



Gwendolyn Spearman Garwood

March 29, 1939 - May 13, 2020

ADVANCE—Mrs. Gwendolyn Spearman Garwood, 81, of Bermuda Run, died Wednesday, May 13, 2020, at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Garwood was born on March 29, 1939, to the late Harold Bridges and Ruth Duckett Spearman.

Mrs. Garwood was a strong Christian, who lived by her beliefs and had a strong love for those around her. She enjoyed sports, especially golf and tennis, and loved gardening. She was a fighter, having overcome lots of sickness through the years. Over her lifetime, she developed many, many friendships and created a lot of memories left to be cherished by those closest to her. Mrs. Garwood will be remembered as a devoted mother, precious wife, and great friend to many.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, William Bradley Garwood; a brother, Norville Bridges Spearman; and a sister-in-law, Margaret “Marge” Spearman. Survivors include her loving husband of 59 years, William “Bill” Ray Garwood, of Bermuda Run; a son, Jeffrey Ray Garwood (Carolyn) of Daufuskie Island, SC; two siblings, Ron Spearman (Anne), and Brenda Dawkins (Ben); three grandchildren, Allison Marie Garwood, Sarah Michelle Garwood, and Christina Juliette Garwood.

A public memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be considered for Samaritan’s Purse, P.O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607, or to MD Anderson Cancer Center, P.O. Box 4486, Houston, TX 77210-4486 or www.mdanderson.org/gifts.

Online condolences may be made at www.eatonfuneralservice.com.

Comments



“ Biil and Jeff, just a note of condolences and a thank you for the times with your family during your Kingsport days. Your house was an incredibly welcoming place and there are countless good memories. I used to love hearing your mom pronounce Bill's name with 2 syllables. It was a joy to be around a Godly family like yours that took interest in those who interacted in their lives. May God Bless your family.

Doug Middaugh

Douglas Middaugh - July 03, 2020 at 10:57 PM



“ 2005 marked a special time of our lives when we first met Gwen and Bill. Then to find that they would become our neighbors and best of friends for almost 12 years, before moving full time to SC, turned out to be a time in our lives that we will never forget. You could never feel anything but comfortable while being in their presence. Gwen's ability to make one feel at home and like family in their home was a gift. Gwen's smile, wit, spunk, giving and loving spirit is what we will always remember and miss. Gwen marked our lives with genuine friendship and love which we will never forget. Our hearts and love are with Bill and her family during this very difficult time.
Bob and Tracey Johnson

Robert A Johnson - May 28, 2020 at 10:13 AM



“ It has been almost 2 weeks since receiving the terrible news of Gwen's passing. I know she is in a better place, but it does not seem to remove the pain at this time. Since I first met Gwen (& Bill) over 30 years ago, as a new-hire at Eastman, they have treated me like family. They also came to treat my own family similarly. Regardless of where I landed or where the Garwood's may have been, they found me and stayed in touch. Beyond being a devoted wife and mother, the Gwen I knew had abundant faith and compassion and used both selflessly to help and comfort others. She was a fierce fighter and so courageous in facing numerous hardships this past decade. I will remember her smile, discussions of trips she and Bill made, her "red" cowboy boots, her beautiful garden, and the warm embrace of her hug each time we greeted and departed. I am also hoping she has reunited with Brad now and is able to be with him and share her love once again. We will miss you Gwen. All our love.

Phillip Crowder - May 24, 2020 at 10:21 AM



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Margie Fischer - May 20, 2020 at 01:18 PM



“ Dearest Bill, Jeff, Carolyn and grandkids... Oh, how we loved Gwen! Such a sweet, joyful and occasionally sassy friend! Always welcoming and upbeat, even in the midst of trials.

Love in Christ to you all,
Margie and the girls, Jessie, Sadie and Poppy

Margie Fischer - May 20, 2020 at 01:22 PM



“ Bill and Jeff and extended Garwood family,

I use to live next door to you when I stayed in the home of Dr. and Ti Alley. This happened more than once so you saw me at different stages of my life and career. It was always such a joy to see you and talk with you about all sorts of Topics. Remember the discussion about the "Pauline doctrine of separation"? You all were so gracious and hospitable. I will never forget Gwen's cheerful and joyful spirit. Thank you for being friends to me during those times, as I was going through adjustment to American Culture after returning from the Peace Corps and also many other changes in my career path.

Thank you always being there as friends and for your help and encouragement along the way.

in Christian love,

Bradley Jessup

Bradley Jessup - May 19, 2020 at 10:57 PM



“Sweet Gwen was always so willing to include me in their lives. I wish I had taken more pictures while visiting them in the last few years. Gwen always made me feel special, which I am sure she did with many friends. No one was more warm and welcoming.

My heart goes out to Bill and Jeff in this sad time and all they have been through. May the memories last forever.

Rest in peace Gwen"



Mary Ann Arico - May 19, 2020 at 12:39 PM



“ I have been blessed to have know Gwen. From the first day of meetings her, I felt so happy to be part of her life. Grace, beauty, and love are words that come to mind when thinking of Gwen. My prayers that Bill and Jeff find comfort in knowing how treasured Gwen was and is by all who know her. Joan

Joan Beal - May 18, 2020 at 11:19 PM



“ Gwen and her family were such a vital and important part of life in Ridgefields (Kingsport, TN). Of course my fondest memories of Gwen relate to our times together on the tennis court. She was a tough competitor and I know she tackled life's problems with the same fierceness as she did on the tennis court. Gwen has always been a winner in every sense of the word .
ALL of Gwen's family has my love and deepest sympathy.
God bless you!
Mary Ann Stout

Mary Ann Stout - May 18, 2020 at 10:56 AM



“ To me Gwen was the epitome of a Classic beauty in every way inside and out. She won my heart from the first day I met her and I reveled in her kindness and graciousness. Loved her spunk too ! Rest sweet Gwen.

mimi mcclure - May 18, 2020 at 10:52 AM



“ We are so sorry for the loss of Gwen. But we are so thankful to have known Gwen, Bill, and Jeff for many years. Gwen was such a kind, generous, caring, humorous person. She never ended a conversation without saying "love you." The first time we met her, she knocked on our door bringing a blueberry pie, saying "finally we have a Southern neighbor." She and Bill were the only neighbors who gave a party at their home for all the golf staff and for many years, they co-hosted a huge party for neighbors at a restaurant. We have remained friends and have kept in contact after their move from Hilton Head. We will miss Gwen but Heaven has gained a great new Angel.

Joanne and John Akins

Joanne Akins - May 18, 2020 at 10:19 AM



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Mike and Nancy Kennedy - May 18, 2020 at 08:54 AM



“ Bill Garwood and family... So very sorry to hear of Gwen's passing... I met and spoke with her many times during our Eastman days, and always found her to be a sweet and kind person...

Prayers for peace and comfort for Bill and the entire family...

Grief is the price we pay for loving someone... Rest In Peace sweet lady...

S. LeVern Nunley
levern@charter.com

S. LeVern Nunley - May 17, 2020 at 11:44 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Spearman Garwood.



May 16, 2020 at 03:51 PM