



Mr. Thomas Harold Garner

October 14, 2012

Thomas Harold Garner, 82, of Fairview, NC, formerly a long time resident of Seneca, SC died on October 14, 2012. Services for Mr. Garner will be held Thursday at 11:30 am at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints located at Wells Highway, Seneca, SC. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow at Oconee Memorial Park.

Mr. Garner was born July 4, 1930 in Farmer, NC. He is the son of the late Milton Worth and Mary Ellen Branson Garner. While serving in the Army in Washington, DC, he met Ceytru (Trudy) Bentley. They were married July 26, 1954. The couple moved to Raleigh, NC where Thomas graduated from North Carolina State University with a doctorate in Agricultural Engineering. In 1962, the family moved to Seneca, SC, where he began a 30 year career as a research and teaching professor at Clemson University in the Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering. He was privileged to work and associate with many wonderful co-workers and students who became life-long friends.

He was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints serving in many leadership roles. He especially loved Scouting. Upon retirement, Thomas and Trudy served a full-time mission in Longview, Texas. Upon returning to Seneca, Mr. Garner became a church patriarch until he was granted emeritas status in 2011.

Mr. Garner is survived by his wife Ceytru Bentley Garner, seven children and spouses, Charles and Laura Garner, Bluffdale, UT; Nancy and Paul Gregory, Boise, ID; Ada and Keith Wilson, Orem, UT; Harold and Shauna Garner, Filer, UT; David and Christy Garner, Bluffdale, UT; Ann and Craig Draughon, Chapel Hill, NC; and John and Kim Garner, Fairview, NC. Also 37 grandchildren (one deceased), and thirty-one great grandchildren. He is survived by his brother, Wallace Garner and his wife, Ersal, of Farmer, NC as well as dear cousins, nieces, and nephews. Preceding him in death are siblings Ruth, Marion, Esther, Richard, and Edwin. Thomas loved family history; he was very respectful of his roots and loved sharing stories of his childhood and ancestors. Thomas was a farmer at heart and an engineer by craft. He spent his life gardening, tending vegetables and people. He used his creative mind to design solutions and then went to work to build them.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Thomas Harold Garner*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *I don't even know of the family will see this....*

The Thompsons moved into the Seneca Ward in 1986 while Tom was serving as Bishop. I still remember the first time he greeted our family. After shaking hands with my wife and me, he shook hands with each of my children, ages 6, 4 and 2. He asked each of them to say their name, and then he patted his pocket so you could hear the coins jingle. He then made a promise to each of my small children: if I shake hands with either of your parents and you are there, if I don't shake your hand or I don't remember your name, I will give you a dime. Well, he didn't give out very many dimes. He was a wonderful and caring man.

Tom and Trudy were and are examples to us all. We enjoyed working with them in the Seneca Ward for several years and in a number of capacities. Our hearts go out to all the family at this time, but we know you will be comforted by each other, by many, many friends, and by The Spirit.

*Love from Mike and Kelly Thompson
San Pedro, Chile*

Michael Thompson - October 22, 2012 at 03:05 PM

WP

“ *Willette Poole lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Harold Garner*



Willette Poole - October 18, 2012 at 05:51 PM

DB

“ *Harold, David, Ada and Nancy--sending my deepest sympathy to you and your family.*

Donna Sanders Bradley



Donna Sanders Bradley - October 18, 2012 at 07:20 AM

RD

“ *Rick DuBose lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Harold Garner*



Rick DuBose - October 17, 2012 at 02:36 PM

MD

“ Even though I was a Professor in Mechanical Engr. and Tom was a Professor in Agricultural Engr., we taught similar courses. Hence Tom and I would get together to discuss teaching techniques, and various other topics. Tom was a caring Professor who wanted the best for his students. I enjoyed knowing and interacting with him. He was one of the good guys.

I know that you are hurting and I am sorry for your loss and for your pain.

Marv Dixon

Marvin W. Dixon - October 17, 2012 at 10:03 AM

VB

“ Vickie Byko lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Harold Garner



Vickie Byko - October 17, 2012 at 08:10 AM

LK

“ Lynn Kunkle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Harold Garner



Lynn Kunkle - October 17, 2012 at 07:27 AM

RG

“ Ronald And JoEtta Gantt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Harold Garner



Ronald and JoEtta Gantt - October 16, 2012 at 09:54 PM

NR

“ Nancy Virginia Robertson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Harold Garner



Nancy Virginia Robertson - October 16, 2012 at 07:58 PM

JM

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Jodie Lynn Masteller - October 16, 2012 at 06:07 PM

HA

“ Tom was once my professor, later my colleague, and always my friend. I was always inspired by and admired his positive attitude and his relationships with colleagues and students. I truly regret his passing.

Harold Allen

Harold Allen - October 16, 2012 at 12:10 PM

JG

“ *Ann and family,
My sympathy to you and your family.
Jackie Galbreath*



Jackie Galbreath - October 16, 2012 at 11:22 AM

RS

“ *As a young married I learned that there were men on the path
ahead of me showing me the way. Tom Garner was one of my hero
examples that I tried to follow. Thank you, Tom , for a positive
influence in my life. Love to your family.*

Lynn Lawhon

Robert Lynn Lawhon - Gaffney, SC - October 16, 2012 at 05:40 AM

MA

“ *Marty lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas
Harold Garner*



Marty - October 15, 2012 at 05:31 PM