

Charles Robert Gardner Jr.



Charles Robert “Bobby” Gardner Jr. died on May 5, 2012, from complications with cancer. He was preceded in death by his birth mother, Charlotte Tennant Gardner; his parents, Charles R. “Chuck” Gardner Sr. and Betty-Brown Lewis Gardner; and his nephew, Charles “Charlie” Richard Gardner.

Bobby is survived by his former wife, Linda Pritt and her son, John Hurst; brothers, Brown L. Gardner, and David H. Gardner Sr.; sisters, Beth Pugh and Margaret Grassie; nephew, D. Harper Gardner Jr.; nieces, Katie Bradley and Patricia Pugh; and great-nephew, Charles “Charlie” Harper Gardner, all of Charleston. After graduating from George Washington High School in 1967, Bobby enlisted in the United States Navy and served as an air crewman, 2nd Class Petty Officer, aboard an anti-ship warfare flight group. After proudly serving his country during the Vietnam War, Bobby enrolled and graduated from The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, with a degree in business administration.

After returning to Charleston, Bobby founded Mountaineer Truck Equipment, retiring in 2005 due to challenges from his Parkinson Disease. He continued his stewardship as co-managing partner of the William Dickinson Lewis Land Company.

Bobby was beloved by many, a true friends-friend. He touched the hearts, minds and emotions of all that crossed his path, regardless of their station in life. His humor, compassion, and meticulousness were hallmarks of Bobby’s full and rich life. He always gave more than was given. An avid Harley enthusiast, graceful snow skier and legendary “teller-of-tales,” he will live through generations to come as “Bobby-Lore” is told and shared among friends and family.

The family would like to express their grateful appreciation to the Hubbard Hospice House and the many wonderful friends that have supported and helped care for Bobby over the last several years.

Bobby’s ashes will be interred in the Gardner family plot in Spring Hill Cemetery at noon on Saturday, May 19, 2012.

Wilson Funeral home is managing arrangements.

A celebration of Bobby’s life will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Charleston.

At Bobby’s request, condolence donations may be made to Hubbard Hospice House, 1606 Kanawha Blvd. West, Charleston, WV 25387-2536.