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“Now that’s funny and I know funny!” – D. Gardner

November 29, 1958 – March 29, 2020

This is the story of Donald Gardner. Donald was a charismatic, fun-loving man that was loved, is missed, and will always be cherished. “Dun Dun,” as he is affectionally known by his grandson, was a compassionate son, brother and father and an amazing singer to all who could hear.

Donald’s story began on November 29, 1958, the fifth child to the late Hosia Gardner Sr. and Francis Williams-Gardner. Donald was born and raised in his beloved New Orleans, LA.

He was a sports fan enthusiast and proud member of the New Orleans Saints “Who DAT Nation”.

Donald was known for his infectious laughter and always could be found cracking jokes with family and friends. His passion for music was the rhythm to his life. He played in the local funk band “Survival” where he played the trumpet as well as vocals. He could sing with best of them.

Donald was a proud Alumnus of Warren Easton Senior Highschool Class 1977. After high school he worked as cement craftsman and finisher.

Loved ones that cleared the path for Donald are his parents’ father Hosia Gardner Sr., mother Francis Williams-Gardner his sisters, Geraldine Gardner and June Gardner. Loved ones that will miss Donald until they meet again are his children Aftan, Lauren and Kiersten Gardner; and his grandson Jaydin

Chambers. His siblings Hosia Gardner Jr., Diane M. Simms, Brenda G. Hunter and Wayne J. Gardner. Along with a host of beloved nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In the wake of the Covid-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, there will be a FAMILY ONLY VIEWING ON, April 6, 2020 from 10am-11am at D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home. Located at 3933 Washington Ave, New Orleans, LA 70125.

While we would love your hugs and kisses, we ask family and friends adhere to the current health and safety guidelines for social distancing, hand washing and simply staying home if you're sick. We all love and respect our DAD and want to ensure we all SURVIVE these challenging times TOGETHER. Thank you for your condolences and understanding during our time of bereavement.

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“ I was shocked when I saw Donald's obituary in the newspaper. Although it has been over 40 years he still had the joyful smile that he possessed in high school. He was a wonderful person then and by the words of the obit. he never lost his mischief sense of humor. I offer you my sincerest condolences on this great loss to your family. May his soul rest in peace. Barbara C. Duhe, Donald's high school counselor

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