



## David E. Gardner

May 24, 1964 - August 4, 2010

David E. Gardner, 46, of Wapakoneta, OH, died 7:54 a.m., Wed. Aug. 5, 2010, at St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima, following a 3 ½ year battle with cancer. He was born May 24, 1964, in Shelby Co., OH, the son of James Edward & Mary Rae (Barlow) Gardner, and they survive in Jacksonville, FL. On Sept. 1, 1990, he married Barbara A. Elliott, and she survives in Wapakoneta. Other survivors include, 3 children, Maggie Gardner, Benjamin Gardner, Nicholas Gardner, all at home, siblings, Jimmy Gardner, Wapakoneta, OH, Teresa (Alan) Gardner-Handley, Clearwater, FL, Eric (Lara) Gardner, Baton Rouge, LA, a ½ sister, Kathy (Travis) Temple, Celina, OH, grandmother, Evelyn Barlow, Wapakoneta, brothers-in-law & sisters-in-law, Dennis (Maryann) Elliott, Columbus, OH, John (Marcia) Elliott, Shawnee, Jerry Price, Celina, OH, Carl (Beth) Elliott, Shawnee, OH, Susie Elliott, Wapakoneta, Mike (Pam) Elliott, Wapakoneta, Pat (Paula) Elliott, New Bremen, OH, numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, great nieces & great nephews. He was preceded in death by an infant brother & infant sister, Margaret & Paul Gardner, and a sister-in-law, Cathy (Elliott) Price. David retired from the U.S. Navy in 2001. He was a 1982 graduate of Wapakoneta Senior High School, and was pursuing a degree in secondary education at The Ohio State University-Lima. He had planned to be a football coach and teacher. Football was his passion, and he volunteered as a football coach in the Memphis, TN inner city schools, Pensacola Catholic and at the Wapakoneta Middle School for 2 years. He was also a football referee and officiated many games in the area. His hobbies included gourmet cooking, designing and baking cakes, disc golf, and spending time with his family, especially his children. He was an avid Cincinnati Bengals fan. Funeral services will be 2:30 p.m., Sun. Aug. 8, 2010, at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, Pastor Greg Roberts officiating. The family will receive friends 2-4 & 6-8 p.m., Sat. Aug. 7, 2010 at the funeral home. Military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta VFW, at the funeral home following the funeral service. Memorial contributions may be directed to the family.

# Tribute Wall

KJ

“ *My heart goes out to you and the children.*

Karla and Jim - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM

AF

“ *goodbye old friend,you were an inspiration and great leader. you will be missed. godspeed>>>>A.J.*

A.J. Fields - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM

VB

“ *Barb, you and your family are in my prayers. It has been a long journey for your husband,but now he has reached his destination in heaven. I hope this thought gives you peace. If there is anything I cn do or if you just want to talk,just call.*

Vicki Bailey - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM

JJ

“ *This tribute is beautifull, I love you all so much. I'll miss you David. God bless you all with strength and comfort.*

Janis Jeanneret - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM

TT

“ *Barb and family, Our deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time of David's passing. May God keep you near and dear to his heart and love. The Tittle Family Wapak Class of 1982*

Todd Tittle - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM

DE

“ *"They that go down to the sea in ships, who do business in the great waters; these see the works of the Lord and His wonders in the Deep." Psalm 107:23,24 KJV Go well dear brother- we will miss your great sense of humor and that shiny bald head! Rest well in the arms of the Lord forever~ We will stay close to your family~ Love always Dennis & Maryann*

Dennis & Maryann Elliott - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM

BL

“ Although we didn't know Dave well, our grandchildren Jeff and Darien feel part of your family and will miss him dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Barb, Maggie, Ben and Nick.

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**Brenda and Bruce Lillicrap** - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM

LB

“ Thinking of all of Davids friends and family at this very sad time xx Sleep peacefully David. Forever in the arms of the angels now, where you are free from pain xxx

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**Louise Brown** - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM