



## George F. Gardner, Sr.

November 26, 1927 - November 1, 2012

George F. Gardner, Sr., 84, formerly of Claverack, died Thursday, November 1, 2012 in Winter Park, Florida, after a long illness.

Born on November 26, 1927 in Stottville, he was the son of the late Charles Fritz Gardner and Josephine (Geirer) Gardner.

He was predeceased by his wife, Virginia Ann (DeCrosta) Gardner, whom he married on October 5, 1952 in Hudson; two step-brothers, Edward and Charles Gardner, and a sister, Gloria Gardner.

George is survived by his son, George F. Gardner, Jr. and daughter-in-law, Maureen Reardon, and his daughter, Mary Kim Gardner Sawicki; five grandchildren, Katherine M. Gardner, Megan R. Gardner, Stephen J. Sawicki, Sara E. Sawicki, and Adam J. Sawicki; two sisters-in-law, Christine (DeCrosta) Herzog and Phyllis (Smith) DeCrosta, a brother-in-law, Eugene De Rose, as well as many loving nieces and nephews.

George was raised in Stottville and graduated from Hudson High School in 1949, where he majored in accounting. He was first man on his tennis team for two years and earned varsity letters in both basketball and baseball. He was an avid golfer and sports fan. George was a family man who was devoted to his children and grandchildren.

After graduation in 1949, he became associated with his family's ice cream business, Gardner's Ice Cream in Stottville. He served two years in the US Army during the Korean Conflict in the 271st Regimental Combat Team. He earned his business degree from Albany Business College.

In June of 1964, George joined the staff of Hudson Savings and Loan Association as Administrative Assistant. He was promoted to Secretary-Treasurer of the Association in January 1970 and elected to the Board of Directors. He was later appointed President of the Hudson Savings and Loan Association. At the time of his retirement he was a Vice-President of TrustCo Bank.

George became involved in adult Boy Scouts as a Neighborhood Commissioner. In 1968 he was appointed Assistant District Commissioner. The Council presented him with the 1969 "Scouter's Key" adult scouting's highest award. It represented completion of training courses, plus three consecutive years of outstanding service as Assistant District Commissioner. Because of his dedication, and in recognition of his outstanding volunteer contributions to the community and to the Boy Scouts of America, he was awarded the American Legion Citation of Honor plaque. The next year he was presented Scouting's highest award, namely the "Arrowhead Honor". George was appointed District Commissioner in October of 1970.

Mr. Gardner is a Past Exalted Ruler of the Hudson Elks Lodge 787, a member of the Hudson Lions Club, and also a member of the A.B. Shaw Fire Company in Claverack. In the early 1970's he served on the Hudson City School Board. He was a parishioner of St. Mary's Church in Hudson and St. Margaret Mary's in Winter Park, FL.

Calling hours are 3-5 pm and 6-8 pm Thursday at the Bates & Anderson -

Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10:30 am Friday at St. Mary's Church in Hudson.

Burial will be in Cedar Park Cemetery in Hudson.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Mary's Church, 429 East Allen St., P.O. Box 323, Hudson, NY, 12534.

# Tribute Wall

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“ How well I remember George, and "Bud" and "Tut"/"Toot" Gardner...I bought my 1st bike from George for \$5!! late '30s, early '40s, George lived a full life...may he enjoy the Presence of the Lord. Joseph E Marsh, Sr

Joseph E Marsh, Sr - November 06, 2012 at 08:01 AM

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“ We had various business dealings with George over the years and always found him to be a cheerful, courteous representative of Hudson City Savings. An old-fashioned gentleman in every sense of the word.  
Anthony and Georgia Nucci

Anthony and Georgia Nucci - November 05, 2012 at 09:20 AM



“ So sorry to hear of "Mr. Gardner's" passing...He would want us to call him George but Mom insisted on the Mr. title since he was her boss. We grew up seeing him after hours at the bank when our mom Evelyn and all the tellers were balancing all the money figures of the day (proving out). If I recall correctly, Mom and George worked together long enough to see that process go from an adding machine with long tapes and penciled in total sheets to the installation of a "new-fangled" computer system. : ) His obituary photo really captures how we remember him...dapper suits, a happy, broad smile, and a nice guy to be around. With deepest sympathy, Kathi (Foster) Jonas



Kathi jonas - November 05, 2012 at 07:47 AM