



Thomas Gardner

August 25, 1973 - January 9, 2025

Thomas D. Gardner Sr., 51, of West Haven, CT, passed away peacefully on January 9, 2025. Born on August 25, 1973, in New Haven, CT, he was the beloved son of the late John Thomas Wharton and Linda Wharton.

Thomas was a proud graduate of the New Haven public school system and dedicated his career to helping others through his work at Columbus House Inc., where he made a lasting impact on the lives of many.

As the youngest of three siblings, Thomas shared a close bond with his sisters, Tammy and Cheronica Gardner. He was a devoted father to his four children, Tomonique J. Pickett-Joyner (Eric), Thomas D. Gardner Jr., John T. Gardner, and Jordyn T. Gardner. His love for his children was unwavering, and he was a source of strength and inspiration to all who knew him. Thomas was predeceased by his cherished son and his paternal grandparents, Thomas Payne and Marjorie Mae Davis. He also joins his maternal grandparents, Essie and Arthur Gardner, and his best friend and father, John Thomas Wharton, in eternal rest.

Thomas leaves behind a large and loving family, including his granddaughters Jadah Pickett-Joyner, Sunni Bleu Gater-Gardner, Eris Joyner, a Goddaughter Danay Davis, and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and even a great-great-nephew. His warmth and humor will also be

deeply missed by his aunts, uncles, and a host of close friends who considered him family.

Thomas will be remembered for his calm demeanor and infectious laugh. His legacy of kindness will live on in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Thomas, your love, guidance, and light will forever remain with us.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Calling Hour

JAN 17. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

McClam Funeral Home Chapel
95 Dixwell Ave
New Haven, CT 06511

Funeral Service

JAN 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JE

“ Rest peacefully Salt🕊️. My condolences to the Family,Children and Friends🙏



Jeannette - January 25, 2025 at 07:53 PM

CP

“ My condolences to the Gardner family. I remember Thomas being kind, generous, and having a quiet/calm spirit. May he rest in internal peace.

cicely pernell-scott - January 15, 2025 at 10:57 AM



“ The little time we got to hang with each other where great you will always be my friend.

Carmon Daryl - January 15, 2025 at 05:56 AM

AW

“ Sending love hugs and asking that God strengthen you and the family throughout this difficult time!!
Love always poochie and family!

Arlene Williams - January 14, 2025 at 11:42 PM

RB

“ SALT /When it rains it pours...
HEAVEN is calling for you. I love you ❤️ always... 🌹 Rose Batchelor

Rose Batchelor - January 14, 2025 at 08:11 PM

BH

“ To my family, love you all. I never met Thomas but I send my love and A BIG HUG to my first cousin Linda and the family. Take care of each other and hug each other every day or as often as you meet, (your NC cousin)

Barbara Henderson - January 14, 2025 at 01:33 PM

TP

My deepest condolences 🌺 to the Gardener family my heart ❤️ goes out to the entire family My prayers are with you all

Tammy Pickett - January 14, 2025 at 08:47 PM

DW

You will be for ever miss ❤️

Dora West - January 14, 2025 at 09:24 PM

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Dora West - January 14, 2025 at 09:26 PM

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Dora West - January 14, 2025 at 09:27 PM