



## Dixie L Gardner

August 31, 1947 - March 12, 2016

Sparta - Dixie L. Gardner, age 68, passed away on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at Newton Medical Center. Born in Franklin to the late James W. Babcock, Sr. and Winifred (Shauger) Babcock, Dixie had lived to Sussex County all of her life. She had had worked for Chatham Labs and had been employed as a seamstress for the former Morley's Shirt Company in Franklin before her retirement. Dixie was predeceased by her husband, Arden VanNatter, Sr. in 2005; her brother, James W. Babcock, Jr.; and her sisters, Barbara Gardepe and Janet Cabrara. She is survived by her two sons, Arden VanNatter, Jr. and Kenneth VanNatter both of Sparta; her daughter, Annette Mackerley of Sparrowbush, New York; 10 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; and her second husband, Nicholas Gardner of Hamburg. Memorial graveside services will be held on Friday, April 22, 2016 at 11 a.m. on at North Hardyston Cemetery. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Online condolences may be offered to the family at [www.pinkelfuneralhome.com](http://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## North Hardyston Cemetery

Route 94  
Hardyston, NJ 07419

# Previous Events

## Memorial Graveside Services

APR 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I will always remember back to when we were kids, those were such wonderful memories. Sleep overs, being spoken to by Aunt Winnie, because it was late and we were singing Hang Down Your Head Tom Dooley, way too loud. There was always a closeness between our Moms, they always looked out for each other. Now they are both united with their entire family, no sadness, sickness, just heavenly love. You are at rest now with them, can breathe easily, no more oxygen. See you when I get there, hug them all for me please.



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**Carol Ann Shauger Struble** - March 27, 2016 at 07:05 AM

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“ Always in my heart. Will miss that big smile when you seen me. Aunt Dixie breathe now with the angels no more suffering I love You Lori Ann



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**Lori Bonnell** - March 15, 2016 at 03:13 PM

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“ My condolences to The Gardner Family. May the "Peace of God" (Phillipians 4:6,7) be with you as you cope with such sorrow. Please find solace in the memories you ave if your dear loved one and may it help to ease the pain you are feeling.

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**Bunnie** - March 14, 2016 at 03:41 AM