



Inez Slaton Gardner

July 13, 1933 - February 1, 2025

Inez Slaton Gardner, age 91, wife of Charles Gardner, passed away peacefully on February 1, 2025, at her home in Newnan, Georgia.

She was born in Fruitvale, Texas on July 13, 1933, to O.B. Watson and Dovie Logan Watson. She was the older of two sisters and is survived by her younger sister Shirley Jean Patterson of Mesquite, Texas. In addition to her sister, Inez is survived by her husband Charles, and her three sons- Gregory (Margaret), Micheal (Jan) and Brent (Tina), grandchildren Rachel Slaton, William (Caitlin) Slaton, Anne Marie (Charles) Justus, Jackson Slaton and Sophia Slaton along with a great-grandson, Liam Slaton. She was a long-time and faithful member of First Baptist Church of Newnan.

Inez grew up in Fruitvale, Texas, and upon graduating high school and secretarial school, she accepted her first job and moved to Dallas, Texas. She met her first husband, Willis Harvell Slaton in Corpus Christi, Texas, and they married in September 1951. In 1959, they moved to Newnan to establish the NuGrape Bottling Company. In 1973, Inez accepted the position as the first female Executive Director of the Newnan- Coweta county Chamber of Commerce. She was a member of the Newnan Junior Service League, achieving the Diamond Level status. Inez was also the first woman to be elected to the Newnan City Council where she served two terms as alderwoman. After serving the Chamber as Executive Director for nearly twenty years, she stepped down and pursued a career in real estate as a successful agent for Lindsay's Inc. Realtors.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 15 West Washinton St, Newnan, GA 30263, or a charity of your choice. A private family service to celebrate her will be held.

Condolences can be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770)253-4580

Tribute Wall

AM

“ All my love to Inez's son Greg and daughter-in-law Margaret, as well as her precious grandchildren Rachel (Rachie!) and William. The rest of us can only aspire to her class and charm. Thank you for allowing me to know your beloved matriarch. Remember that she is everywhere you are. May you experience that truth daily on your healing journey. My condolences to the entire Slaton family.

Ashley Mengwasser - February 07, 2025 at 12:00 PM

CS

“ Courtney And Connie Stamper lit a candle in memory of Inez Slaton Gardner



Courtney and Connie Stamper - February 04, 2025 at 03:18 PM

KI

“ She was a very special person and will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Kim Ivery - February 04, 2025 at 02:59 PM

GP

“ Gerrie Petty lit a candle in memory of Inez Slaton Gardner



Gerrie Petty - February 04, 2025 at 06:41 AM

RW

“Brent, So sorry to hear of your mom’s passing. Thinking of you and praying for you and your family during this time. Sending lots of love and prayers.

Ruth Jones Warren - February 03, 2025 at 08:06 PM

RV

“Inez is one of the greatest people & real estate agents that I have ever known. We are praying for the family & Brother Charles. Jason Veitch

Richard Jason Veitch - February 03, 2025 at 07:13 PM

JW

“My prayers to the families of Inez. She fought so hard to regain her strength. As a member of the Love Class at First Baptist, she will be missed but we know that she is in heaven with her loved ones that have gone before. Rest in Peace pretty lady. Judi

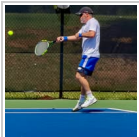
Judi Worth - February 03, 2025 at 05:43 PM

GW

“May she rest in eternal peace. Inez was our neighbor for many years and Bobby worked with her for many years in the Chamber of Commerce. My thoughts are with her family.



Geraldine Welch - February 03, 2025 at 04:08 PM



“Great person and a savvy, professional businesswoman.

Jess Barron - February 03, 2025 at 02:45 PM

SW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with ya'll during this difficult time.
Sally and Susan Robinson Whatley

Susan Whatley - February 03, 2025 at 02:19 PM

DM

“ Brent, Tina, SOPHIA, and family- Sorry to hear of your loss. Memories will always be in your hearts forever. God is holding her tightly in his arms, and God Bless you all till we all meet again. Love Terry and Diane Moe



diane moe - February 03, 2025 at 01:27 PM

BW

I am sorry to hear of Inez's passing, she gave me my first job in Newnan at the Chamber of Commerce. She was great to work with and will be missed. Brenda Washington

Brenda Washington - February 03, 2025 at 03:09 PM

BE

What a beautiful lady your mother was both inside and out. We have such fond memories of the Ingrams and Slatons spending time together in those early days. Thinking of you all. Becky, David, and Jim.

Becky - May 03, 2025 at 08:13 AM