



W. Warren Gardner

March 18, 1937 - March 19, 2014

Warren Gardner, 77, of McKeesport, formerly of Irwin, died suddenly at home Wednesday March 19, 2014. He was born March 18, 1937 in Greensburg, a son of the late William Warren and Louise J. (Swanson) Gardner. Warren was a retired Biology teacher at Norwin High School and was always proud of being a teacher in the Norwin School District. He was a graduate of Irwin High School, Class of 1955, where he was a member of the state championship basketball team. He was a graduate of Westminster College where he was a member of the basketball team and the college alumni association. Warren was a person who loved and appreciated nature. He was instrumental in starting and then became the leader of the local beautification project through the Norwin Chamber of Commerce and could be seen planting trimming and beautifying traffic islands and other areas around the Norwin area. He also established and maintained a butterfly garden at the Norwin Public Library, conducted nature walks at Braddock Trail Park, and was an avid outdoor photographer and bird watcher. He was a member of the local and national Audubon Society and the Irwin Garden Club. He was inducted into the Norwin Athletic Hall of Fame for his playing and coaching in the Norwin School District and was an avid Steelers fan and season ticket holder. In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by his wife of 38 years Carol L. (Hickman) Gardner in 2008. He is the beloved father of Marcie Patchel of White Oak, Eric (Heather) Gardner of North Huntingdon, and David Gardner of Pittsburgh; loving grandfather of Ryan and Abby Patchel and Gray and Graham Gardner; cherished brother of J. Curt (Pat) Gardner of North Huntingdon and Karen (Thomas) Godlewski of Greensburg; also nieces and nephews. Friends will be received from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the William Snyder Funeral Home, 521 Main Street, Irwin, 724-863-1200, where a funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday with Dr. Ronald H. Wakeman, officiating. Interment will follow in Jefferson Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers a contribution can be made in Warren's name to the Norwin Public Library, butterfly garden fund, 100 Caruthers Lane, Irwin, PA 15642.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr Gardner will forever be one of my favorite teachers at Norwin. His field trips to Assateague and Chincoteague forever changed me into a bird lover/ornithology fan. We live in Myrtle Beach now with a large pond out back and know every wading, shore, diving bird because of Mr Gardner's burning desire to teach us. I remember the caravan of cars stopping on the side of the highway to look at a Heron or Egret. Or an announcement over the PA at the high school for all of his students to meet outside because there was an Arctic owl perched up in a tree. Another great memory was sleeping in tents in the salt marshes down in Chincoteague. Rip Mr Gardner you certainly enriched my life.*

Mark McCullough



Mark McCullough - February 14, 2024 at 02:52 PM



“ *W. Warren Gardner*

October 07, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ *W. Warren Gardner*

August 23, 2022 at 04:00 PM

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“ *Dear Gardner family, My husband and I both had Mr. Gardner as a teacher at Norwin (class of 97' and 98'). He is the reason we met. He organized a community service project after school planting trees at the Irwin post office. We've been married 11 years and have two children, but it was Mr. Gardner that brought us together. We both have very fond memories of him, I remember the birds in the back of his class room, learning the various bird names which I still can recall and his love for the outdoors. My husband went on a weekend trip with him and a few other students to Hawk mountain. He was one of our favorite teachers for numerous reasons. I'm so sorry for your loss, please know we'll be praying for your family during this difficult time.*

Roberta and Dave Helmstadter - March 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Karen, Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you and your family. Toni and Ron Cosalter

March 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Warrens family, You do not know us but we were friends of your dads in Sanibel. We ate breakfast with Warren everyday in January at the Lighthouse cafe. We met him the winter after your mom died. He tried to get us interested in birding which we did to some degree but nothing like he would have liked! He gave Scott one of his favorite photos of a crocodile that hangs in Scott's dental office. We will miss him greatly and share in your grief. Scott and Tommie PuryearWynne, Arkansas

Scott and Tommie Puryear - March 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM