

James "Leonard" Garside Jr.

January 3, 1951 - November 24, 2013

James Leonard Garside, Jr., age 62 of Gentry, AR died Sunday, November 24, 2013 at Circle of Life Hospice in Springdale. Leonard was born on January 3, 1951 in Platteville, WI, the son of James Leonard, Sr. and Klella Moriene (Gabbart) Garside. He graduated from Platteville High School and received his Bachelor's degree in Industrial Arts Education from the University of Wisconsin – Platteville, where his father was the Dean of Education and Dean of Graduates.

Leonard attended the University of Arkansas where he received his Master's Degree in Education in 1990. Leonard taught for six years in cooperative programs among schools where he taught machine shop and building trades in Paris and Charleston Arkansas. He then taught for 26 years at Gravette High School teaching building trades, workplace readiness skills, mechanical and computer aided drafting. Leonard retired from teaching in June of 2010 with 31 years of teaching experience.

Leonard was known by his family and friends as "Lenny". He loved to fish for walleye on Beaver Lake, and used to sing in the choir and men's church quartet. He loved the Lord Jesus and knew Him as his personal Lord and Savior. He attended First Baptist Church in Gentry for many years and just recently became a member of Keypoint Church in Bentonville. Lenny was an avid outdoorsman who not only loved to fish and hunt but more importantly loved spending time with his family camping, boating, and traveling during summer breaks.

He is survived by his wife, Lynn, of almost 40 years; two daughters: Lindsey Beth (Anthony) Amason of Tahlequah, OK and Lori Jean (Bryan) Rooney, of Conway, AR; one sister, Virginia (Charles) Davis of Oshkosh, WI; four nieces, Kristi Baker, Kari Meszaros, Keali Winchell, and Rachel Jenks, and one nephew Corey Garside, including many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, J. Leonard Sr. and Klella M. Garside and brother, Robert Earl Garside. The family would like to thank all the doctors, nurses, and caregivers who have helped Leonard over the last year at Highlands Oncology Group and Circle of Life Hospice. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m.

with visitation starting at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 5, 2013 at KEYPOINT CHURCH NORTH, 1710 SW Commerce Drive suite 20 in Bentonville, AR with Pastors Casey Henagan, Chuck Davis and Terry Lansdale officiating.

If you would like to contribute or donate a memorial for Lenny, you can at; Schools for Haiti, 301 Wyota St., Cassville, WI 53806 or schools4haiti.com .

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Keypoint Church North
1710 SW Commerce Dr., Suite 20
Bentonville, AR 72712

Memorial Service

DEC 5. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Garside was a Great Man, Teacher and Mentor. He kept me pointed in the right direction in High School. If it wasn't for him, I probably wouldn't have made it. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Very Respectfully, Clay Halpain

Clay Halpain - December 12, 2013 at 02:18 PM

LG

I remember you, Clay! Thanks so much for your post. It meant a lot to me.

Lynn Garside - December 16, 2013 at 10:44 AM

LN

“ Lynn ,Lindsey, and Lori:
we were saddened by Lenny's passing. I'm sure this has been hard on your family. His pain is over now and He is in the presence of The Lord Jesus. Lenny was a strong Christian man, and he will be missed by so many. May God's comfort be with your family at this time. Our Prayers and sympathy are with you at this time.
In Christ's Love Lynn and Randall Nix

Lynn Nix - December 06, 2013 at 12:30 PM

LG

Thank you, Lynn, for writing! I know we haven't touched base in a while, but it means a lot to hear from you. Thank you so much for your prayers. We were so fortunate to have a really close and good last year together traveling to see relatives, and just being together taking walks. Love, Lynn

Lynn Garside - December 11, 2013 at 08:24 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James "Leonard" Garside Jr..



December 05, 2013 at 08:57 AM

MF

“ Lynn, Lori, & Lindsey,
Rosanne and I had planned on coming up for the service. But with the threat of ice and bad weather we think it is best to not make the drive. Please know that you will be in our thought and prayers.
We love you, Michael & Rosanne

Michael Florence - December 03, 2013 at 01:20 PM

MF

“ Michael & Rosanne Florence purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of James "Leonard" Garside Jr..



Michael & Rosanne Florence - December 03, 2013 at 01:15 PM

TC

“ Mr. Garside taught my husband and his friends for many years, building trades at Gravette. His patience for these boys impacted their lives forever. I have heard so many stories being told of things they did as a group and what they did. He truly showed them love, patience, kindness, goodness, and faithfulness.... He showed the love of Jesus to this group daily. He not only taught them a trade he taught them pride, team work, and created a bond with this group that can never be broken! This group respected him so much they all worked together to attend his retirement party.... He also taught my two older boys in drafting.... I know he was a bit worried when he saw who their dad was LOL he was glad that they were more like their mom then their dad.... Thank you Mr. Garside for sharing your love of Jesus to all that you taught.

Tina Crose - December 03, 2013 at 09:11 AM

LG

Dear Tina, I was so honored to have you write, and also have Chris come and speak at the end of the service. I'm hoping that I found your correct address on-line, because I sent a "thank you" to Chris. (I also sent that same address to my brother, Randy, up in Sturgeon Bay, Wi.) He called me and told me how much it meant to hear Chris speak, because he is also a teacher... and he wanted to write him. My e-mail is lynngarside@hotmail.com if you want to write me. I'm so grateful for the nice things his students said about him, and am glad your sons had the opportunity to take him for drafting! Sincerely, Lynn Garside

Lynn Garside - December 11, 2013 at 08:22 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Leonard" Garside Jr..



December 01, 2013 at 10:09 PM

JL

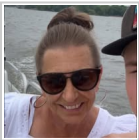
“ Sending warm thoughts and our sympathy to your family. We are the proud owners of Leonard Jr's childhood home.
Kevin & Jane Leighty

Jane Leighty - December 01, 2013 at 03:46 PM

LG

Thank you so much, Jane, for writing! We are so grateful to have had the opportunity (thanks to your gracious husband) to have taken our girls and their husbands through your home (Lenny's old home place) This was about a year or so ago, when we all had come up to visit my mom in Wisconsin. We were driving by (kind of stopped, looking at the home) when Kevin invited us all in. What a blessing. Thank you for your condolences. Without the Lord's blessing me with His love and strength, I wouldn't be able to do this! Love, Lynn

Lynn Garside - December 03, 2013 at 01:01 PM



“ Lynn, Lindsey and Lori:

Lindsey, Rickey and I would like to offer our most sincere condolences. Lenny was always such a nice man; quick with a smile and a kind word. We're praying for God's love and your wonderful memories to bring you comfort during this difficult time.

Renea Ellis
Rickey McReynolds and Lindsey McReynolds

Renea Ellis - November 27, 2013 at 08:52 AM

LG

Thank you so much, Renea, for writing! Lots of memories with both your "kids"! I would love to visit with you again sometime. Love, Lynn

Lynn Garside - December 03, 2013 at 01:03 PM

CM

“ Mr Garside taught our daughter for two years in Architecture at Gravette. She has described him as "a sweet man". He was very involved and supportive of her in his class and she did very well. He was a positive influence academically and set the standard for integrity. I remember Taylor telling me that they always had to listen to the pledge of allegiance every morning on KLRC. :) I appreciate his living out his faith and "walking the walk" as a Christian example for his students.

Jeff, Christie and Taylor McCaffrey

Christie McCaffrey - November 26, 2013 at 10:12 PM

LG

I'm so grateful for you writing, Christie... Jeff and Taylor! It makes me proud to know Lenny did this in his classes! I had heard from others what a great teacher he was. It's always nice to hear it again. Love, Lynn Garside

Lynn Garside - December 03, 2013 at 01:04 PM

CM

“ We were so sorry to hear, Lynn. Tim and my thoughts and prayers are with you this week. Please call me, anytime you need to talk.

Cheryl Myrbo and Tim Settini

Cheryl Myrbo - November 26, 2013 at 08:49 PM

LG

Thank you again, Cheryl... for everything. Much love to you both. The flowers are beautiful!

Lynn Garside - December 03, 2013 at 01:05 PM



“ Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of James "Leonard" Garside Jr..



November 26, 2013 at 08:24 PM

TA

“ Lynn, thank you for sharing Lenny with me for 5 years. It was the best years of my life sharing a boat fishing with a true friend. Without doubt he is in the hands of The Lord as he was a messenger for The Lord. He changed my life and I will never forget him. May God be with you and your family. Love Terry

terry anderson - November 26, 2013 at 07:57 PM

LG

Terry... You were a best friend to Lenny, and I'm so grateful for God's perfect LOVE.... that He shared you with Lenny... and visa versa. Thanks for your kind words.

Lynn Garside - December 03, 2013 at 01:06 PM

CF

“ *Our thoughts are with you, Lynn, Laurie, and Lindsey.
We will greatly miss our dear friend Lenny.
Bob & Colleen Faherty*

colleen faherty - November 26, 2013 at 07:01 PM

LG

Bob and Colleen... I look forward to coming back up to Wisconsin to honor Lenny up there possibly in the Spring. Thank you both for your loving words. Lynn and girls and husbands.

Lynn Garside - December 03, 2013 at 01:08 PM

EP

“ *So sorry for your loss! Mr. Garside was an amazing teaching and person! I greatly respected him and made a huge difference in my life :) he thought me so much and he's my role model that led me to education! He will be greatly missed!
God Bless you all*

Ethan Pendergraft - November 26, 2013 at 06:32 PM

LG

Thank you, Ethan, for your kind words. I'm so thankful that Mr. Garside touched your life! Love through Christ, Mrs. G.

Lynn Garside - December 03, 2013 at 01:09 PM

EP

“ *Mr. Garside you have forever touched my life! I remember what a great teacher you were and what an impact you made on all your students. You were always so kind and caring :) God Bless you forever and always
Ethan Pendergradt*

Ethan Pendergraft - November 26, 2013 at 06:20 PM

MR

“ *I was shocked and saddened to hear of Lenny's passing. He was a fine teacher and I enjoyed his friendship.
Michael Rapp*

Michael Rapp - November 26, 2013 at 03:24 PM

LG

Mr. Rapp... Thank you for your kind words. I'm so sorry we didn't get in touch with you earlier in the year when he was doing better. We were blessed to have almost 9 months of freedom from bad symptoms. We traveled, and enjoyed each other's company so much... so much in love this whole past year. It would have been 40 years of marriage Dec. 29th.

Lynn Garside - December 03, 2013 at 01:11 PM

NW

“ *Mrs Garside,
You and Mr Garside I feel blessed to have you both as my teachers at Paris, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your Family during this time, May God bless you and your family.*

Neal and Tammy Wade

neal wade - November 26, 2013 at 08:34 AM

LG

Thank you so much, Neal, for writing! We both had great memories of teaching at Paris. It's so good to know we were remembered! Love through Christ, Lynn Garside

Lynn Garside - December 03, 2013 at 01:12 PM

LS

“ *Lynn, I was so sorry to learn of your loss. I remember you and Lenny so well from our years working together at Paris. My heart goes out to you and your daughters. May God bless you. You are in my prayers.*

Linda Simon

Linda Simon - November 25, 2013 at 09:17 PM

LG

Thanks, Linda! You were a special friend to us! I do appreciate your prayers! Love, Lynn

Lynn Garside - December 03, 2013 at 01:13 PM

NG

“ *So very sorry for your loss. I worked with Mr. Garside when he first came to Gravette. He was a quality person and a wonderful Christian man.*
Nancy Goodwin

Nancy Goodwin - November 25, 2013 at 01:54 PM

LG

Thank you so much for sharing!

Lynn Garside - November 25, 2013 at 05:49 PM

SG

“ Lynn & Girls,
So sorry to hear about the passing of Lenny. We haven't seen in you in years, but I always thought you had a Good Man in your life! Sherry Wendel Goss and Rashelle Wendel Orpin

Sherry Goss - November 25, 2013 at 09:43 AM

LG

Sherry, I've never forgotten our friendship, and the hard time you also went through. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers. Hello to Rashelle! Love, Lynn

Lynn Garside - December 03, 2013 at 01:14 PM

CT

“ Lynn,.....so sorry to hear about your husband...my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God Bless You!

Cindy Thomas - November 25, 2013 at 03:37 AM

LG

Thank you, Cindy! I appreciate you so much! Love, Lynn

Lynn Garside - December 03, 2013 at 01:15 PM