



## Charles "Charlie" Gardner

November 28, 1929 - June 19, 2017

Charles (Charlie) Gardner, husband, father, grandfather and liked by all, passed away June 19th, 2017, at the age of 87.

Charlie was born on November 28th, 1929, to Charles and Hazel Gardner in Stillwater, Minnesota.

After serving four years in the army during the Korean Conflict, he graduated from the Northwestern Electronics Technical Institute and subsequently spent twenty-three years with Remington Rand/Sperry Univac, assigned to the research and engineering division, designing, testing and assembling the Athena Computer, which was the first large scale transistorized computer ever built. After his twenty-three years in the aerospace industry, he retired in 1978. He then began a second career as the marketing and business development manager for a charter bus service. After twelve successful years, he retired for a second time in 1990. He and Vi then relocated to Lake Montezuma and ultimately to Sunsites in 1998.

Charlie was an avid golfer, made custom golf clubs and installed dish network systems.

He is survived by his wife of sixty-nine years Violet, three children Greg (Jackie) of Santa Maria CA, Carmen (Donald) Holman of Sunsites, Sally

McRaven of So. Lake Tahoe, CA and four grandchildren--Justin and Christopher McRaven, Brittany (Gardner) Lewis and Alexander Gardner.

Memorial services will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, October 21, 2017, at the Sunsites Community Center .

Contributions may be made in his name to Charles Wm Leighton Jr. Hospice, P.O. Box 115, Willcox, AZ 85644 or online at [www.willcoxhospice.com](http://www.willcoxhospice.com). You may express condolences at [www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com](http://www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com). Services are entrusted to Westlawn Chapel, Mortuary and Crematory of Willcox, AZ.

# Previous Events

## Memorial service

OCT **21**. 11:00 AM (MT)

Sunsites Community Center  
Treasure Road  
Pearce, AZ 85625

# Tribute Wall



“ *Charles"Charlie" Gardner*

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM



“ *So sorry for the loss of such a wonderful man. God bless you Vi and your family and give you comfort in knowing he is perfect now.*

**Nita and Steve** - June 28, 2017 at 08:23 AM



“ *Jessica Lincoln lit a candle in memory of Charles"Charlie" Gardner*



**Jessica Lincoln** - June 23, 2017 at 05:46 PM



“ *Dear Violet and family, im so sorry for you great loss Charlie was a vary sweet man everytime I, so him he always had that beautiful smile may he be and peace he will be greatly missed God Bless You John and Jessica.*

**Jessica Lincoln** - June 23, 2017 at 05:45 PM

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“ I will miss you Mr. Gardner. As always I'm sure you are "finer than frog hair" up there in heaven. It was a pleasure to know you and your wife.

*Jessica Hale*

Jessica - June 23, 2017 at 07:52 AM

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“ What a kind man! So sorry for your loss!!

Diane Tucker - June 22, 2017 at 10:10 PM

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“ Diane Tucker lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Gardner



Diane Tucker - June 22, 2017 at 10:09 PM



“ Betsy Ajeman lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Gardner



Betsy Ajeman - June 20, 2017 at 09:23 PM



*Forever in our hearts. He was a special friend.*

Betsy Ajeman - June 20, 2017 at 09:24 PM