



Mildred Ilene Gardner

March 2, 1929 - September 21, 2015

Age 86.

Beloved wife of Lynn Joseph for 58 years.

Loving mother of Elaine (Dick) Crone, Grant (Lisa) and Kurt (Laura).

Dear grandmother of Mandi (Mikel) Saltsman and Jessica (James) Dodson.

Cherished great grandmother of Lola Saltsman.

Predeceased by children Ruth and Joseph.

Dear sister of the late Ruth (the late Jack) Davis.

Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Long time member of the Cantata Academy.

In lieu of flowers, family suggests donations to the American Kidney Association, the American Diabetes Association or the Alzheimer's Association.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **25**. 7:30 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights
3801 18 Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48314
(586) 997-3838

Tribute Wall



“ *Mildred Ilene Gardner*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Mildred Ilene Gardner*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *Millie's steadfast devotion to Cantata Academy will always be remembered. She was the true conscience of the choir, the one whom everyone could count on to bring all the different personalities and concerns of the group together and to do so with kindness, diplomacy and tact. She was the true "mother" of the group and could always see clearly the bigger picture of where the group and its director had been before, where it was at the moment and where it needed to go in the future. I will never forget how she and Lynn welcomed me into the Cantata family and made me feel at home with the group. Planning the Eurotours with them and Willy Dewald were always delightful and seeing the product of that planning unfold in successful and interesting choir tours was so very gratifying. Those tours not only built our confidence as singers, but they produced a strong bond of friendship that has endured over the years. For these memories and for your friendship, I thank you, Millie. You will be missed. Jim Lewis*

James Lewis - September 24, 2015 at 04:39 PM

MB

“ *Mary Jo Larson and Jim Bizer purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mildred Ilene Gardner.*



Mary Jo Larson and Jim Bizer - September 24, 2015 at 12:21 AM

ML

“ *We have so many fond memories of Millie and Lynn with my parents at Lake Michigan, hearing them sing in Cantata, and celebrating so many Christmas Eves together. I can see everyone now, sitting in their chairs at the Lake, reading and talking. Millie was full of kindness and grace, fitting in perfectly with the peace and happiness of that place. Our hearts go out to the Gardner family.*

Mary Jo Larson - September 23, 2015 at 11:29 PM

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“ *Isabella Bank Trust Department purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mildred Ilene Gardner.*



Isabella Bank Trust Department - September 23, 2015 at 02:36 PM

GK

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Millie's passing.... she was an astonishing person of talent, charm, organization and was so loved by so very many.

My years in Cantata Academy as a singer and accompanist are filled with so many wonderful memories of performances and two tours of Europe.

My life was enriched by her genuine ability to fit in virtually anywhere and her generosity and sensitivity to others. She was truly one exceptional human being and the world will be a smaller place with her gone. Her life was a testimony to her family and friends. She was able to impart joy even in the toughest of times and challenges.

Rest in peace.... time is more of a means to distance rather than heal.... may we all celebrate the grace that she always demonstrated.... She will be greatly missed.

Love to Lynn and the rest of the family.... thank you all for sharing her with us for so many years as a colleague and fellow musician.

*Gary L. Keller
P O Box 744
Baldwin City, KS 66006*

Gary Keller - September 22, 2015 at 06:53 PM