



Harlan A. Gardner

May 3, 1952 - October 28, 2023

Harlan Albert Gardner, 71, passed away on October 28, 2023 at Blue Water Hospice in Marysville, with his family by his side.

He was born on May 3, 1952 in Sandusky, Michigan to the late Albert and Marcia (Gregory) Gardner.

He married Sandra Bloome on October 22, 1971 in Harper Woods, Michigan.

Harlan graduated from Croswell-Lexington High School in 1970. He worked at Samuel Whittar Steel Plant, where he retired as plant superintendent, after 29 years. Harlan went on to manage the last 15 years at Black Rock RV Village in Salome, AZ. Thru out his careers he was known for his hard work, dedication and passion for helping others. He was a beloved father, husband, brother and friend who will deeply be missed by all who knew him.

Harlan enjoyed spending time with family and friends, hunting, sharing stories over cocktails, playing cards & numerous games of dice with his AZ friends.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra (Bloome) Gardner, daughter, Stacie (Ty) Stone, son, Marc (Tracey) Gardner, grandchildren; Mallory Gardner and Morgan Gardner, siblings; Faith (Charles) Phillips, Kevin (Charlene) Gardner and Tracie (Kenneth) Rennie.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday – November 5, 2023 from 12:00pm until 3:00pm at the Croswell American Legion – 97 W. Harrington –

Croswell, Michigan 48422.

Arrangements in care of Jowett Funeral Home – Port Huron.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 5. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Croswell American Legion
97 W. Harrington Road
Croswell, MI

Tribute Wall

TG

“ *The happy hour Gang!! planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harlan A. Gardner.*

The happy hour Gang!! - November 02, 2023 at 10:17 AM

TG

“ *The happy hour Gang!! purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Harlan A. Gardner.*



The happy hour Gang!! - November 02, 2023 at 10:17 AM

WB

“ *Fly High Harlan!!!! I am sure you are blessed by Gods grace!!! So many memories so many good times....A Gentle giant of a man that cannot be replaced!!!! My love to you and the whole family!!! Things will never be the same without you!!!! You were my shining star!!! Gruff around the edges but a heart of Gold!!!! You are missed by all your AZ co-workers and friends...Reat easy my friend Wendy Borland*

Wendy Borland - November 01, 2023 at 03:06 PM

CP

“ Sandra, I remember all of the fun times we had in the summers at Lexington when I was a teenager. Harlan was always smiling and goofing around with us at the beach. He was so cute and his smile was the best! I'm so sorry for your loss. Sending you and your family my most heartfelt condolences during this difficult time. Harlan is now watching over all of you. ❤️
Love Always,
Carol Parsons (Krajewski)

Carol Parsons - November 01, 2023 at 10:06 AM

LH

“ Jack and I hadn't been at Black Rock very long when one of the maintenance workers passed away. At that time he was about the only one who drove the water truck. I didn't know it the time but I heard later that Harlan was very close to this man. Well, I knew Harlan and the guys were pretty busy setting up for this man's memorial (I'm sure there are people from Black Rock who remember this man's name) so I went to Sandy with an idea I thought might be nice. She said good idea but ask Harlan if they would move the truck over by the camp ground. So I found Harlan and asked him if they could move the truck over there. I was going to make-up a big poster and tape it to the water truck so people could sign it or add memories to it. In seconds I think he orbited earth and then appeared again before me with steam coming out around his collar. I went back to the office and told Sandy I didn't know if he was going to do it or not. She told me to go a head and get the poster ready and she'd take care of it. Later I went out and saw they had moved the truck so I went over and taped the poster to it. I made a big circle around Harlan. Not long after I got back to my desk I see these arms, with a body, leaning over my desk and tapping his fingers. I looked up and Harlan says, “What are doing.” “Just closing out.” “Ok, we got the truck moved and the posters on it.” “Good, thank you.” I know it was his way of saying sorry. He might have been a bit testy there for a while. But, we saw him many times tell someone “No.”. But we would see him again doing what he had said no to earlier. After he stepped down from being a manager he really changed because he didn't have all that stress. He wanted people to think he was tough but he was a big softie at heart. I really respected Harlan; for his high work ethic, he was trustworthy, if he said he'd do something he did it, and he watched over that park. Harlan and Sandy would take a last lap around, the park. Checking for people who didn't belong, making sure we all had water, he knew that park in and out. It wasn't until the last few years that he'd take a vacation. That man put his heart into taking care of that park and the people in it. Rest in peace, Harlan. I'm going to miss you. Love, Laura H.

Laura Haverlock - November 01, 2023 at 12:08 AM

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“ *He will truly missed. We're so sorry for your loss. Love you all*

stones - October 30, 2023 at 03:38 PM