

Ruminations on a Hatteras Reunion

I came across a photograph just the other day.
I sat me down to ponder, and my how memories play.
Why, I commence to mulling 'bout the greatest lighthouse chore
which is guiding weary travelers to the safety of the shore.

It says in St. John's Gospel that Jesus is our light,
So I'm sure He's understanding of our fondness for the site.
I guess it's might near proper for me to opine more and more
There ought to be a lighthouse as we come nigh heaven's shore.

There'll be no need at end-time to keep old Hatteras light
'cause the earth will be a cinder spinning through eternal night.
They moved the spiral lighthouse once through summer sun and rain.
We'll ask St. Peter's helpers to just move it once again.

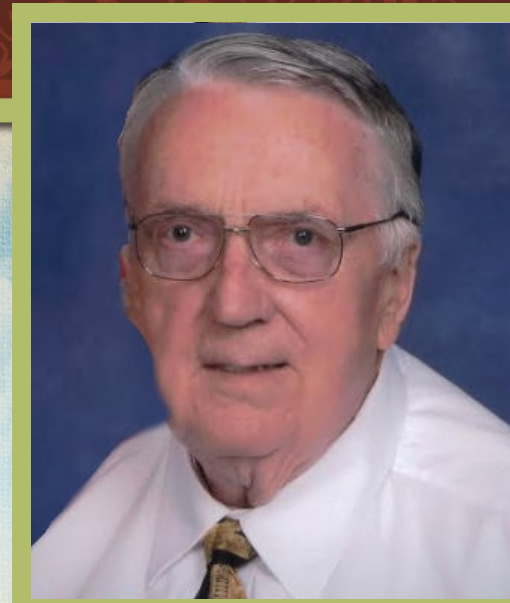
Then we'll take another picture, maybe have a picnic too.
Grace will boil a pot of crabs with Reta's Beaufort Stew.
Boo can sketch the lighthouse, the dunes and other scenes,
and Maree can haul in Jimmy from Heaven's golfing greens.

Mom can introduce us to the brood we never knew.
Aunt Deb can look for orphans as she's so prone to do.
Barry Wayne will be there showing Mildred Angel wings.
Carol, Ronnie and his Dad can talk of Santee things.

Lord, I'll be so glad and thankful, considering all my sins,
That I'd be too shamed to question why any others made it in.
How some ever, I'm allowing, what a joy and what delight
to have a glad reunion gathered round Old Hatteras Light.

*John 8:12
By Seth N. Garrington

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In Memory Of

*Seth Needham
Garrington, Jr.*

September 5, 1934
June 19, 2024

Seth Needham Garrington, Jr., age 89, resident of Somerville, Tennessee and husband of Ruby Burton Garrington, departed this life Wednesday afternoon, June 19, 2024 at the National HealthCare Center in Somerville.

Seth was born September 5, 1934 in Poplar Branch, North Carolina, the son of the late Seth Needham Garrington and Martha Love "Reta" Spry Garrington. He graduated from Edmunds High School at Sumter, South Carolina in 1952 and continued his education at Trevecca Nazarene College in Nashville to earn his Bachelor's Degree and Peabody Vanderbilt University College to earn his Master's Degree.

Mr. Garrington was employed as a corrections administrator for many years. He was a parole officer in Jackson, Tennessee, a warden at the Turney Center in Only, Tennessee and Administrator of Correctional Institutions at Joelton, Tennessee and Somerville, Tennessee at Wilder Youth Developmental Center. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Somerville.

Mr. Garrington is survived by his wife, Ruby Burton Garrington; two daughters, Evelyn Garrington of La Vergne, TN and Candace "Candy" Kelley (David) of Somerville, TN; his son, Russell Alan "Rusty" Garrington (Angie) of Collierville, TN; his grandchildren, Misty Danner, Ashley Wagner (Mark), Matthew Seth Kelley (Linsey), Christin Kelley Bryson (Zach), Kelsea Garrington McGehee (Nik) and Burton Seth Garrington; and his great-grandchildren, Miles Marie Bryson, Jolie Wray Bryson, Avacyn Ruby McGehee, Ellie Grace McGehee, Jace McGehee, Baker Seth Kelley, August Andy Kelley, Bryce Danner, Brylee Danner, Madilynne Wagner, Mark Wagner III and Max Wagner.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Timothy Seth "Tim" Garrington; twelve sisters, Wilma Garrington Morel, Marjory Jeanette Garrington, Marjorie Lee Garrington, Mildred Garrington Harris, Nettie Alma Garrington, Pattie Virginia Garrington, Claudia Alma Garrington McCarthy, Naomi Jean Garrington Frank, Reta Faye Garrington Apostolis, Grace Garrington O'Neal, Clara "Peggy" Garrington Swann and Maree Garrington Gordan; and his brother, Ronald Pernell Garrington.

The family requests that memorials be directed to First Baptist Church of Somerville – Missions, 12685 S. Main Street, Somerville, TN 38068.

Condolences may be left on our online guestbook at
www.PeeblesFuneralHome.com.

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Funeral Service

3 P.M. Sunday ~ June 23, 2024
Peebles West Funeral Chapel
Oakland, Tennessee

Officiating Ministers

Pastor Jim Whitley
Liberty Baptist Church
Laconia, Tennessee
Bro. Stan Smith
First Baptist Church
Somerville, Tennessee

Personal Remarks Given by

Steve Holt

Final Resting Place

Somerville City Cemetery
Somerville, Tennessee

Pallbearers

Mark Wagner, Zach Bryson, Michael Starnes,
Mark Starnes, Billy Burton and Zachary McKell

Honorary Pallbearers

Paul Grassel, Lance Burton, David O'Neal, Elmer Whitten and
The Barnabas Class of First Baptist Church of Somerville