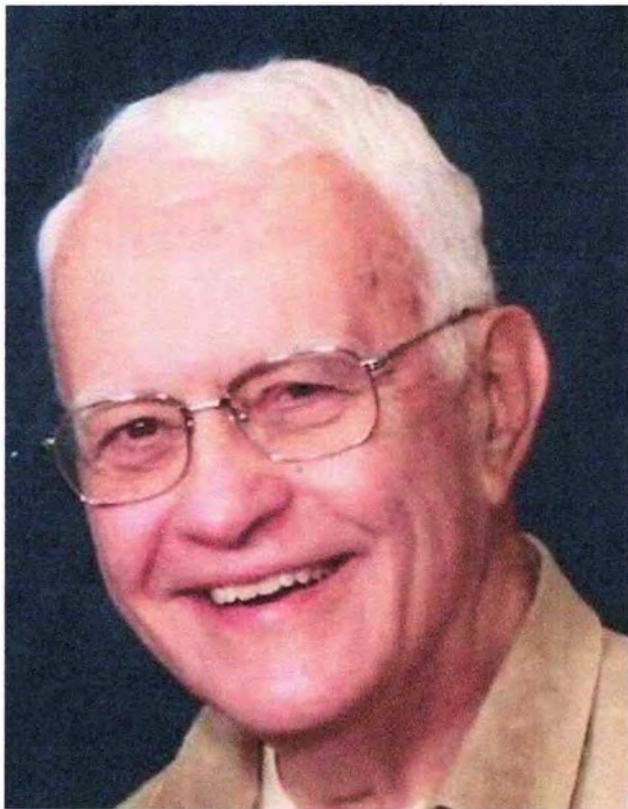


Thomas Vincent Gardner



Thomas Vincent Gardner, Jr.

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Thomas was born August 5, 1931 to Thomas Vincent (Sr.) and Francois Tiffany (White) Gardner in Kansas City, MO. He is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh where he earned his Doctor of Dental Science degree.

Thomas married his lifelong sweetheart Contance Eileen Campbell on April 14, 1954 and they had two children; Thomas Lee, born 1955 and Tiffany Eileen, born 1965.

Tom served his country from 1954-1974 in the Army Dental Corps. He was commissioned in the United States Army Reserve as a Second Lieutenant on September 15, 1954 and retired as a Colonel on October 1, 1974. While serving in Vietnam (1968-69) he established one of the first mobile dental units. He received several distinctions including a Bronze Star, 1st Oak Leaf Cluster. During his years of service, the family was stationed coast to coast including Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Upon retiring from the service in 1974 Tom's career took him and his family to Iowa, where he worked at the University of Iowa School of Dentistry. He was a professor and later clinic director of the dental school. He retired as Associate Dean.

Tom enjoyed several hobbies including playing tennis, restoring cars and boating. He and Connie spent weekends boating the Mississippi River and later the Gulf of Mexico. After many cold winters, they became snowbirds traveling between Iowa City, IA, and Bokeelia, FL, before settling in Salem, OR, to be closer to their grandchildren.

Tom passed away on July 25, 2020, with his parents and wife preceding him in death. He is survived by his son, Thomas Lee and his wife Jeanette, daughter Tiffany Eileen and grandchildren: Amy, Tommy, Sammy, Leah and Grace as well as several great-grandchildren.

Services were August 3, 2020 at Willamette National Cemetery, Portland, Oregon.

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