



Rev. Sheldon George Gardner

August 14, 1968 - February 5, 2021

Rev. Sheldon George Gardner, 52, of Chesterfield, Virginia, was called home to rest to be with the Lord on Friday, February 5, 2021. Sheldon was born August 14, 1968 in Shreveport, Louisiana to George Gardner and Eula Gardner.

Sheldon accepted his calling to the ministry in November 2006. He was licensed to the Gospel Ministry in December 2010 and ordained in June 2015. He was an Associate Minister at Mount Olivet Baptist Church, Petersburg, Virginia, under the Pastoral Leadership of Rev. Dr. Wesley K. McLaughlin, where he served as the Youth Pastor. As a Servant Leader and Associate Minister, Sheldon brought all activities in line with the vision of his calling and collaborated them with all the ministries and activities of the church involving the children and the youth to include: Youth Zone, Christian Education, Dance and Music. He loved to exercise authority, accepting responsibility, Christian love and leadership. These activities included, but were not limited to evangelical, discipleship, spiritual development and outreach.

Sheldon graduated from Captain Shreve High School in Shreveport, Louisiana with the Class of 1986. Upon graduating high school, he went on to matriculate and further his education at Central Texas College to earn an Associate of Applied Science along with a Certificate in Petroleum Supply Technology, Christian Bible College & Seminary to earn a Bachelor of

Religious Education, Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology - Evans-Smith Leadership Training Institute to obtain Certificates in Religious Studies and Proclamation Preparation, Virginia Union University - Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology to earn a Master of Arts in Christian Education and a Master of Divinity.

Sheldon retired from the U.S. Army in 2008, after serving 20 years, 5 months and 17 days of active Army service. Sheldon worked several jobs to include: Life Forming Growth Coach at Regents University, Cubic Solutions, Inc., Former Logistics Instructor at U.S. Department of Defense, Former Basic Officer Leaders Course Instructor at Army Logistics University and Product Manager at Army Training Information System. Sheldon was a member of the Nu Omicron Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc where he served as Project Alpha Co-Chair.

Sheldon enjoyed spending time with his family and going to social events with the love of his life, Trina. He also enjoyed cooking, doing yardwork, reading and watching movies. Sheldon was loved by so many, and will be greatly missed by all those who knew him.

Sheldon leaves to cherish his fond and precious memories: a loving and devoted wife of 21 years, LaTrina A. Gardner of Chesterfield, VA; four children, Briana Gardner, Bryson Gardner (Alyssa), Jalen Gardner and Jaidon Gardner; loving parents, George Gardner and Eula Gardner; loving sister, Dr. Traci Gardner-Petteway (Leroy); three grandchildren, Avery, Alexander and Soleil Gardner; mother-in-love, Barbara Oliver; father-in-love, Marvin L. Jones Sr. (Harriette); two brothers-in-love, Marvin L. Jones, Jr. (Emma) and Torik Banks (Demetra); one sister-in-love, Trezlen Smith; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and devoted friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held 11:00 A.M., Saturday, February 27, 2021 at

Tabernacle Baptist Church, 418 Halifax St., Petersburg, Rev. Dr. Robert A. Diggs, Sr., Pastor. Rev. Dr. Wesley K. McLaughlin, Pastor of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Petersburg, VA will eulogize and Rev. Jameson McLaughlin, Pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, Sussex, VA will officiate. Interment will be at the Virginia Veterans Cemetery at Ameila, Ameila, VA. The service will be live streamed. Public viewing will be Friday, February 26, 2021 from 10:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M. A facial covering will be required while attending all services and viewings, along with limited seating for social distancing.

Previous Events

Gardner Public Viewing

FEB **26**. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Tucker & Fisher Funeral Home
415 Halifax St.
Petersburg, VA 23803

Gardner Public Viewing

FEB **26**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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415 Halifax St.
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Gardner Celebration of Life

FEB **27**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Tabernacle Baptist Church
418 Halifax St.
Petersburg, VA 23803

Tribute Wall



“ M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Sheldon George Gardner



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - February 26, 2021 at 08:36 PM

EB

This was such a beautiful tribute in memory of Sheldon. He will always be remembered. Sheldon you will be missed by all who loved you and knew you. Until we meet again. Van

Evangeline Bates - February 27, 2021 at 10:23 AM

XD

Just beautiful. May God continue to give you all strength to endure. I love you all cousin ❤️

Xyclesia David - February 27, 2021 at 11:25 AM

BJ

This is a lovely tribute. I thank God for the short time I knew Bro Sheldon. The conversations that we shared were always so uplifting, even when he was going through the most. I will continue to pray for his family. Fond memories are embedded within me. Rest on 🙏🏾

Brother Anthony Johnson - March 22, 2021 at 07:13 PM

BH

“ *I still can't believe that you have moved to your mansion on high. You introduced me to MOBC, welcomed me into your family and I will forever be grateful for everything.*

To Mrs. Gardner and the kids, you all will be in my thoughts and prayers forever.

Billy Henry - February 27, 2021 at 12:14 AM

DG

“ *13 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Dr. Traci Gardner-Petteway - February 26, 2021 at 06:25 PM

CH

“ *Rev. Gardner was truly a blessing in our Evans-Smith Program. It was a joy to work with him. I will miss his kind smile and generous spirit.*
From Reverend Charlecia Harrison Former instructor of Evans-Smith, Petersburg, Va.



Charlecia S Harrison - February 25, 2021 at 11:08 PM



“ 97 files added to the album Life Tributes



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - February 25, 2021 at 06:17 PM

CA

“ Captain Shreve Class of 1986 Alumni purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Rev. Sheldon George Gardner.



Captain Shreve Class of 1986 Alumni - February 22, 2021 at 10:53 PM

CA

“ Captain Shreve Class of 1986 Alumni purchased the Yellow & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Rev. Sheldon George Gardner.



Captain Shreve Class of 1986 Alumni - February 22, 2021 at 10:38 PM

JS

“ My Classmate and Good Fraternity Brother. Your friendship during our “trust the process” years are irreplaceable in our season at STVU. Sleep well in Omega Chapter. 🙏👉👍

James Vincent Henderson Sr - February 22, 2021 at 09:22 AM

VF

“ Van, Ann, Shunda, Morell & entire Edwards Family purchased the Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Rev. Sheldon George Gardner.



Van, Ann, Shunda, Morell & entire Edwards Family - February 22, 2021 at 01:21 AM

JF

“ My Sincere Condolences to the Family And Continued Prayers of Comfort & Peace. Rest in Heaven my Brother you will be Truly Missed.



Jay Frazier-Blunt - February 19, 2021 at 10:21 PM

AD

“ Sheldon will be missed. Our prayers of comfort and peace to Mrs. Gardner and Family. Pastor and Rev Adreania Tolliver



Adreania - February 18, 2021 at 05:15 PM



“ Here from Shreveport La. Classmates of Rev Sheldon Gardner are very saddened. Growing up with him was so fun. If you didn't know let me tell u. The guy could brake dance his tail off, back in the day. He was so Funny, Smart and just to down to earth. We really thank him for letting us be on his Journey with him. Man you will truly be missed. Take your rest. From Your Captain Shreve High School Classmate. Gators for life.



Tina Blackshaw - February 16, 2021 at 11:54 AM

GB

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Rev. Gardner's passing. You have my deepest sympathy. I pray that God comforts and strengthens your family.
Gladys Brown



Gladys Brown - February 14, 2021 at 09:02 AM

DS

“ My prayers and condolences to the Gardner family..



Deadra Swilley - February 12, 2021 at 10:17 AM

NC

“ *My sincerest condolences to the Gardner family. Love The Milton/Caesar family.*

Nikia Caesar - February 11, 2021 at 10:41 AM

FF

“ *My prayers are with the Family during their time of grieve. Sergeant Gardner was one of my squad leaders and friend and we served as instructors on Fort Lee together. He also visited my church a few time MT Gilead Full Gospel here in Richmond when he retired here. Never a person to get upset and would do anything to help. Rest in Peace my brother.*

Retired SFC Freddie Freeman

freddie freeman - February 11, 2021 at 09:42 AM

AG

“ *Antoine Grammer lit a candle in memory of Rev. Sheldon George Gardner*



Antoine Grammer - February 11, 2021 at 12:31 AM

VS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief. May the love of family, friends and special memories bring you comfort.*



Vilma Short - February 10, 2021 at 01:09 AM

AG

“ I remember in 2011 I'll never forget on December 10 when he was the former minister of the young adult we took a group of homeless people out to golden corral on a beautiful 78 degree very warm. We were driving there he was telling me everybody has a act of kind in them no matter who you are. " Always be kind to everyone and live righteous". You will be truly missed.

Antoine Grammer - February 10, 2021 at 12:48 AM

PP

“ Parralee & Charles Perry lit a candle in memory of Rev. Sheldon George Gardner



Parralee & Charles Perry - February 10, 2021 at 12:16 AM

AC

“ Adrienne' W. Green & Charlie A. Cummings lit a candle in memory of Rev. Sheldon George Gardner



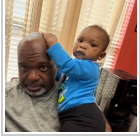
Adrienne' W. Green & Charlie A. Cummings - February 09, 2021 at 10:28 PM

AC

“ Adrienne' W. Green & Charlie A. Cummings lit a candle in memory of Rev. Sheldon George Gardner



Adrienne' W. Green & Charlie A. Cummings - February 09, 2021 at 08:40 PM



“ *Rip my Brother! Honored to have serve with you as a Drill Sergeant! My condolences to your family! This we'll Defend!*



Leroy Shelvin - February 09, 2021 at 07:10 PM



“ *Met Sheldon in 1989 while stationed at Fort Hood! We served together, deployed to Desert Storm and all over the world. I cherished our friendship, his wise counsel and the many wonderful memories.*



Olin Newsome - February 09, 2021 at 06:40 PM



“ *Mashaundra M Steele lit a candle in memory of Rev. Sheldon George Gardner*



Mashaundra M Steele - February 09, 2021 at 01:15 PM

TM

“ *Tammie McNealy lit a candle in memory of Rev. Sheldon George Gardner*



Tammie McNealy - February 09, 2021 at 10:55 AM

JF

“ *I remember the day Rev Shelton became an Ordained Minister. He gave an Awesome Testimony that day of God's Love, Grace & Mercy.I have observed God's Love in his many facets of Life: Husband, Father, Teacher, Preacher & Friend. His Kind & Gentle Spirit will be truly missed. It was an Honor to know him. Rest in Peace my friend.*



Jay Frazier-Blunt - February 08, 2021 at 11:18 PM

DJ

“ *I remember when I met Sheldon Gardner. We worked together at ALC Quartermaster for the 92F's. He was very loyal and honorable and that smile was infectious. Thank you for advise and wisdom on how to conduct yourself in life. I love you until we met again! Rest in heaven!! You invited me to Mt OLIVET Baptist church and I will continue to go Sir! REST IN HEAVEN!! Love Daryl Johnson*

Daryl Johnson - February 08, 2021 at 04:17 PM

PT

“ I ❤️ Sheldon just like he was my own son. He certainly was a man of faith. Loved his family. Sheldon I love you and will miss you. ❤️ Aunt Pat...

Patricia Terrell - February 08, 2021 at 03:54 PM

HM

“ Henry Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Sheldon George Gardner



Henry Mitchell - February 08, 2021 at 03:17 PM

TG

“ My handsome husband dreams came true when became an Alpha man. Love you



Trina Gardner - February 08, 2021 at 02:26 PM

PT

He was a sweetheart ❤️. I love you. He was very happy to be a Alpha Man..

Patricia Terrell - February 08, 2021 at 03:57 PM

BM

Thinking of u and family and hoping all precious memories of special times bring you and family comfort in the loss of your love one. With heartfelt sympathy.

Barbara McZeal - February 09, 2021 at 06:48 PM

BG

Praying for you and the family. You have our condolence.

Thomas and Barbara Greene Ivor, Va.

Barbara Greene - February 10, 2021 at 04:10 PM

JF

Sheldon was such a kind, loving , gentle spirit. He will be truly miss. May God continue to give you & the family Comfort and Peace during this difficult time.

Jay Frazier-Blunt - February 11, 2021 at 02:05 AM

DW

Rest well my friend

Daniel Wallace - February 27, 2021 at 11:43 AM

UR

I'm just learning this sad news but I'm thanking God for the joy and blessing of knowing Sheldon as a young soldier girl. He was a gentleman and godly influence at a time I needed it most. I forever know what "Dual Over Head Cam" is just because of the car he once had. I'm glad to know he was loved and celebrated in this life. Peace and love to his family and everyone.

Ursula Higgins, Detroit, MI

Ursula - May 23, 2021 at 12:25 AM