



Dr. Darrell Garber

September 28, 1949 - March 29, 2016

Dr. Darrell H. Garber

Murrells Inlet

Dr. Darrell H. Garber, 66, of Murrells Inlet died Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at the Medical University of South Carolina after a long battle with cancer.

Born in Rockingham, NC, he was the son of the late Willie and Bernice Garber. His masters and bachelor degrees are from Clemson University. Dr. Garber received his Ed.D. in literacy and linguistics from the University of Tennessee in 1978. He has published and presented on the topics of school finance, school leadership and accreditation. He started his career as a high school English, reading and journalism teacher at Anderson School District Five from 1971-1976, served as Supervisor of Language Arts in New Orleans Public Schools from 1978-1985, Assistant Professor at Louisiana Tech University from 1985-1992, Associate Professor at Northwestern State University from 1992-1993, Associate Professor at Columbia College from 1993-1996, Chair and Professor of Education and Associate Dean and Professor of Education at Northern Kentucky University from 1996-2000, Dean and Professor at Tennessee Technological University from 2000-2007, and most recently the Dean of Education at Kutztown University where he retired. In addition to his other duties, Dr. Garber has served as a member of the Board of Examiners for the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). In this role, he has served on, and chaired, accreditation teams in various states. He has also served as consultant to

universities and colleges on the accreditation process.

Survivors include his wife of 20 years Mary Littlejohn-Garber; brother, Phillip Garber and wife Linda; stepson, Kris Littlejohn and wife Candice Littlejohn; and his darling granddaughter, Lyric Littlejohn.

A funeral service will be held at 3:00 PM, Sunday, April 3, 2016 at Belin Memorial United Methodist Church with burial following at the church. The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 PM, Saturday, April 2, 2016 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel, 11528 Hwy. 17 Bypass Murrells Inlet, SC 29576.

Memorial donations may be made to Dean Garber and Mary Garber Textbook Assistance Fund, Kutztown University, 15197 Kutztown Rd. Kutztown, PA 19530 for first generation college students.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Belin Memorial United Methodist Church Cemetery

4183 Hwy 17 Business
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home
11528 Highway 17 Bypass
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576
(843) 651-3295
info@goldfinchfuneralhome.com
<https://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Ceremony

APR 3. 3:00 PM (ET)

Belin Memorial United Methodist Church
4182 Hwy. 17 Bus.
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576
(843) 651-5099

Tribute Wall



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Darrell Garber



Goldfinch Funeral Home - March 31, 2016 at 03:11 PM

EM

I am going to miss my friend Darrell more than I have words to express. He was dear to me and I feel a very deep sense of loss. Mary and family, you have my most sincere condolences. I met Darrell many years ago when he chair the NCATE team at Minnesota State. He liked me because I was about three months older than he was...We became friends right away and stayed good friends. He was such a fine gentleman in all respects. I was looking forward to cigars and mint juleps on his back porch...

Ed

Ed Mills - April 04, 2016 at 03:45 PM

DB

“ *I just found out that Darrell had passed. We were colleague deans in Ky and kept touch through the TECSCU group. He will be very missed.*

Dr. Cathy Barlow - May 04, 2016 at 11:55 AM

KC

“ Darrell was the Dean of Education at Kutztown while I was a faculty member. Although we worked together a short time (3 years), it was always a pleasure as he was a gentleman and cared about doing the right thing.

It is interesting how things work - my daughter is teaching third grade in Richmond County, NC - about 15 minutes from Rockingham, where Darrell was born.

We will lift up Mary and family in our prayers.

Kelly

Kelly V. Cockrum - April 04, 2016 at 05:29 PM

MW

“ I've had the pleasure of knowing Darrell for over 20 years beginning with his tenure at Northern Kentucky University. Since then I followed his progress (and footsteps) at NKU and then working with him on a pet project of his at Kutztown University--the University's first doctoral program. Darrell was always cheerful and positive even through his trials and tribulations as of late. He spend his life and career finding ways to be of service to others as they prepared for and lived their lives as teachers and other helping professionals. Whenever I was with him in the company of students it was clear how much they appreciated and cared for him and how much he was invested in their success. It was a site to behold. He will be very much missed by family, students, faculty and friends but it is clear to me that my life and the lives of so many others have been touched and bettered for his time among us. Peace.

Mark Wasicsko - April 04, 2016 at 11:22 AM



Bill
Brown

“ I am so saddened to hear of Darrell's passing. We attended the University of Tennessee College of Education grad school together where we became good friends. We maintained contact over the years and I hoped to get back together and play some music upon his retirement. Sadly, that is not to be. Darrell was a good man and will be greatly missed by his many friends. My condolences to his family and all those who were fortunate to have known him.

Bill Brown - April 03, 2016 at 08:51 PM



GJ

“ Darrell was a good friend, and he is sorely missed. We served as Deans together at Tennessee Tech ... he in Education and I in Engineering. We had a great working relationship, but more importantly, we had a great friendship.

I was sad when he moved on to Kutztown in 2008, but I understood his desire to serve in this new role. We maintained our contact over the years, and continued to share our common interests ... especially our love for music. Darrell told me on several occasions that his favorite songs were those old gospel songs that he remembered from his childhood in family settings. He was a fast learner, and from where I was sitting, it was my impression that his love for music and those old time songs were very important during these past several years.

My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Darrell's surviving family. He was a wonderful colleague and a very special friend, and I'm sure he was even more to those who were more than his friend.

Glen Johnson - April 03, 2016 at 05:57 PM

SB

“ *Student Government Board purchased the Love Everlasting Bouquet for the family of Dr. Darrell Garber.*



Student Government Board - April 03, 2016 at 03:03 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Dr. Darrell Garber.*



April 02, 2016 at 01:28 PM

DL

“ *Debbie Lynch purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Dr. Darrell Garber.*



Debbie Lynch - April 02, 2016 at 08:08 AM

DB

“ *Mary-- Betty and I are so very sorry and so very troubled by Darrell's passing. Darrell was truly a personal friend and a most well prepared, professional. His loss is a great loss to so many students and faculty whom he helped over so many years! Tom & Betty*

Dr Tom Blevins - April 01, 2016 at 08:12 PM

DB

“ We never got together as much as we would like to. When we did, it always ended up with us laughing till our sides hurt and tears streamed out of our eyes recalling past escapades. Remembering Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles and the good times we had as kids (and adults) visiting them.

You will be missed greatly.

Dennis E. Buchanan - April 01, 2016 at 07:27 PM

DB

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Dennis Buchanan - April 01, 2016 at 07:02 PM

DB

Darrell at Mom's Retirement Party

Dennis Buchanan - April 01, 2016 at 07:02 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Darrell Garber.*



April 01, 2016 at 02:02 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Darrell Garber.*



April 01, 2016 at 11:36 AM



“ *It is with sincere sadness that I have learned of the passing of my friend and colleague, Darrell Garber. I was honored to work with Darrell during his tenure as dean of Education at Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville, TN, and visited in the home of Darrell and "Miss Mary" on numerous occasions. I want to take this means to express my condolences to Mrs. Garber and the family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May you find support at this time through your faith, your love for each other and the encouragement of your many friends. Larry Peach, Cookeville, Tennessee*

Larry Peach - April 01, 2016 at 10:36 AM



“ *Dennis, Sue, Christopher, Matthew and David purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Dr. Darrell Garber.*



Dennis, Sue, Christopher, Matthew and David - April 01, 2016 at 10:03 AM

JP

“ Dr. Garber is the reason I am was able to remain in the secondary education program, student teach, and graduate on time. And for that I am forever grateful. On his last day at KU my friend and I brought him slices of cake, told him how much we will miss him, and thanked him for believing in us. Dr. Garber gave me a big old hug and told me it was a pleasure to watch my friend and I grow as students over the years. He was the most dedicated, selfless, and joyous man. He is greatly missed, but his the impact he made on my peers and I will last forever!



Jacqueline Patterson - April 01, 2016 at 09:16 AM

JB

“ Dean Garber was my dissertation chair at Tennessee Tech. While writing my dissertation, he met with me weekly. I felt he knew and cared about my research as much as I did. Now, I chair several dissertation committees myself and I have vowed that I will be the kind of mentor that Dean Garber was to me. He was a truly lovely man. I am so deeply saddened and my heart goes out to Mary. Jane Baker

Jane Baker - March 31, 2016 at 09:10 PM

JM

“ Jeff and Suzi McKay purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Darrell Garber.



Jeff and Suzi McKay - March 31, 2016 at 03:45 PM

DI

“ Duane and Leslie Inman purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Darrell Garber.



Duane and Leslie Inman - March 31, 2016 at 03:43 PM

SC

“ A bad day in Beekey Building at Kutztown University was offset by our Dean's warm smile and gracious manner. A good day was made better by his positive words and spirit. Mary and family, many prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Sandy Chambers - March 31, 2016 at 02:47 PM

GG

“ GREG AND "COUSIN" DONNA LEWIS, WAYNE AND MATTHEW GARBER purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Dr. Darrell Garber.



GREG AND "COUSIN" DONNA LEWIS, WAYNE AND MATTHEW GARBER - March 31, 2016 at 12:11 PM

HA

“ I was an Assistant Professor at Tennessee Tech just beginning my career when I had the privilege to work with Dean Garber (2005-07). He was so encouraging and eager to mentor me into leadership roles in my department/college. I was fortunate to collaborate with him on a project that introduced engineering design concepts to preservice elementary teachers. He was forward thinking and so pleasant and personable. I am saddened by our loss, but will rejoice in his peace with God. My prayers for Mary and his family.

Holly Anthony - March 31, 2016 at 11:26 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Darrell Garber.



March 31, 2016 at 10:11 AM



“ David Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Dr. Darrell Garber



David Buchanan - March 31, 2016 at 09:37 AM



Darrell was my second cousin he always had a smile on his face I will miss you so much Darrell until we meet again in heaven

David Buchanan - March 31, 2016 at 09:38 AM

DG

“ *From The Canterbury Tales*

Here bygynneth the Book of the Tales of Caunterbury

*Whan that Aprill, with his shoures soote
The droghte of March hath perced to the roote
And bathed every veyne in swich licour,
Of which vertu engendred is the flour;
5 Whan Zephirus eek with his sweete breeth
Inspired hath in every holt and heeth
The tendre croppes, and the yonge sonne
Hath in the Ram his halfe cours yronne,
And smale foweles maken melodye,
10 That slepen al the nyght with open eye-
(So priketh hem Nature in hir corages);
Thanne longen folk to goon on pilgrimages
And palmeres for to seken straunge strondes
To ferne halwes, kowthe in sondry londes;
15 And specially from every shires ende
Of Engelond, to Caunterbury they wende,
The hooly blisful martir for to seke
That hem hath holpen, whan that they were seeke.*

*I will never forget and for that I am forever grateful!!
Dena Sosebee Graydon
1975-1976 Sophomore English
McDuffie High School
Anderson, SC*

dena graydon - March 30, 2016 at 10:03 PM

MH

“ *This wonderful man now lives in the light of Christ.*

Blessings to Mary and family from Margaret Herrick, a colleague from KU

Margaret Herrick - March 30, 2016 at 08:23 PM

DW

“ *I was fortunate to serve as Associate Dean during Darrell's tenure as Dean at Tennessee Tech University. We were a great team and he was one of the kindest people I ever knew. It was a blessing to serve as his colleague and to call him friend. He will be missed by us all until we meet again.*

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields and,
Until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

See you on the other side my friend, peace be with you.

Dr. John Wheeler

Dr. John Wheeler - March 30, 2016 at 08:22 PM

LN

“ Several years ago I attended a professional meeting In Harrisburg, Pennsylvania with the education dean from IUP. Darrell spoke during that meeting and as I listened to him, I leaned over to my dean and said, "I'll bet I can predict within 100 miles where that gentleman grew up." She looked at me disbelievingly, but said "You're on!" I shared my belief that Dr. Garber was from North Carolina, and that I believed him to be from the Sandhills or Piedmont. My dean laughed and said "We'll see!" After the meeting, we ran into Darrell in the parking garage, and Dr. Rafoth told him about our wager. Smiling, he said to me, "So where do you peg me being from?" "North Carolina," I said, "no further west than Charlotte, but not Outer Banks, and not Wilmington." He smiled that wonderful smile and said " How do you know that? Where are you from?" "Rockingham" I told him. He looked startled and then beamed even more broadly and said "SO AM !!!!!" From then on, any time I saw Darrell, we traded a hug and Richmond County stories.

He was a genuinely wonderful person, a dedicated educator, and a kind and generous spirit. I am so, so thankful that I was able to know him ---even if for only a few years. He exemplified the best kind of care for others. I will miss his brilliant smile, his hearty laugh, and his authentic goodness. Somehow, being in a conversation with Darrell always made me feel right at home -- listened to, valued, respected --- and from a very special little town in North Carolina that gave all of us a tremendous friend.

With the hope that great memories will comfort you at this sad and difficult time.

Laurie Nicholson

Laurie Nicholson - March 30, 2016 at 08:05 PM

LW

“Darrell and I shared homeroom and several classes in high school and we would always sit near each other so we could talk. Much to the displeasure of our teachers. Mostly I would make jokes and wisecracks to make him laugh because he really had an infectious one. I got him in trouble a few times doing this but he would still sit near me and risk it. I am retired in Wilmington NC and was hoping we could get together again for a laugh or two since he would be close by. I am deeply saddened by his passing before he had the chance to enjoy his retirement and spend quality time with his family.

Lee West - March 30, 2016 at 06:17 PM

FS

“Full Circle Music Society lit a candle in memory of Dr. Darrell Garber



Full Circle Music Society - March 30, 2016 at 04:44 PM

FS

“Darrell loved playing music and enjoyed listening to others play as well. He was a great addition to Full Circle Music Society. His smile will be missed.

Full Circle Music Society - March 30, 2016 at 04:44 PM

NB

*I can't even picture Darrell not smiling. He certainly loved his music and it showed all the time. We will certainly miss him at all our sessions. RIP Darrell
Full Circle Music Society*

Nancy Burns - March 30, 2016 at 06:45 PM