



## Joyce (Olander) Gardiner

April 14, 1943 - September 6, 2012

Joyce (Olander) Gardiner, 69, of Londonderry, NH died peacefully Thursday September 6, 2012 at the Elliot Hospital in Manchester, NH.

She was born April 14, 1943 in Hartford CT, daughter of Helen (Hartl) Olander and the late Carl Robert Olander.

Joyce was the loving wife of the late John "Jack" P. Gardiner, with whom she shared 41 loving years prior to his passing in 2006.

She was a very spunky, generous and loving person. She graduated from Bloomfield High School in CT and went on to attend the University of Hartford in CT. She worked in advertising for many years and was a partner in several small businesses, most recently she was the owner of Dolphin Associates, a corporate and technical advertising and marketing company in Londonderry. In 2010, Joyce was campaign manager for Frank Emiro in the New Hampshire gubernatorial election of 2010.

Joyce became a private pilot and enjoyed flying around the country with her husband, Jack, and with other family and friends. She was a First Lieutenant in the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) NH Wing. She was also a member of the NH Garden Railway Society and the Bristol S Club.

She was very active in the several veterans support groups to aid and assist our U.S. Veterans, as well as being a Colonel with the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, an advisor and consultant for the National Vietnam and Gulf War Veteran's Coalition, a past Director of the NH Gold Star Mothers Memorial Statue Committee, a member of Release Foundation POW/MIA, and a Khom Nation supporter.

Joyce was a faithful communicant of St. Mark the Evangelist in Londonderry and enjoyed being a member of the choir there. She loved music and singing, and sang with many choirs, and was also an avid tennis player and golfer.

Besides her loving mother, Helen (Hartl) Olander, survivors include a daughter and a son in law, Theresa and Lawrence Clawson Jr., two grandsons, Glenn Clawson and Brendan Clawson all of Tyngsboro, MA. Her life partner Frank Emiro of Londonderry, a sister and brother in law Deborah Dunne and her husband Kevin of St. Augustine FL, a brother and sister in law Robert "Bob" Olander and his wife Sharyn of No. Ft. Myers, FL, a sister in law Susan Olander of Windsor, CT, a brother and sister in law, Robert and Betty Gardiner of Hawthorne, NY, a brother and sister in law, Margaret "Peg" and John Homberg of Framingham, MA. As well as two nieces and a nephew, several loving cousins and many dear friends.

Visiting hours will be on Tuesday September 11th from 4pm - 7pm in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Ferry St. (Rte 111) in Hudson, NH. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday September 12th at 10:30 AM at St. Mark the Evangelist Church, 3 South Road, Londonderry, NH. All May Meet At Church. Burial will take place in St. Patrick Cemetery, Hudson, NH.

# Previous Events

## Service

SEP **12.** 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Mark's Church  
1 South Road  
Londonderry, NH

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joyce (Olander) Gardiner*

October 06, 2023 at 08:13 AM



“ *Joyce (Olander) Gardiner*

September 27, 2023 at 04:05 AM



“ *Joyce was a special friend. Remember our trip to Bermuda, that was super. You had that great smile and always a helping hand. My last reunion at BHS was the first, the fifth year and we went together. Wish I had been to the last one so I could have been with you one more time. Love you Joyce, say hello to Jesus for me.*

Sally Hunt Smith Koiso - September 21, 2012 at 10:12 AM



“ *She was a classy lady. RIP.##imported-begin##Tom Dolannn##imported-end##*

September 11, 2012 at 09:40 AM



“ *May Her Soul Rest in Peace and May God Grant her Daughter Teresa and the family strength , hope and faith during this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Claudia & David Bangura##imported-end##*

September 11, 2012 at 09:00 AM



“ Deepest sympathy to Frank Emiro and all of Joyce's family members-thoughts will be with you in the days ahead.##imported-begin##Sandra Starr##imported-end##

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September 10, 2012 at 11:03 PM



“ I had the pleasure of singing in the choir with Joyce at St. Thomas Aquinas Church several years ago. She impressed me as a very kind and energetic person. May God grant you His eternal peace Joyce! And may God comfort your family. Peace and All Good.##imported-begin##Cindy Nichols, OFS##imported-end##

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September 10, 2012 at 07:21 PM



“ Dear Theresa,  
I am so sorry to learn of the passing of your Mom. She certainly was "spunky" and wow - was she amazing. Of course I knew she was active but had no idea just how many worthy causes she was active in. She was a great person who raised a great daughter. It's wonderful knowing that she is now reunited with your Dad but I am so very sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to you, Larry and the kids.  
Love you,  
Stacie##imported-begin##Stacie DeJoie##imported-end##

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September 10, 2012 at 12:54 AM



“ Dear Terri, Frank and family, I was so sorry to hear of Joyce's passing and yet I know she left with courage and passion. We had a few late night conversations when neither of us could sleep and discussed her great love for her family and the strength it took to keep "fighting the good fight". Terri, she didn't want to leave any of you but was so weary. She is at peace now and you must be thankful for that. Take comfort in her love for you.  
Marsha##imported-begin##Marsha DuMont##imported-end##

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September 09, 2012 at 03:26 PM



Dear Marsha, It is hard to believe a year has gone by. I pray that you are healthy now and able to enjoy your life. We still miss mom so dearly, especially me.  
God bless you again for leaving this message.

Terri

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Theresa - September 13, 2013 at 06:04 AM



“ I will miss her sweet smile and bubblely personality.  
All my love, Sharyn##imported-begin##SHARYN  
OLANDER##imported-end##

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September 09, 2012 at 02:49 PM



“ Joyce, I will miss laughing with you, You are a guardian in heaven now for Theresa and her family and please look after me as well.  
You will be missed.  
Love, Maryjane##imported-begin##Maryjane Schram##imported-end##

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September 09, 2012 at 12:15 PM



“ You were a very special friend and will always be in our hearts. We love you Joyce and will miss you dearly.##imported-begin##Allison Smith##imported-end##

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September 08, 2012 at 04:57 PM



“ Joyce will be sadly missed. She was a caring and funny friend. I will miss our annual golf outing at St. Johns. It was great to see the smile on her face last year when she won the long drive competition. We will all miss the laughter that Joyce brought to our team. Rest in peace my friend.##imported-begin##Edward Smith##imported-end##

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September 08, 2012 at 05:57 AM

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*Dear Theresa, You don't know me, but on this which is Joyce's birthday, I wanted to tell you how about 60 years ago, while she was spending summers with her grandmother Hartl on Forest St. in East Hartford, Joyce was my special girl friend. She worked on our family farm and one evening we attended Mass at St. Christopher's -in August - probably Feast of the Assumption, we walked home together holding hands, along a long, back dirt road. Despite being eaten alive by mosquitoes, we stopped and kissed. The world seemed to explode. No one ever had that effect on me. No one. Ever. She was really a brave and special person as the preceding tributes indicate. I miss her and wish I didn't lose track. My older son is now a police officer in NH and so one day if I am ever able and when this pandemic subsides, maybe I 'll at least be able to visit her graveside.*

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**Bob DePietro** - April 14, 2020 at 08:43 PM