



Mrs. Marie Elena (Gardner) Meays

September 22, 1944 - January 29, 2021

NEW HARTFORD - Mrs. Marie Elena (Gardner) Meays, age 76, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, January 29, 2021 with the love and support of her husband and family.

Born in Little Falls, NY on September 22, 1944, Marie was the daughter of the late Edward and Philomena "Fanny" (Guisto) Gardner. She was a graduate of Little Falls High School. On October 13, 1962 Marie married Lawrence R. "Ronnie" Meays, and from that day forward, they embraced life enthusiastically and did everything together. Theirs was a strong, enduring love in a marriage that celebrated 58 years. They held hands, shared warm hugs, and their hearts were endeared to one other during their lifelong union. Ronnie was Marie's protector and best friend and they were partners for life; together they served as an inspiration to all of us.

She began her career at Sears & Roebuck where she worked for a number of years as a switchboard operator. She subsequently held a position at PAR Technology Corporation as a technological assembler for 26 years.

Concurrently, she assisted at the Boardwalk Skateboard & Ski Store, a family business that had a great run! Lastly, Marie was a 15-year beloved employee of the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. where she worked to the very end as a gracious greeter with a warm smile. Marie and her husband worked as a pair at the funeral home, and she will be profoundly missed by the staff and many visitors.

Marie strived to be a good mom, sharing her wisdom, and loving each of her

children equally. As a grandmother, she was protective and found joy in the precious time she spent with the grandkids. Her great-grandchildren brought her to a new stage of relaxation, as they ran the roost, and she stood by reveling in it! As long as everyone was ok!

Marie was perfectly appointed in her attire and appearance, as well as gracious and outgoing in her personality. She was loyal in her many friendships, and laced them with good laughs and great stories. She was a novice cook in earlier years, and before long started preparing outstanding meals from new and adventurous recipes, and Ronnie loved them all! Marie was happy when she was in the company of her loved ones. A welcoming hostess, she went all out with fine food and spirits. She also loved to decorate her home in pleasing tones and trends, and she knew what she wanted when she saw it. Marie leaves a legacy of a life well-lived, graced with many great memories of beautiful moments in time.

Marie is survived by her beloved Ronnie; her children and their loves, Lisa Marie Meays and Brian Humphreys, and Michael S. and Sara Meays; her grandchildren, Amie Eichstadt, and Robbie Eichstadt and his canine companion Ruger; Jonas, Elliott, and Cecilia Meays; her great-grandchildren, Leah, and Eli who called her "Mama"; she loved those little ones so much. She also leaves her brother and sister-in-law, Edward "Eddie" and Helen Gardner; sister-in-law, Joan Manion; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by her brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Theresa Gardner; sister-in-law, Jean Nancy Meays Williams; and brother-in-law, Robert N. Manion.

During these tender times, the family has chosen to gather privately to celebrate Marie's life; they so appreciate everyone's thoughts and prayers. Please take a moment to connect with Marie's family through the "Memories" section of her obituary. Our prayers go out to all as a sign of our continued support.

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it

keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails”.

Corinthians 13:4-8

Tribute Wall

LS

“ Six months has past and I just learned about my beautiful friends passing. My heart is broken Ron I always loved you and Marie ! I always called her the Princess because she said you always spoiled her. She was blessed to call you her husband and best friend.,plus she always looked like a princess. I always though what a beautiful couple and you could see how much you loved each other. You both were blessed. My heart goes out too you. I knew you both for a very long time and never one was without the other. I got to know your granddaughter who looks like Marie's daughter not her granddaughter. I'm stunned and sadden. Rest In Peace Princess !. My thoughts and prayers are with you Ron and your family. God be with you ! Again I'm so sorry !

linda Sciortino - July 29, 2021 at 05:52 PM

RB

“ Ronnie, we just heard the sad news and are so so sorry for your loss. Marie was such an amazing person. So loving and fun to be with. We remember all the good times on Hilltop Terrace. You guys were the best neighbors anyone could ask for, even though we didn't live there, we were there most of the time when Pete and Anna were alive. Marie could keep us in stitches with her escapades and lively stories. She was a treasure and will be sorely missed. Our love and condolences to you and your family.

Rick & Joanne Bianco - February 08, 2021 at 01:28 PM

MS

“ *My heart is broken. I knew Marie from attending services at the funeral home. She was a sharp sweet lady with a beautiful face and smile. Heaven will enjoy her. My deepest sympathy to her family and Nancy and staff. She will be missed. God bless and comfort you all.*
Marguerite Spano.

Marguerite Spano - February 08, 2021 at 11:54 AM

JB

“ *Ronnie and Family*
My deepest sympathy. Marie and I worked at Rite Aid and then Village Pharmacy. She was a joy to work with. Her smiling eyes and that sense of humor made for a fun place to work. We were always laughing about something. She always treated the customers with respect and kindness. She is fondly remembered.
Joe Battaglia

Joe Battaglia - February 07, 2021 at 06:14 PM

LD

“ *Ronnie and family ,*
I am so sorry to hear of Marie's passing . I met her when I was 19, working at Sears . I loved her from the minute I met her . Always loved running into her , out and about. In recent years , seeing her at the funeral home . She had an infectious laugh and was always dressed looking beautiful . I will miss you Marie ! Rest in peace .

Linda DeRocco

Linda DeRocco - February 07, 2021 at 05:33 PM

TZ

“ Ronnie, Tom and I are so deeply sorry for your loss. Tom + I remember Marie as a warm and caring person. She was always gracious and did her job well with the Eannace Funeral Home. Tom has many fond memories of her. With our deepest Sympathy and Love, Tom and Maxine Zarski

Tom and Maxine Zarski - February 07, 2021 at 05:21 PM

TW

“ Ron and The Eannace Family, My Heart sank as I viewed to Passing on this Wonderful caring Lady. Her present during family services at the Funeral home eased the sorrow. She always made time to talk to me and laugh while visiting the Turning stone. We will miss her tremendously. Tim Wissenbach and Joe Cardillo

timothy wissenbach - February 07, 2021 at 04:52 PM

LC

I'm So Sorry for your loss, I will miss seeing her at the Casino. Worked w/Marie for years at PAR. She will be sadly missed! Very Beautiful both inside and out. My heart goes out to you Ron. Prayers to her Children & Grand-Children too.

Lisa Carey - February 08, 2021 at 10:03 PM

DA

“ Although time and distance have kept us apart the love I have for Maria Lena is still in my heart. My sincerest sympathy do you and she will be in my prayers as well as you and your family.

DawnHouse - February 07, 2021 at 01:19 PM

PT

“ *Dear Ron and Family,*

Joe and I were so very sorry to read of Maries’s passing. We always enjoyed seeing her and her wonderful smile that just radiated to all around her. We have great memories of all the fun times at the parties over the past years.

May all the years you shared help sustain you in this time of loss.

*Warm regards,
Joe and Pat Terry*

Patricia Terry - February 07, 2021 at 09:44 AM

BD

“ *We were so sorry to hear of Marie's passing. She worked with Guy's mom at Par and always had stories of there times together. Our prays and thoughts are with you at this sad time.*

Guy and Bonnie DelMastro

Bonnie Delmastro - February 07, 2021 at 09:04 AM

GD

“ *So sorry to read the passing of Marie. May her memory be always with you, and God bless your family during this time of grief. Gary and Jeannette Donovan*



Gary A Donovan - February 07, 2021 at 08:28 AM

LD

“ I am so very sad today! I just found out about Marie’s passing! I met Marie working at PAR! What a radiant of light, full of charm and dressed to impress always woman! A smile that lit a room and always so genuinely happy to see you, and greet you with a hug. I met Ron at the funeral home and their love was shown in their eyes when speaking about or to one another! Tonight, I am deeply saddened! My sincere condolences to Ron and their children and all those who loved and knew Marie! I will miss you my friend! 🥹🙏
Lisa Piazza Dillon



Lisa Dillon - February 05, 2021 at 08:35 PM

JL

“ I was so sad to learn of Marie’s passing. I loved every minute living next door to you 4. My sons still talk about “the chief” and ReRe’s meatballs. You were the best neighbors ever! We had so many great times together. Memories to cherish. I look out at your former house and it still is The Meays’ house to me. Thinking of you all but especially Ronnie, Lisa, and Michael.
Josie Latus

Josie Latus - February 05, 2021 at 01:39 PM

DM

“ I sincere condolences to Ron and family. She was truly an amazing woman



Don Marino - February 04, 2021 at 02:23 PM

ML

“ *Mary & Larry Eichstadt With Love lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie Elena (Gardner) Meays*



Mary & Larry Eichstadt with Love - February 03, 2021 at 06:39 PM

AW

“ *Angela Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie Elena (Gardner) Meays*



angela walker - February 03, 2021 at 04:57 PM

JF

“ *Dear Ron and family,
We were sorry to hear of Marie's passing. She was a fun-filled, loving, and an amazing woman! We will always cherish the great times we had together. The love you two shared, was contagious! She will be missed by all who knew her.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family! Love, Judy and Louie*

Judy & Louie Franz - February 03, 2021 at 04:41 PM

JE

“ *Jerry And Erin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie Elena (Gardner) Meays*



Jerry and Erin - February 03, 2021 at 03:53 PM

MA

“ Margaret lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie Elena (Gardner) Meays



Margaret - February 03, 2021 at 03:07 PM

AC

“ Ronnie, so sorry for your lost. I am going to miss her, Such a sweet lady. Prayers for you and your family. Rest in peace Marie.

Adelaide Cortes - February 03, 2021 at 11:45 AM

GF

“ Ron so sorry to hear of Marie's passing I always enjoyed her humor and that smiling face and always including you when ther for visitation accept my condolences to you and your family!

Gary Fava - February 03, 2021 at 10:26 AM

JG

“ Ron, I was saddened to hear of Marie's passing. She always had a smile and kind word when I saw her at the funeral home. I always enjoyed seeing her. Sending love and prayers.

Jody Guarnieri

Jody Guarnieri - February 02, 2021 at 05:09 PM



“ Jennifer Mahoney Parks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie Elena (Gardner) Meays



Jennifer Mahoney Parks - February 02, 2021 at 04:32 PM



“ Sharon Mahoney lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie Elena (Gardner) Meays



Sharon Mahoney - February 02, 2021 at 03:25 PM



“ Peace Eternal Wreath was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie Elena (Gardner) Meays.



February 02, 2021 at 01:49 PM



“ Ron, I am so sorry to hear of Marie's passing. When first meeting you at the pharmacy and later connecting again at various funerals I knew you both as a wonderful and gracious couple. I know you are saddened by her loss. She was a great wife, mom and grand mom. My prayers are with you and your family.

Greg D'Agostino - February 02, 2021 at 11:09 AM

LV

“ Ronnie, Sonny and I were so deeply saddened when we heard of Marie’s passing. Thank goodness Frankie tries to keep us up to date. We were such good friends in high school. We laughed so hard all the time. She was my beautiful maid of honor at our wedding and the two of you married just three weeks later. We actually married on her birthday. We wish you and the entire family peace at this very sad time. The world has lost an incredible person but heaven gained a beautiful angel. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers!!!! Always, Lorraine and Sonny

Lorraine Viola - February 02, 2021 at 09:44 AM

BM

“ Ron, extending my deepest thoughts and prayers to you and your family . Working with you and Marie at Eannace I remember how she could bring a calmness to some trying times. We were a close staff in the parlor and behind the scene making preparations and she was a strong team player.Find strength in the memories of her love for you and her very full and precious life .

Bonnie McCarthy

Bonnie Mccarthy - February 02, 2021 at 07:58 AM

KM

“ Ronnie,
So very sorry for your great loss. Marie was a very special and fun-loving person. We shared many great times together at the Gaslighter and NiMo parties. She always kept us laughing and making them so enjoyable. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Karen Mustee

KAREN A MUSTEE - February 01, 2021 at 10:39 PM

RC

“ Ron-
I'm very sorry to hear of Marie's passing. I didn't get to know her well in the few times we worked together but I could tell she had a great sense of humor, loved you and her family very much, and she was very kind to this 'rookie' working the door with her. My deepest condolences,
Russell Clark

Russell Clark - February 01, 2021 at 07:56 PM

EM

“ *I simply adored Marie. She was one of the first people to greet me on my New York journey by picking me up at the airport with Ron. I knew on that drive to Utica she was a lovely lady and enjoyed working with her. So sorry for your loss. I know she will be greatly missed.*

Erin Mullins-Moser - February 01, 2021 at 07:18 PM

PS

“ *Ronnie; I am so heart broken to hear of Marie's passing. She was always so sweet. She was blessed to have your amazing love and support always. I will pray for your healing.*

Pauline Smith

Pauline Smith - February 01, 2021 at 07:12 PM

JC

“ *Ron:*
I am so sorry to learn of Marie's passing. She was a sweet friend with a warm and wonderful personality. An elegant woman who was truly a fashion icon.
My condolences to your beautiful family as well. She will be remembered and missed.
Love and Prayers,
JeanneCastronovo

Jeanne Castronovo - February 01, 2021 at 06:24 PM

LM

“ *LuAnn Mezza lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie Elena (Gardner) Meays*



LuAnn Mezza - February 01, 2021 at 05:33 PM

DB

“ *Danielle Brucker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie Elena (Gardner) Meays*



Danielle Brucker - February 01, 2021 at 04:10 PM

FV

“ *Francine Voce lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie Elena (Gardner) Meays*



Francine Voce - February 01, 2021 at 03:29 PM

JK

“ *Ron, Lisa, and family, I am so sorry for the loss of Marie. We shared so many laughs, conversations, recipes, and places to get the best take out while working at the funeral home. I am so glad that I had the opportunity to work with the three of you. (even Lisa for a short time) Marie will be missed. Prayers and sympathy to your family.*

Jennifer Karam - February 01, 2021 at 03:25 PM

IP

“ *Ronnie and family, so very sorry to hear about Marie, she was a wonderful and beautiful person. We had so many great laughs at Par. Will miss seeing you two at the casino, I loved her beauty and her great smile. Rest in peace my friend. Brian and Irene Pantola*

IRENE PANTOLA - February 01, 2021 at 01:39 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie Elena (Gardner) Meays.*



February 01, 2021 at 01:30 PM

RG

“ To the Meays family! Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal. In your time of grief look to the hills for all of your strength. Ron we love you your wife was a gem. Our deepest condolences and sympathies. We are praying for you and your entire family in Jesus Name!



Rev. & Mrs. Arthur Gary - February 01, 2021 at 09:20 AM

GL

“ Gloria Lombardo lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie Elena (Gardner) Meays



Gloria Lombardo - January 31, 2021 at 10:49 PM

GL

Dear Ronnie and Family, I was so sorry and shocked to hear of Marie's passing. I'm glad I got to talk to her a few months back. Always enjoyed seeing her when I attended a wake at Eannace, she did her job there with such style and class. Also enjoyed working with her at Par Tech for many years or meeting up with her and Ronnie at the casino. May all of your happy memories of her help you all during this difficult time.....With deepest sympathy.....Gloria Lombardo

Gloria Lombardo - January 31, 2021 at 11:01 PM

EW

“ *Ron & Family,*

I'm deeply saddened to hear of Marie's passing. I thoroughly enjoyed working with Marie (as well as her love). She had such style, grace & humor - her laugh was contagious! I always thought you both were the cutest couple EVER! My thoughts, prayers & love are with you now & in the days ahead.



Erica Wood - January 31, 2021 at 10:15 PM

LH

Ron & Family, I am so sorry to hear about Marie. I thought the world of her from the first time we meet. Always had a smile on her face, laughter in her heart, concern and compassion for others. She was such a beautiful, classy lady. I will miss our little visits at Shirley's. May God's love give you all strength during this difficult time.

Lois Hoyle - February 01, 2021 at 05:28 AM

KF

RON&Family

I was so sorry to hear of Marie's passing I enjoyed our years together at Par we certainly had alot of good memories and so much laughter she will be greatly missed marie was one beautiful person RIP my dear friend .May God give you strength in the difficult days ahead

Karen Fournier - February 01, 2021 at 09:26 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie Elena (Gardner) Meays.*



January 31, 2021 at 08:18 PM

JG

“ *To the family
We are so sorry for your loss . Marie was always there to greet you
at the funeral home .She was a ray of sunshine in your time of
sorrow.Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time
.God Bless all of you..Janice and Fred Greer*

Janice and Fred Greer - January 31, 2021 at 07:12 PM

JL

“ *Ron and family,
I am so truly sorry for the loss of Marie. We shared so many laughs
and good times working together at the funeral home. She will
definitely be missed.*

John Lilli

John N. Lilli - January 31, 2021 at 05:07 PM

SM

*So sorry for your loss.she had a smile that would last for ever.she will
be missed by so many.*

Sharon Mahoney - February 02, 2021 at 03:29 PM