



Vernon Wallace Garrett

August 21, 1922 - April 6, 2020

Vernon Wallace Garrett, 97, formerly of Grandview Circle, Travelers Rest, SC, passed away peacefully at White Oak Manor of Tryon, NC on April 6, 2020. Born on August 21, 1922 in Pickens County, SC, he was a son of the late James Fred Garrett, Sr. and Stella Mae Cook Garrett. Vernon was the last surviving member of his immediate family of eight children, including two sets of twins. Vernon's twin, Vera Webb Garrett, passed away as an infant in 1923. He was predeceased by twins, James Fred Garrett, Jr. and Frances Alberta Garrett Roper (John); Helen Florine Garrett; Frank Marion Garrett (Margaret); Charles Wesley Garrett and George Watson Garrett (Arlene).

Vernon served in the US Navy as a Pharmacist's Mate Second Class during World War II (1942-1946). He was stationed primarily in the South Pacific (Wellington, New Zealand) and Portsmouth, Virginia. He met his wife of sixty-eight years (Myra Donald Garrett) in Washington, DC. For more than thirty years, they owned Skyway Airstream Dealership in Travelers Rest. He was a faithful member and volunteer at Taylors First Baptist Church.

Surviving are his two daughters, Beverly Nivens, Susan McKinney and her husband Bill; his three grandchildren, Lydia Wallis Larson (Phil), Claire Nivens Pasquinelli (Rich), and Brandon Hunter Nivens; and his two great grandchildren, Audrey Mae Larson and Phillip Larson, Jr.; and a sister-in-law, Arlene Bell Garrett.

A private Memorial Service at Mountain View Memorial Park will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Taylors First Baptist Church, 200 West Main Street, Taylors, SC 29687 or to Meals on Wheels, 15 Oregon Street, Greenville, SC 29605.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.thehowzemortuary.com

The Howze Mortuary, Travelers Rest, is in charge of the arrangements. (864) 834-8051

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Memorial Park formerly Grand View Memorial Gardens

7 Duncan Rd.
Travelers Rest, SC

Tribute Wall

MB

“ Susan and Bill, I am sorry to hear of the passing of Vernon. You are in my thoughts as I think about the happy times Helen and I shared with Myra and Vernon in years past.

Marian Cooper Bryan - April 27, 2020 at 12:00 PM



“ Dear Susan and Bill, we were so sorry to hear and we are holding you close in our thoughts. Carolyn Hart and Sandy Godwin

Carolyn Hart - April 16, 2020 at 04:25 PM

MB

“ Susan: joining all these others in sending condolences on the death of your father. I always enjoyed his company and admired his fun-loving ways...he was indeed "one of a kind". i grieve with you...hugs!!!

margaret blackwell - April 16, 2020 at 01:07 PM

JB

“ Our sincerest condolences for your loss!
Jennifer Bralley



J Bralley - April 14, 2020 at 02:52 PM

EM

“ Uncle Vernon was my mother’s (Frances Garrett Roper) last remaining sibling. I fondly recall countless visits to their home on their Airstream sales lot in Travelers Rest. He and Myra were so gracious to invite me to visit them and hang out with my cousins Beverly and Susan. We played for hours on end, often sneaking into some of the Airstreams as if they were our own personal “playhouses!”

He loved family and often made the trip to Catechee with his family to gather with my grandparents “on the farm” along with so many other aunts and uncles and cousins. We “Garrett Cousins” had the run of the farm, milking cows and collecting fresh eggs while getting into much mischief!

He lived a good long life and will be greatly missed but fondly remembered. Beverly and Susan, you were such amazing women who provided the best of tireless love and care for both your parents. Please know how very sorry I am for your loss. Love Elaine


elaine marchbanks - April 12, 2020 at 09:57 PM

AL

“ Arlene Steve Rebecca and Lisa purchased the Fruit Abounds for the family of Vernon Wallace Garrett.



Arlene Steve Rebecca and Lisa - April 12, 2020 at 04:00 PM

 Robert Boggs

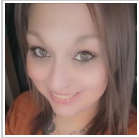
“ Susan, I am very sorry to know of your father's death.
Robert Boggs

Robert Boggs - April 12, 2020 at 07:34 AM

LG

“ The last family dinner we had, we were talking about all the fun family memories from South Carolina. I won't be able to tell the story as well, but Steve talked about coming over to visit Uncle Vernon as a small boy. Vernon would say, “Steve lookie here...do you like this pocket knife?” Steve definitely did. “Well, you can have it, but you need to give me something for it. What do you have?” Steve looked around to find something he could possibly trade ...and came up with an old penny. Uncle Vernon gladly took the penny and handed over the new treasure. A sweet exchange and an important lesson in life given as well. He was a good man and we will miss him dearly. Sending love and hugs to Beverly, Susan, and all the rest. xo

Lisa Garrett - April 11, 2020 at 06:33 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Papa passing. He and Myra were so near and dear to my heart!! Sending my condolences and prayers to the family!!

Heather Wilkey - April 11, 2020 at 01:18 PM

MK

“ Mr. Garrett was a wonderful neighbor. He always had a kind word and was generous with his friendly advice. Both he and Mrs. Garrett loved their yard and especially enjoyed this time of year. And they were both so kind to my wife Martha when she was fighting cancer. I have missed him since he moved and the house was sold. You will be happy to know that the couple who bought the house love working in the yard!
May God bless.
Mike Kellett

Mike Kellett - April 09, 2020 at 09:41 AM

KB

“ I remember Papa well, such a fun loving man. I always enjoyed when he would sing, especially "You are my Sunshine" accompanied by Bea on the piano, so sweet. Truly sorry for your loss!



Kim Brink - April 08, 2020 at 05:27 PM

JJ

“ Susan, Bill and Bev--in times that we are experiencing right now is hard enough, but for you all death of your father. Just know that prayers are a consolation and comfort!!
Philippians 1:21

Joann Jones - April 08, 2020 at 04:37 PM

DH

“ So sorry for your loss,prayers for the family

Deborah Haley - April 08, 2020 at 03:49 PM

CL

Susan and Bill, Don and I send our sympathy in the death of Susan's father. Please know we are praying for you during this time. Don and Carolyn Lancaster

Carolyn and Don Lancaster - April 09, 2020 at 04:45 PM

AG

My deepest sympathy in the passing of your father. Vernon will always have a special place in my heart. Our family loved our visits spent with family in SC and sharing time and stories with Vernon and Myra and each of you. Fond Memories of our wonderful vacation together at Fripp Island will always be special. Vernon was kind, smart and always fun. May he Rest In Peace together again with his beloved Myra.. My love and prayers to Susan Bill and Beverly and the grandchildren. 🙏



Arlene Bell Garrett - April 11, 2020 at 07:08 PM

JP

Nancy and I were blessed to be their next door neighbor for 50 years. Myra and Vernon were family and supportive friends - always available, house watchers and mail gatherers. Their puppies (Rough and Ready) greeters and ice cream eaters!

Jim and Nancy - April 11 @ 8:30 PM

Jim Pitts - April 11, 2020 at 08:31 PM

EK

Susan and Bill, my sympathies over the loss of Susan's dad. I lived across the street from your mom and dad when I first moved to Travelers Rest. Such a nice family to live near as they touched many lives. Esther King

Esther King - April 12, 2020 at 08:18 AM

DG

Beverly, Susan and Bill: Heartfelt sympathy to your family during the loss of your dear father, Vernon. I will always remember his interesting conversations about family and friends. The last time I visited with him was December 2018, at the nursing home, visiting my mother. It's hard to believe that most of the Cook-Garrett cousins are no longer with us. They are all missed. Bob and Doris Guerreri

Doris Guerreri - April 18, 2020 at 04:14 PM