

OBITUARY

*Dr. Everette Shaw Gardner,
Jr. PhD*

OCTOBER 3, 1944 – SEPTEMBER 10, 2023



IN THE CARE OF

The Settegast-Kopf Company @ Sugar Creek

Commander Everette “Ev” Shaw Gardner, Jr., Ph.D., passed away peacefully on Sunday, the 10th of September, 2023. He was held by his wife of 57 years, Mary Ann and surrounded by his daughters and grandchildren.

Ev was born on the 3rd of October, 1944, in Osceola, Arkansas and spent his early years in companionship with his beloved grandfather James Douglas “Dee” Fletcher

and grandmother Lottie Poole Fletcher, Dee's faithful companion Harry Bragg, and his uncle William F "Wish" Fletcher, who later ensured that Ev had access to a college education. Ev moved to Memphis, Tennessee, where he graduated from Frasier High School and Memphis State University with Honors. It was during his years at Memphis State where Ev met Mary Ann Sihelnik, who he married on the 28th of May, 1966, on the same day he graduated from Memphis State and joined the U.S. Navy as a junior officer.

Commander Gardner served twenty years in the Supply Corps branch of the U.S. Navy and retired with the rank of Commander, U.S. Navy. He was a Vietnam veteran and served on the USS James C. Owens (DD-776) and USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN-69). He also held senior Navy positions in inventory management and operations research. His decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal with Combat "V", and numerous campaign and unit awards. During his years in the Navy, his daughters Cynthia Anne and Stacey Diane were born and Ev received his Master and then Ph.D. in Business Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Upon retirement from the Navy, Dr. Gardner went on to serve as a Fellow of the Honors College and Professor of Decision and Information Sciences at the University of Houston. His publications included more than fifty research articles in journals such as Management Science, Interfaces, Decision Sciences, Omega, Naval Research Logistics Quarterly, Journal of the Operational Research Society, Journal of Forecasting, and the International Journal of Forecasting. Dr. Gardner has authored or co-authored four books, including Quantitative Approaches to Management (8th edition) from McGraw-Hill Book Company, New York. In 2006, Dr. Gardner's article, "Exponential smoothing: The state of the art," was ranked as the third most influential article in forecasting published during the previous 25 years. In 2007, Dr. Gardner was elected a Fellow of the International Institute of Forecasters and has served on the editorial boards of four scientific journals: Management Science, Interfaces, the Journal of Forecasting, and the International Journal of Forecasting. He is past president and board member of the International Institute of Forecasters. With Dr. Gardner's retirement from the University of Houston, a scholarship was established in his name for incoming freshmen.

Dr. Gardner was a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the Order of the Southern Cross and the Sons of the American Revolution. He is listed in Who's Who in the World, Who's Who in America, Who's Who in Science and Engineering, Who's Who in the Media and Communications, and Who's Who in American Education.

His interests included Houston Astros baseball, competitive pistol shooting, U.S. and British military history, tomato gardening, and training dogs. His Australian Shepherd, Luke, is a therapy dog who visits patients in Houston-area hospitals and nursing homes. Luke's uncle Milo was also a therapy dog who made more than 100 hospital visits during his career.

He is survived by his wife Mary Ann (Sihelnik) Gardner, his daughters Cynthia Anne (Gardner) Falschlehner, Stacey Diane (Gardner) Mitchell, their spouses Jonathan Edward Falschlehner and Jayson Matthew Mitchell, and his grandchildren Megan Grace Falschlehner, Joseph Douglas Falschlehner, Walker Shaw Mitchell, Jonathan Joseph Mitchell and Jack Matthew Mitchell.

A visitation will be held at the Settegast-Kopf Company at Sugar Creek from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on the 22nd of September, followed by a service and reception from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM on the 23rd of September. Commander Gardner will be laid to rest at the Houston National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that a donation be considered for Dr. Gardner's University of Houston scholarship at <https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/DRGARDNER>.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.settegastkopf.com for the Gardner family.

DONATIONS

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Past Services

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

Visitation

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

Funeral Service

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

Reception

In Memory Of

Dr. Everette Shaw Gardner, Jr. PhD



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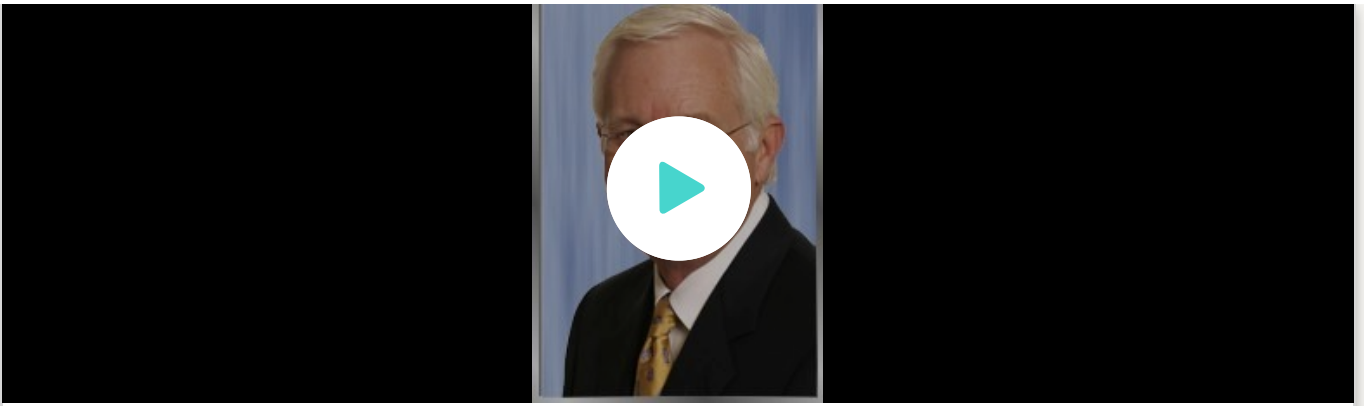
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ALL MEMORIES

FROM THE FAMILY



Dr. Everett Shaw Gardner, Jr. PhD Tribute Movie



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Summer Xiao

Friend

09/23/2023

As a young immigrant, no one ever taught me how to write properly until I met Dr. Gardner. I still remember getting a 70 on a writing grade for the first time ever in my life in his class. He told me that my paper had the best content in the class but it was full of grammar errors. He said it's all worthless if I can't write properly in business. I remember carrying around my copy of Elements of Style to his supply chain class. My writing and grammar improved drastically in his class due to his persistence and focus on meticulous presentation. This valuable skill has changed my life and continues to propel me everyday in my career.



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Robert Fildes

Colleague

09/22/2023

To Mary Ann and Family,

Our condolences on the death of Ev, a great loss. I'm sure I write for everyone in the

forecasting community to express our sympathy. It's quite some time since we met up but I remember us meeting back in 1985 I think. And Ev's contribution to forecasting and the International Institute was substantial, not least as president. The IIF is putting together an obituary for publication to recognize this. Anything you would wish to share would be most welcome, best wishes, Robert and Sue Fildes.



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Robert Williams
Friend

09/17/2023

EV and I were both in Class B-701 at the Navy Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI, and then in Yankee Company together at the Navy Supply Corps School in Athens, GA. Here's a Bravo Zulu-- Navy signal code for WELL DONE-- for Ev and all of his family.



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Express your sympathy with flowers

Flowers express sympathy and respect. They can be delivered to the funeral home, the family's home, a place of worship or elsewhere.



SEND FLOWERS

Amy Smith
Friend

09/17/2023

My friendship of eight years with Everette began unexpectedly at church and grew sporadically as we discovered some common interests. I knew him as a friend for quite a while before I found out about his distinguished military service and his amazing work in the business field.

A few of the many character traits that drew me to Everette were his outspoken affection for his close friends; the wholehearted enthusiasm with which he approached each of his wide-ranging interests; and his visible, overflowing love and admiration for his wife, daughters, and grandchildren.

I have been very thankful for Everette and for his friendship. He was a kind, warm, caring man, and I will miss him immensely.



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James Adams
Friend

09/15/2023

Ev, will be greatly missed by me and others at Sons of Confederate Veterans and Albert Sidney Johnston Camp 67. He was a mentor to me when I first joined the camp, mentored me on becoming a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and encouraged and

supported me to become Camp Commander.

We both shared a love for Australian Shepherds, history, the south, the SCV, the SAR and AMERICA.

Jim Adams
Commander
SCV Camp ASJ 67



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John Beard
Friend

09/15/2023

Ev was a wonderful man. It was my privilege to have known him. Great sense of humor and impeccable character and intellect. He will be missed. Rest in Peace Ev.



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