



## Cecil Pearl Gardner

June 16, 1924 - February 12, 2022

Cecil Pearl Gardner passed from this life on February 12, 2022, at home, quietly, surrounded by her family. She was born on June 16, 1924, in Blair, Oklahoma to Dora Lee McElroy and Ada (Shockley) McElroy. Cecil grew up near Warren, went to school at Elk View School in Jackson County and graduated High School from Warren, where she was a star basketball player. At age 18 she moved to Wichita, Kansas and worked as “Rosie The Riveter” in 1942 to help the war effort. She opened her first beauty shop in Blair. Cecil married Raymond C. Gardner in 1946. In 1952, Cecil and Chuck moved to Medicine Park where she continued her beauty shop career. She owned and operated “Cecil’s Beauty Shop”, the longest continuing business in Medicine Park. She held an Oklahoma Cosmetology License from 1944 until 2017. Cecil was also the oldest person living in Medicine Park and a member of the First Baptist church in Medicine Park, since 1958. Cecil was always supportive of her sons and husband in their various fishing and hunting adventures. She put her two sons through college with both receiving BS Degrees from Oklahoma State University. Cecil loved spending time with her family and grandchildren.

She is survived by her two sons, Michael Gene Gardener and wife Carol Lee of Silver City, New Mexico and Gary Ray Gardner and wife Debra Ann of Medicine Park, sister Deanne Gardner of Grove, Oklahoma. Cecil leaves a legacy of grandchildren: Jason Ray Gardner, Jeremy Lee Gardner, Justin Ray Gardner, and Kelly (Gardner) Lamb, great-grandchildren, Jean Marie

(Gardner)Gutierrez, Wesley Cooper Lamb, Tayler Nichol Lamb, Jeremy Michael Gardner, Joanna Marissa Gardner, Katie Gardner, Jacob Gardner and Kade Gardner, great-great-grandchildren, Charlotte Blair Gutierrez, Caleb Rascal Gutierrez, and Haevyn Lamb, along with a host of other relatives and friends. Cecil was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 48 years, Raymond Gardner, four sisters, Myrtle Davis, Opal Davis, Jody Jennings and Jacky Winters and brother D.L. McElroy.

Graveside services for Cecil are scheduled for Wednesday, February 16, 2022, 2:00 P.M. at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Lawton. Viewing will begin Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 8:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M., Peoples Cooperative Funeral Home, located at 1400 West Main, Lone Wolf, OK 580-846-9018.

On-line condolences for Cecil can be made by visiting, [www.peoplescooperativefuneralhome.com](http://www.peoplescooperativefuneralhome.com)

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“ *Cecil Pearl Gardner*

October 08, 2023 at 02:10 PM



“ *Cecil Pearl Gardner*

October 04, 2023 at 11:28 PM



“ *My name is DonMartin.... I'm the second son of James (Big Jim) and Joyce Martin...we practically live in basement of the house...My father ran the old skate rink and always went hunting with the old man..my mother worked at the hair salon in the basement of her house....I was so sorry to here of her passing....it brought back a lot of memories of happier times...My prayers are with you.*

**Don Martin** - September 28, 2023 at 03:53 PM



“ *Mimi's smile. She was an elfin person. Sweet and always something behind that beautiful smile. I love you all.*

**Linda Helms Stodola** - February 16, 2022 at 05:30 PM



“ *I will forever miss you and your warm inviting smile love you always and will always remember the fun stories she would tell.*

**Lisa Wiedemann** - February 16, 2022 at 08:13 AM

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“ *She was the best mom ever and gave me the life every boy dreams of. Mike*

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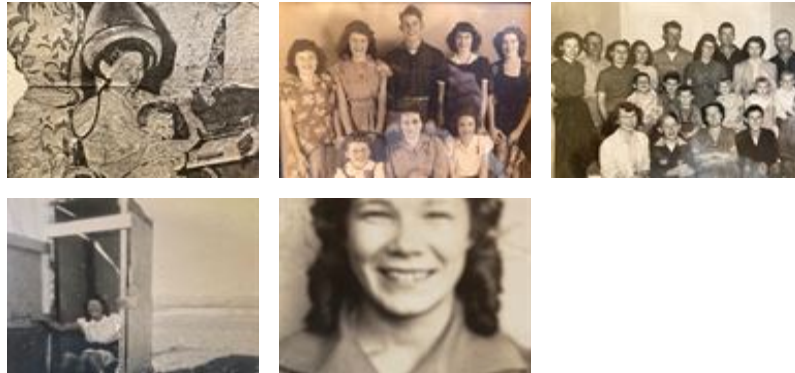
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*Hello Mike...Don Martin son of Jim and Joyce Martin... don't know if you remember me...but I wanted to send my condolence....*

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