



Gardner Earl Starkey

February 20, 1932 - September 6, 2011

Gardner "Duck" Starkey

Age 79 and a lifelong resident of Pumpkin Center, Gardner passed away on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at North Oaks Medical Center. He was a member of Jerusalem Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Emma Rogers Starkey; four sons, David Earl Starkey and wife Vicki, Gilbert "Bruce" Starkey, Sr. and wife Sandra, Danny Ken Starkey and wife Vicky Lynn, Marty Starkey and wife Dana, along with 46 grandchildren, 52 great-grandchildren, 4 great-great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding Gardner in death were his sons, Randy Lee Starkey and Gardner Darrell Starkey; parents, Oscar Lee and Ida Nickins Starkey; granddaughter, Lois Starkey; three great-grandsons, Daniel Raymond DiMarco, Brandon Lee Story and Brandon Bruce Lee Story; two brothers and a sister.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral services from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, on Friday, September 9, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. The family requests that visiting hours be observed at the funeral home chapel on Thursday, September 8, 2011, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and again on Friday beginning at 8:00 a.m. until the

funeral service time. Rev. Phil Weaver will officiate the services, assisted by Rev. Ricky Baker and interment will follow in Oak Meadows Cemetery in Pumpkin Center.

Condolences and other information are available online at www.thompsoncares.com

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home of Hammond.

Tribute Wall



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September 14, 2011 at 11:15 AM



“ Marty and Family,

We are so sorry to hear about your loss. Many fond memories of Mr. Gardner will forever be with us. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Dirk and Debbie Hampton##imported-end##

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“ I'll love you with all myheart and will miss you so much.My prays will always be with Aunt Emmer##imported-begin##Laverne[Petey]Baker##imported-end##

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“ With my deepest sympathy##imported-begin##Ettie Lee Coates Travis##imported-end##

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“ Our prayers and love are with you,Emmer, and the family at this time. God bless and keep you.##imported-begin##Michael&PatsyNichensFreeman##imported-end##

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“ Sorry for your loss. We will keep you in our prayers.##imported-begin##Melissa Stewart##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Gordon and Eloise Anderson##imported-end##

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