

nancy w beck - November 09, 2016 at 06:07 PM



“ *Judy, Emily and Abigail, Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I have so many wonderful memories of Max and will miss his friendship. He helped me during one of the lowest times in my life and I will never forget the love and compassion that he showed me. God bless you and please let me know if there is anything that I can do.*

Jeff Culpepper

Jeff Culpepper - November 09, 2016 at 04:22 PM

JW

"Judy, Ted and I would like for you to know you are in our prayers during this unexpected event in your life. Max had such a beautiful, welcoming smile each time we greeted each other. He will be missed by us. You are in good company at Northside Chapel, but, you know we would love to assist you in any way during your transition. Love and God Bless You and Your Family.

Ted and Judy Walker

Judy D. Walker - November 09, 2016 at 05:56 PM

LB

*Judy and family,
Warren and I are so deeply sorry for your loss. We enjoyed speaking with Max at Megan's wedding. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Please do not hesitate to ask if there is anything we can do for you.*

Lynne Beach

Lynne Beach - November 10, 2016 at 10:59 AM

LC

Dear Gardners,

I'm shocked and saddened to hear of Max's passing. He had such a wonderful sense of humor and a love for the truth. I don't think I ever enjoyed working with someone so much. I will miss Max dearly. I am so sorry for your loss. The Culloms will keep you in our prayers during this difficult time. Sincerely - Lee & Tracy, Jake, Ryan, Luke, Laine, Mary Clare, Sara, Josephine and Catherine.

Lee Cullom - November 10, 2016 at 12:40 PM

JS

Judy,Emily,and Abigail we were so sorry to hear of Max's passing. We have you and the family in our thoughts and prayers. Love Johnnie & Jane Satterfield

Johnnie & Jane Satterfield - November 10, 2016 at 02:20 PM

AN

Lifting you up in love an prayer. My sincere sympathy.

Ann Nix - November 10, 2016 at 03:02 PM

TP

*Judy, Emily and Abigail
Please know my heart goes out to you and you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Trudy & John McElroy

Trudy McElroy NSH Pharmacy - November 11, 2016 at 11:16 AM

TD

Judy, Emily and Abigail, The greatest testament to a man is his family. Max was a loving husband and when he spoke of the girls his eyes sparkled. Max and I worked together on the AHS Foundation and he was a wonderful advocate. My children benefitted from his founding leadership of the AHS Band Boosters. I chuckled to myself when I saw the election results on Tuesday and thought how much Max would have enjoyed the outcome. Your family is in my prayers.

Tom Dalluge

Tom Dalluge - November 11, 2016 at 12:06 PM

RC

Judy, Emily, and Abigail,

We can't find the right words to express our support for each of you, and while we're sure we can't fathom your loss and how you feel, we want to let you know that we deeply care.

You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Ron and Debbie Cooley

R. Cooley - November 11, 2016 at 01:32 PM

FN

*Judy, Emily & Abigail, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to each of you. May the memories of your husband/Father serve as the strength as you journey through the loss.
Fiona Nemetz*

Fiona Nemetz - November 14, 2016 at 10:30 AM