



Donald L. Garden

November 8, 2017

Donald L. Garden, 81, of Lancaster passed away on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at his residence. Born in Lancaster on January 20, 1936, a son of the late William and Mildred (Peters) Garden.

He attended McCaskey High School. Donald was employed at Garvin's Department Store, Hamilton Watch, and retired from Teacher's Protective Insurance after 46 years of employment. He was also once a professional weight lifter and for 60 years ran his own lawn business.

He is survived by two sons, Jeffrey Garden husband of Patty, of Washington Boro, and Gregory Hoffmann husband of Mari, of Manheim; a daughter, Jennifer wife of Keith Watkins, of Lancaster; a brother, William Garden husband of Mary Jane, of Lancaster; a sister, Linda wife of Bernie Grimm, of Bausman, PA; 11 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Eileen (Vokey) Garden; his second wife, Jean (Hoffmann) Garden; and daughters, Vicky Palkowitz and Colleen Garden.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Donald's Service on Monday, November 13, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Fred F. Groff Funeral Home, 234 West Orange St., Lancaster, with the Reverend Brian Harrison officiating.

The Family will receive friends on Sunday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and again on Monday morning from 9:00 a.m. until time of service.

Interment will follow at Conestoga Memorial Park.

Cemetery Details

Conestoga Memorial Park

95 2nd Lock Rd
Lancaster, PA 17603

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Historic Fred F. Groff
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Visitation

NOV 13. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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Service

NOV 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald L. Garden*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - November 10, 2017 at 01:07 PM



“ *Donald L. Garden*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. The family is in my thoughts and prayers.
Kathy Mann*

Kathy Mann - November 13, 2017 at 05:41 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald L. Garden.*



November 13, 2017 at 09:23 AM



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The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - November 10, 2017 at 10:00 AM

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“ Dear Family Members of Donald Garden,

Though it has been many, many years ago Donald, William and Linda lived across Pearl Street from my family when we were all young--elementary school age for me; the Garden boys were a few years older and Donald was the middle child. There was much joy when Linda joined the family. I remember Mr. and Mrs. Garden as being very kind and hard-working folks. At some point your family moved away, and I really lost track of the Gardens. In later years my parents also moved--to Lancaster Township. In those early years I think we all enjoyed the warmth and friendliness of our neighborhood.

I couldn't read Donnie's obituary without sharing good memories of long ago. I send to you all my deepest sympathy.

*Deborah Benson Everett
Oak Bluffs, MA*

Deborah B. Everett - November 10, 2017 at 08:56 AM