



## John Alan Gardner

January 27, 1948 - June 13, 2019

John Alan Gardner, 71, of Alpine, Utah, succumbed to Multiple System Atrophy surrounded by family in the comfort of his home on June 13, 2019.

John loved sports, especially skiing Alta, running, hiking, golfing, and teaching his children all of the techniques he used to master them. He spent his free time watching sports - his favorites being BYU's basketball, football, and volleyball teams. He also loved reading, going to the movies, wrestling his grandkids, and he cherished vacations with his family. John had an unsurpassed sweet tooth, with a special weakness for ice cream and his mom's jumbo raisin cookies.

John worked as an FBI Agent for over 30 years focusing mainly on bank robberies, white collar crime, and served as a Special Agent in Charge in West Covina and Riverside. John was a devoted member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served a mission in the Eastern Atlantic States area. He served in many church callings including 1st Councilor in the Bishopric, Elders Quorum President, and on the High Council. He loved being of service to his family, friends, and ward families.

John is survived by his wife, Jacque, of 48 years; children Carrie (Dave) Reed, Tara (Heath) Johnson, Jared (Shauna) Gardner, Paige (John) Lyon, Casey (Michael) Hansen and Stephanie Gardner; siblings Marilyn (John) Neerings, Karren (Dave) Bowen, Paul (Janet) Gardner, Ann Meriwether, and many loving grandchildren, nieces, nephews and extended family. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Horace and Marian Gunn Gardner and grandchildren Ashlyn Faye Gardner and Harrison John Lyon. John was a loving father, husband, grandfather, and friend to everyone.

Special thanks to all who have sent thoughts and prayers to the Gardner family during this difficult time.

Funeral Services will be held Friday, June 21st at 11:00 am at the Alpine 9th Ward Chapel, 901 East Village Way, Alpine, Utah, where Viewings will be held Thursday, June 20th from

6:00 to 8:00 pm and prior to services on Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Interment in Alpine City Cemetery.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

# Cemetery

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## Alpine City Cemetery

400 North Grove Drive  
Alpine, UT, 84004

# Events

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**JUN 20** **Viewing** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Alpine 9th Ward  
901 East Village Way, Alpine, UT, US, 84004

**JUN 21** **Viewing** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

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Alpine 9th Ward  
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**JUN 21** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Alpine 9th Ward  
901 East Village Way, Alpine, UT, US, 84004

# Comments

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“ I grew up on 15th East about a block away from the Gardner Home and I was a few years older than John, but our family of 7 kids knew Marilyn, Karen, Paul & John Gardner as well as their parents. I also recall the Gardner family had a dog named "Treasure".

Years later after I completed 3 years of active duty in the US Army I ran into John at BYU. We were both dating California girls at the time and he offered me a ride to Sacramento for a 3 day weekend. It seems to me that we rode in his Ford Mustang and listened to the Mama's and Papa's after crossing the California border. It was a great trip, fun music and his kindness enabled me to get to know my future wife and her Sacramento family to the point we eventually got married. It was one of those random acts of kindness that I've never forgotten and probably never really thanked him for. I am saddened to read of his death and the loss for all those who loved him.  
Craig Thomas, Boise Idaho

**Craig Thomas** - October 22, 2020 at 04:43 AM

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“ Dear Gardner family: I was so sorry to hear of the passing of John, I worked with him when he was assigned to the Salt Lake division of the FBI. He was a great man with impeccable ethics and a great investigator and agent. I am proud to be his friend and colleague. May heaven bless you and your family at this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. - Juan and Lisa Becerra

**Juan T Becerra** - June 20, 2019 at 10:53 AM

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“ Jacque and family,  
I am sad to hear John has left us, yet happy knowing he is in a better place. John and I were both assigned to the Los Angeles Division and the Salt Lake office. He was a well liked and respected FBI agent. Not only was he a great person, he was a great skier! I'm hoping to hear from John, letting me know we can hit the slopes up there! He was such a fantastic skier!

**Brent Robbins** - June 20, 2019 at 09:44 AM

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“ Dear Jacque, Marilyn, Karren, Paul, Ann and families,  
We are saddened by the recent passing of John. We know that he will be missed by each of you and your families. We would love to be there for you on Friday, but we must ask to be excused as we are in Saint George. I guess that we could hit a golf ball for him on his favorite golf course down here. We send our love,  
David and Nancy Gardner

David Gardner - June 18, 2019 at 02:41 PM

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pravin - June 17, 2019 at 02:26 AM

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“ We were so terribly saddened to learn of the death of this dear man. Our son called to let us know of this sad event.  
John was our faithful Home Teacher in Hillside Ward, Rancho Cucamonga, CA. for a couple of years. During his time as our H. T., he came regularly with his son, Jared, and then when Jared left on his mission to Chile, John brought Jacque. We had such nice visits. John never forgot our sons' birthdays or special events in their lives. He was soft spoken, had a cute, quiet sense of humor. He was so proud of each of his children. He was so supportive of Jacque when she had callings that took a lot of time. He attended my Dad's funeral---even though he didn't really know him, but he cared about us and our loss.  
We pray that Jacque and the family will be comforted at this great loss. John and she are such great friends, sweethearts and they are both examples of tender service to others.

Allen and Dolores "Dee" Wilson----Green Valley, AZ

Allen & Dolores Wilson - June 17, 2019 at 12:38 AM

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“ We are blessed to share our grandchildren with John and Jacque and have loved the association that has brought into our lives. John and Jacque spent a week in Aruba with us, for the baptism of our granddaughter. We enjoyed dinners together, snorkeling, and hearing all about his FBI days. He was a great man, very loving, always showed interest in others, and was fun to talk to. Thank you for touching our lives and being such a good father and grandfather. Our love and prayers are with your family.

**Rick and Robin Hansen** - June 15, 2019 at 01:21 PM