



Dr. Carl Wade Gardiner, Jr.

September 4, 1942 - March 17, 2017

Dr. Carl W. Gardiner Jr. died on March 17, 2017 in Jupiter, FL at the age of 74. He was born on September 4, 1942 in Orange, NJ and grew up in Short Hills, where he attended Millburn High School. He was graduated from Lafayette College, where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. He served in the United States Navy from 1968 to 1970, achieving the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Dr. Gardiner practiced Oral and Maxillo-Facial Surgery in Red Bank, NJ for forty years. He completed his residency at New York University/Bellevue Hospital, where he was Chief Resident. He was on the teaching staff at Monmouth Medical Center in Long Branch and on staff at Riverview Hospital in Red Bank. He loved caring for his patients; in the evening, he would call to check in on each one he had seen that day.

He was an active member of his communities. Carl served as Police Commissioner and President of the Town Council of Shrewsbury, NJ. He was an active member at Christ Church Shrewsbury, including serving as Senior Warden for many years. He was also President of the Board of The Rumson Country Club.

Throughout his life, he loved boating and the beach, painting portraits of his family and friends, and above all else, playing golf. He retired to Florida in

2013, where he took up bridge and enjoyed his days swimming in the ocean, reading in the sun, grilling and eating home-cooked meals, and of course playing golf. He was a generous friend to many, who will remember him for his humility and kindness, an easy demeanor, and a great capacity for fun.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years, Janet Taylor Gardiner, and his three children: Sara and her husband Michael Parmelee of Highlands, NJ; Carl and his wife Polly Riemenschneider of New Canaan, CT; and Lee and her husband Alec Koch of Washington, D.C. In small, manageable doses, he delighted in his six grandsons: Kyle Frechette, whose father Kevin remains beloved in our memory; Sam, Hugh and Auggie Gardiner; and Eliot and Henry Koch. He is also survived by his two adoring sisters, Pamela Machado and Ann Drake.

Memorial services will be held at 11am on Thursday, March 23 at Christ Memorial Chapel, 52 South Beach Road, Hobe Sound, FL and on April 18, 11am at Saint Georges By the River, 7 Lincoln Avenue, Rumson, NJ 07760. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Lustgarten Foundation, www.lustgarten.org. Condolences may be offered at www.taylorandmodeen.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Carl Wade Gardiner, Jr.*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *Jan and Lee; Terry and i only found out about Carl's passing today. Please accept our most sincere condolences.*

Paul and Terry Sperber - Shrewsbury, NJ - May 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Jan and Family, I'm so sad to hear of Carl's passing. He will be missed for his kind, quiet steadiness. I have always admired both of you and have always held Carl in the highest esteem. I worked briefly in his office and he was one of the kindest people I've known. His presence will be noticed and missed. I'm glad you had some quality time together since his diagnosis and we wish that those good memories will help sustain you in your grief. Wishing you much love, Kristen and Rich Gillette*

Kristen Gillette - Oceanport, NJ - Friend - April 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to learn of Dr Gardiner,s passing. Such a very nice man.*

Susan Collins - March 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am sorry for your great loss. May the God who "binds up the brokenhearted" and "comforts all who mourn," sustain you and your family during this challenging time. Isaiah 61: 1, 2*

A friend - March 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *A wonderful man and a wonderful family. I will always remember his kindness to many. In sympathy and friendship, Pete de Groot & Family*

Pete de groot - Richmond, VA - friend - March 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ *Carl studied painting with me on Tuesdays for quite a few years and I looked forward to talking with him, and watching his paintings - which reflected his deep love for family - develop. I bereave his gentle, kind spirit - a man who would always be sitting in the hallway around 7 pm, taking a break to call the patients that he had "worked on" during the day. I will miss you Carl - the class misses you as well; a deep sense of grief descended on those of us who knew you when we heard the news. My condolences go to Jan and the entire family. A lovely man is no longer with us - I regret that I did not get a chance to wave goodbye.*

Grace Graupe-Pillard - Keyport, NJ - March 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *I'm honored to have known you, and thankful for your warm support.*

Jai Ramoutar - New York, NY - acquaintance - March 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ *The Doc was a beacon of wisdom in our neighborhood in Shrewsbury. He was kind, caring, thoughtful, and supportive in his own understated way. And as with many talented people, he somehow made life look easy. I am very saddened by the news of his passing and will hold close many fond memories of him, including his 'great capacity for fun.' Blessings on the Doc, Jan, and the family.*

Cass (Carol) Vogt-Erickson - Saint Paul, MN - neighbor - March 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *It was such a shock when I heard the sad news about Carl. He will be missed and my love to you Janet. Lynn Harding*

Lynn Harding - Tequesta, FL - friend - March 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *I know Heaven is a little brighter now that Carl is in it because he was such a bright light here with us. I had the good fortune to work alongside Carl and to call him my friend for 30 years. From a young 21 year old until we both retired. He taught me about dentistry and about life. We shared happy and sad times and the milestones of our families. Carl was an excellent surgeon with a kind and generous heart. What a wonderful combination! I will miss him terribly but I will cherish the memories of our time together. All my love to Jan and their beautiful family. With much love, Debbie Taddeo*

A friend - March 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM