



## Mrs. Anna Harris Gardner

August 28, 1924 - March 5, 2014

Avoider of bears, watcher of hummingbirds, lover of the music of Willie Nelson, abider of children's foibles, and survivor of tree falls on housetops, Anna Harris Gardner, 89, of Asheville, died at the John F. Keever, Jr. Solace Center in Asheville Wednesday, March 5 after a period of declining health.

She is survived by daughters, Diana Tockes and Peggy Gardner, and son, Jim Gardner Jr., all of Asheville; daughter-in-law, Nancy Alenier; son-in-law, Rick Moul; grandchildren, Michelle Tockes Leetham, Jakob Klodt, Anna Moul, and Irina Moul; and great-grandchildren, Devric Kiyota, Jasmin Tockes and Sarah Leetham. Her husband of 40 years, James T. Gardner, Sr., preceded her in death, as did her brother, Bill, and sister, Florence.

Daughter of Courtland Ernest Harris and Bertha Harris, Anna was born in Hamlet, NC. She graduated from high school in Pensacola, FL and worked briefly at the naval air base at Pensacola before marrying in 1945 and moving to Asheville. In addition to raising a family, she later worked as a teaching assistant at William Randolph School and as the first Town Clerk for Woodfin, NC.

"I don't want to be in the news," Anna said a few days before her death. Nevertheless, she offered the best news of all—unconditional love—to her immediate and extended family, which included people from around the globe.

Her caring, generous spirit is legendary among those who knew her, as is her sense of humor, which often manifested itself in superstitions and creative neologisms and malapropisms. "Thanks for unmixing me up," she told a roomful of family and friends gathered around her bedside last week.

The family is extremely grateful for the expert, compassionate care she received at the Heart Center at Mission Hospital and at Solace Center, and for the outpouring of support from family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00PM on Sunday, March 9, 2014 in the chapel of Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue with Reverend Howard Hanger officiating. The family will receive visitors an hour prior to the service at 2:00PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in her name to CarePartners, 68 Sweeten Creek Rd, Asheville, NC 28803, ABCCM, 30 Cumberland Ave, Asheville, NC 28801, Music Maker Relief Foundation, PO Box 1358, Hillsborough, NC 27278, or a charity of your choice.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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Private

**MAR** **Memorial Service** 03:00PM

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Chapel of Morris Funeral Home

304 Merrimon Ave., Asheville, NC, US, 28801

# Comments

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“ Truly very sorry for your loss. My sincere condolences to the family. Proverb 3:5&6.

**F.H.** - April 15, 2014 at 07:12 AM

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“ I did not know Ana very well myself, but Ana was a dear friend to my grandmother, Jean Bohmbach. I am very sorry for your loss and am thinking of you.

Sarah Schmits

**Sarah** - March 18, 2014 at 03:33 PM

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“ My sincerest sympathies to all.

David Penley

**David Penley** - March 13, 2014 at 09:17 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy to your family for your loss. ACTS 24:15.

**Frances** - March 13, 2014 at 08:43 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. Although, I do not know your family personally, I would like to share some encouraging thoughts from the Bible. The Bible provides comfort during these difficult times. Revelation 21:3-4 states, And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away. Very soon now, we will never experience losing our loved ones in death. May these words give you a new hope.

**Ana** - March 11, 2014 at 10:03 AM

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“ 57 files added to the album Gardner Family Photos



**Morris Funeral Home** - March 07, 2014 at 05:46 PM



“ Our thoughts are with you, Diana, Peggy and Jim. Your Mom was an unique human being who was interesting and refreshing to me around. We know that you will miss her but she will continue to live with you in your memories and hearts.

Claudine and Paul Cremer

**Claudine and Paul Cremer** - March 09, 2014 at 12:41 PM

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“ I know I live a long ways away, but let me know if there is anything I can do. Peace.

**John Iwaniszek** - March 06, 2014 at 04:22 PM



“ Its hard to accept that someone as special as Anna has moved on. She was such an exceptional human being and I shall always remember my time with her. Rest in Peace Dear Anna you have passed but will always be in my heart and soul. My love to you Anna.  
Frank

**Frank** - March 06, 2014 at 05:57 PM