

**December 9, 2007**

**Groveton News**

**JAMES RAY GARDNER**

Funeral services for James Ray Gardner were held on Tuesday November 27, 2007 at 10:00am at Houston National Cemetery Chapel with Pastor Hartley officiating. Interment followed with Military Honors presented.

Mr. Gardner was born June 18, 1941 in Charlotte, NC. and passed away Monday November 19, 2007 in Houston, Texas. Jim proudly served his country for six years in the United States Marine Corp. He loved being around children and he was a gifted magician. He enjoyed a game of pool with his friends and he was an avid golfer. He was previously employed at AOC Company as a salesman. Jim took care of people and he established his business called Grandmothers, Inc. He loved to be in the kitchen cooking for other people and he was a very good cook.

Jim is preceded in death by parents Rhyne and Pauline Craig Gardner; brothers Mike Gardner and Gene Gardner.

Survivors include his wife of 23 years Elizabeth Gardner; six children Tracy Gardner, James Gardner and wife Rebecca, Kelly Gardner, Joe Phipps and wife Jessica, James Michael Gardner and Jennifer Sandavol; three grandchildren, Gino Sandavol, Robert Sandoval, and Nina Gardner; two sisters Eleanore Mason and husband Dewey and Joyce Crossland and John Ford; many nephews and cousins and a host of extended family and friends.

**Waller-Thornton Funeral Home**