



## Lee "Ernie" Garner, Jr.

August 1, 1945 - June 17, 2020

Lee Ernest Garner, Jr. of Leesburg passed away on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at the age of 74 years. He was born in South Carolina to Lee Ernest Sr. and Addie Garner. Known as Ernie by his family and friends, he moved to this area with his parents at the age of five. Ernie proudly served in the National Guard. He became a certified jeweler in 1965 and was currently the owner of Garner Jewelers in Leesburg. Ernie loved the outdoors, especially being on the water. He enjoyed boating and fishing. He also appreciated a good game of Golf.

In addition to his parents, Ernie was preceded in death by his wife, Darlene in 2018 and his son, Scott in 1989. He is remembered and will be dearly missed by his daughter, Lisa (Jerry) Moody of Newland, North Carolina; sister, Beth (Rob) Granger of Eustis; grandchildren, Rebecca Moody of Knoxville, Tennessee, Bryan Moody of Newland, North Carolina, Allie (Joshua) Cuthbertson of Morganton, North Carolina and Paige Moody of Newland; great granddaughter, Sophia; step-sons, Jason Smith of Dona Vista and Jody Baker of Eustis; nephew, Jeremy Granger; and great nephew and nieces, Garrett, Aubrey and Brooklyn.

A graveside memorial ceremony will be held Saturday, June 20 at 10:00 AM at Greenwood Cemetery in Eustis. All are welcome to attend.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 – [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)

Condolences, memories, and photos may be shared on the tribute wall.

# Events

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**JUN** **Graveside Ceremony** 10:00AM  
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Greenwood Cemetery  
220 Haselton Street, Eustis, FL, US, 32726

# Comments

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“ Diane G Thornburg lit a candle in memory of Lee "Ernie" Garner, Jr.



**diane g thornburg** - July 11, 2020 at 10:43 AM

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“ Ernie was a good person. I found a piece of jewelry on a dance floor one night. Knowing that it was special to someone, I walked up to Ernie & Darlene & said I think you dropped something. Not know the real worth, he called for me to come by the jewelry store one day. Not expecting anything, he gave me a beautiful piece of jewelry as a reward. He, Darlene and I became good friends and I loved getting to know them. To his family, I am so sorry for your loss.

**Wanda Rhodes** - June 24, 2020 at 04:03 PM

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“ Ernie was always so good to us. I will never forget his million dollar smile and his loving and giving attitude. Ernie Garner you will be missed!

**Kelly Mahaffey** - June 19, 2020 at 03:16 AM

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“ We grew up on the same street in Eustis, Tyringham Rd. He was like having another big brother. I loved his laugh. But because 7th-12th grades were together and he always watched out for me. I got to be just a little more popular because he was so handsome and a lot of girls asked for my assistance in getting a date with him. He knew I was working this but he just laughed and said just bring me the names. Such a great guy. Love you brother. Betsie Phillips



**Betsie Phillips** - June 18, 2020 at 05:45 PM

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“ I have known Ernie since first grade. He was such a friend to all classmates. Rest In Peace dear friend.

**Barbara Wilson Smith** - June 18, 2020 at 05:28 PM