



## Kerry Garner

July 29, 1952 - December 14, 2014

Kerry Garner, 62, of Willow, Ok., passed away Sunday, December 14, 2014, at Integris Hospice House in Oklahoma City, after a brief illness.

Kerry was born on July 29, 1952, in Sayre, Ok. to Hazel (Anderton) Garner and Travis Garner. She graduated from Granite High School in 1970 and later received both her Bachelors and Masters Degrees from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. Kerry began her teaching career in Moore, working there for three years, before coming to work for the Altus Schools in 1976. That year would begin a tenure that would span 26 years and include science teaching assignments at both Northeast Junior High and later Altus Junior High. She retired in 2003, the same year she was named Teacher of the Year for AJH. During her time she was very involved in both the classroom and co-curricular activities, serving as pep club and cheerleader sponsors at various times.

Because of her love for children, Kerry was a natural educator. She was very dedicated and committed to her profession. Through high expectations and a focused classroom, she repeatedly prepared her students for the challenges that lay ahead of them. She was tough, but forgiving, and taught students a great deal both within the curriculum and how to be better people.

To her friends Kerry could be described as fiercely loyal and the limitations of

her generosity were endless. She was at her core a farm girl, happiest when she was gardening in the summer or riding around the pasture with her parents or her black lab Jett. Though retired on her farm, north of Willow, she managed to maintain frequent and even daily contact with many former students and colleagues on Facebook. Kerry also had a great sense of commitment to the Carter Cemetery where she truly enjoyed organizing and maintaining the cemetery records.

Kerry is survived by her mother, Hazel of Willow, her faithful companion, Jett, several cousins and neighbors, and countless students whose lives she impacted over a life and career well-spent.

Funeral services will be 2:00 pm, Saturday, December 20, 2014 at the Peoples Co-Operative Funeral Home Chapel in Lone Wolf, Ok. Interment will follow in the Carter Cemetery, Carter, OK.

Arrangements are with People's Co-Operative Funeral Home in Lone Wolf.

Please view and sign our online guest book at [www.peoplescooperativefuneralhome.com](http://www.peoplescooperativefuneralhome.com)

Funeral Home will be open until 8:00pm on Thursday & Friday.

## Cemetery Details

### Carter Cemetery

Carter, OK

## Previous Events

### Funeral Service

DEC **20**. 2:00 PM (CT)

People's Co-Operative Funeral Home  
P.O. Box 146  
1400 W. Main  
Lone Wolf, OK 73655  
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pcfhco@gmail.com

# Tribute Wall



“ Kerry Garner

October 08, 2023 at 02:10 PM



“ Kerry Garner

October 04, 2023 at 11:28 PM



“ One of my first friends in college in 1975. Kerry was my proctor. What happened? I am so sorry. Prayers to her family.

Terri Campo Gallaway - May 24, 2015 at 02:42 PM



“ Sorry to hear of Kerry's passing. . . I would purchase tickets for a group of us that went to the C&W concerts that came to Altus back in '79 to '82. Kerry took pictures of some and gave me copies! RIP Kerry!

Maggie Adcock - December 21, 2014 at 07:42 PM



“ Fern Wolle purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Kerry Garner.



Fern Wolle - December 19, 2014 at 11:18 AM



Thomas  
Durman

“ We come from a long line of educators and I am proud to have been a product of that legacy. I enjoyed 20 years of being a teacher--of loving my kids and having them love me back. All of that is because of my wonderful Aunt Nell. I came to know Kerry later and she was always encouraging and concerned and loving. She is family and I grieve as her family but most of all I am sorry for the loss of her kids, her students. I am grateful she made a difference in your life and I am so, so glad to have had her in my corner. Your testaments say it all. Peace Kerry. Let your example guide me where I need to be. Love you.

Like •

Evangelist J. H. Bailey?Kerry Garner

Yesterday at 8:07am •

When I first fell ill, you messaged me every single day to check on me, I will NEVER forget that act of love. You were one of my favorite teachers, you so graciously commented on my singing and made me feel wonderful. Take your rest, good night, I will see you in the morning, I love you!!!

Like •

Write a comment...

Francisca Jensen?Kerry Garner

December 16 at 9:22pm •

Ms. Kerry Garner, you are missed, greatly. I appreciate all the love and joy that you provided over the years that I was a student in your classroom. You are loved.

RIP Kerry. My friend, my teacher and just a good person. When we meet again I would like an explanation for the B I got second semester in 77-78.

You left foot prints on many hearts and will never be forgotten.

Like •

*Krystal Willis?Kerry Garner*

*December 15 at 7:24pm •*

*I am so sad that you are gone. You were an amazing teacher and person! You were such an inspiration! You are the reason I absolutely love science! You cared so much for everyone. I am so blessed to have known you and have you as a teacher. I will miss you so much.*

*Danielle Butler?Kerry Garner*

*December 15 at 9:31am •*

*What a wonderful teacher!! You were more than a teacher though on so many levels. You mentored us and most importantly encouraged us to rise to the greatness you already knew we were capable of. Thank you hugely and you will be greatly missed. Write a comment...*

*Debbie English Framel?Kerry Garner*

*December 15 at 9:20am • Edmond, OK •*

*I'm going to miss you Ms. Garner. You were always such a special teacher and friend. Your posts and comments were always something that made me smile. I hope you can now rest in peace and know how much you were loved and adored. We will see you again. xoxoxo*

*Like •*

*Lindsey Lewis-Ballard?Kerry Garner*

*December 15 at 8:36am •*

*So sad to hear this. You were the most amazing and influential teacher. You had so much patience with Cate Perry Amber Phillips-Campos and I. Thanks for always cheering us on at our bball games. Heaven gained an angel ! Rest in peace..*

*Like •*

*Cate Perry She was one of my most favorite teachers. She was SO sweet and such an incredible teacher. It's crazy to think about how*

*she stayed in contact with so many of her students, even after we haven't been in her class 14 years or so. She remained so caring and interested even to this day. She will definitely be missed.*

*December 15 at 9:09am • Like • 2*

*Kass Jessup Deweese?Kerry Garner*

*December 14 at 11:46pm •*

*Ms. Garner, I am so sad. I just heard the news. You are loved and respected by many. I will miss your posts/comments. I will miss YOU! Thank you for being so loyal and dedicated to your students, friends and family. Into His arms I release you. Rest.*

*Like •*

*Michelle Garcia Bruton?Kerry Garner*

*December 14 at 9:56pm •*

*Miss Garner, we are so sad you are no longer with us, but know you are resting in peace in heaven. You started my love for science and I later went on to get my bachelor of science in major part to your influence. I loved your class! You were ALWAYS so kind and encouraging to me and I will never forget you.*

*Like •*

*News Feed*

*Danielle Baugh?Kerry Garner*

*December 14 at 9:55pm •*

*Ms. Garner, I came to your page to say hello, and now I'm having to say goodbye. I can't believe what I'm reading on here. It does*

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**Thomas Durman** - December 18, 2014 at 02:00 PM



“ Janet Hodge likes this.

*Tim Schwamb*

*Yesterday at 7:59am • Edited*

*Kerry was a great teacher, but she was so much more than that. She drew you into her classes in such a way that you wanted to do well so you didn't disappoint her. She also cared about you as a person. She was able to talk to you about anything that was on your mind, and you never felt like you were talking to a teacher; you felt like you were talking to an older mentor whose advice you valued highly. I remember going to visit her often in her apartment, just to say hi and see how she was doing for years after I was in her class. I considered her a very great friend. It saddens me to hear of her passing. May the angels welcome you on to something new and wonderful Ms Garner!*

*Like • Share*

*BR Stover and 6 others like this.*

*Robin Lemen Ballou*

*December 16 at 8:30pm*

*I've already said this on her other page but here goes... Ms. Garner, or Kerry as she would become to all of us later in life, was an inspiration to those she taught and mentored. She always amazed me with her kind words and thoughtfulness. She took an interest in every life that she encountered. She was "that one" teacher, of the few, that we come across in a lifetime, that leaves an impression. We loved you Kerry and I will be looking to the heavens to see that star shining a little brighter up there, knowing you are spreading your love, still.*

*Darla Brooks Crownover*

*December 16 at 2:03pm • Edited*

*I had not seen Kerry since high school. I was so happy to accept her friend request after sooo many years. I enjoyed reading her posts and keeping up with her life back home on the farm with her*

*dear mother, and even an occasional private message. I have not thought of anything except Kerry the last couple of days when I heard the sad news Sunday evening. She will be missed by many. At lunch today as I ate sushi, I couldn't help but remember how much my friend Kerry, loved sushi.*

*Like • Share*

*• Seen by 88*

*Christy Gilpatrick Harris and 6 others like this.*

*Holly Spear Millar*

*December 16 at 1:49pm*

*Oh Miss Garner I am very sad to have heard the news that you are no longer with us. What a rememberable teacher you are and will always be to me and many others. You had the natural ability that not all people do who become teachers. You had the gift. You could probably teach anything and be able to make your students like it and want to learn more, plus you honestly cared about each one of us. Even in our adult lives you still made us feel special to you. As a science teacher myself I find myself thinking of you and how you were always open to letting us make new discoveries and all the fun labs you let us do. You will be sorely missed. Thank you, Miss Garner. Your mom and animals will be in my prayers.*

*Like • Share*

*Kyle Duncan*

*December 16 at 11:59am*

*I was so blessed to have Ms. Garner for both 8 and 9th science. She will be missed. God Bless you Ms. Garner.*

*Like • Share*

*• Seen by 95*

*6 people like this.*

*Christy Gilpatrick Harris*

*December 14 at 7:54pm*

*Ms. Garner was an amazing teacher! She made Such an impact on so many young lives, mine included. She was someone Who inspired me to become a teacher myself (I teach in the exact*

*building where she taught) I Also loved being her friend as an adult - she loved seeing all of her student's lives as adults (on Facebook)! Definitely a fabulous lady! She will be missed!*

*Like • Share*

*• Seen by 112*

*Jeana Kay Riley, Jerry Butler, Kevin Marple and 16 others like this.*

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*Kyle Duncan Amen*

*December 16 at 11:57am • Like*

*Margaret Etherton Warren with Kerry Garner*

*December 15 at 10:32pm*

*This is how I remember Ms. Garner. Picture taken in spring of 1988*

*Like • Share*

*• Seen by 102*

*BR Stover, Christy Gilpatrick Harris, Jeana Kay Riley and 30 others like this.*

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*Margaret Etherton Warren I kept my old yearbooks. This is what she wrote for me. One of my favorite teachers I ever had. She will be dearly missed.*

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**Thomas Durman** - December 18, 2014 at 01:29 PM

BB

“ Kerry was such a truly nice person. As a teacher, she was loved and respected by her students. Her love for teaching and for the students shone through in what she did. Both of my children held her in high regard and I feel fortunate that she touched their lives and mine. She had a great sense of humor and used that in her classroom as well. Heaven knows she needed it with my son and some of his bright and mischievous friends! The fact that they think so much of her is a testament to the wonderful person and teacher she was. I enjoyed hearing from her in recent years.. She will be missed and I hope your family will find some comfort in knowing how much we cared for her.

Becky Braddock - December 17, 2014 at 04:57 PM

EF

*I am so sorry for your loss . Willow lost another Good One. Estelle Johnson Flemmons*

Estelle Flemmons - December 18, 2014 at 06:13 PM

JP

“ Jackie Bourbois Pena lit a candle in memory of Kerry Garner



Jackie Bourbois Pena - December 17, 2014 at 10:22 AM

JP

*I picked a green candle for my days at Northeast Junior High where Kerry was my science teacher. She has always been one of my favorite teachers and will truly be missed. I know that you will continue to watch over all of your students.  
Jackie Bourbois Pena*

Jackie Bourbois Pena - December 17, 2014 at 10:25 AM

FF

“ Fred & Maria Riegel and Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Kerry Garner.



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**Fred & Maria Riegel and Family** - December 17, 2014 at 08:18 AM

DK

“ We were classmates. I remember riding the school bus together for years and playing basketball together, which we dearly loved. I don't believe I ever saw her again after graduation, but kept in touch through Facebook. I remembered her & her Mom every time I went to visit my parents we passed by their farm. She will be missed! Job will done Miss Kerry!!!

*Donna Babek Knight*

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**Donna Knight** - December 17, 2014 at 07:41 AM

TF

“ The Conti Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kerry Garner.



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**The Conti Family** - December 17, 2014 at 07:22 AM

AG

“ Kerry will truly be missed! What an inspiration for a good friend and amazing teacher!

*Ana Gutierrez*

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**Ana Gutierrez** - December 17, 2014 at 05:58 AM

MM

“ *Mr And Mrs Paul Morris lit a candle in memory of Kerry Garner*



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**Mr and Mrs Paul Morris** - December 16, 2014 at 11:24 PM

 Cherie Basto

“ *Cherie Basto lit a candle in memory of Kerry Garner*



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**Cherie Basto** - December 16, 2014 at 10:35 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Kerry Garner.*



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December 16, 2014 at 09:42 PM

VJ

“ *When I began teaching in Altus 24 years ago at Northeast Junior High, Kerry was one of the first people I met. She became a true and dear friend. I have always admired the dedication she had for her students. Kerry will be remembered as a teacher who touched so many lives. I will remember her as my friend.*

*Vanisa Wall Johns*

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**Vanisa Johns** - December 16, 2014 at 07:18 PM

JB

“ *Joyce Tedford Bryant lit a candle in memory of Kerry Garner*



**Joyce Tedford Bryant** - December 16, 2014 at 06:58 PM

NG

“ *Nancy (Hays) Greer lit a candle in memory of Kerry Garner*



**Nancy (Hays) Greer** - December 16, 2014 at 05:59 PM

BT

“ *Kerry was always wonderful to my family. She was always so happy to see my girls and often kept up with them on Facebook. She held a very dear place in my heart and will always. Our prayers are with Hazel during these difficult days. Love, Mark, Brooke, Hartley Jan, and Peyton Terry.*

**Brooke Terry** - December 16, 2014 at 05:56 PM



“ *LaDonna Spencer lit a candle in memory of Kerry Garner*



**LaDonna Spencer** - December 16, 2014 at 04:53 PM



“ so sorry for your loss sending prayers I rember going to school with her she was a good person I also talked to her on facebook se will be. Missed

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**LaDonna Spencer** - December 16, 2014 at 04:50 PM



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**LaDonna Spencer** - December 16, 2014 at 04:50 PM