



Mr. Herbert Garrett

January 11, 1949 - March 28, 2025

Sunrise: Herbert Garrett was born in Sanford, Florida to Henry Reynold and Annie Mae (Davis) Garrett on January 11, 1949.

Sunset: Herbert passed away with family at his side on March 28, 2025 at Crouse Hospital, Syracuse, New York.

Herbert was a graduate of Williamson Central High School, Williamson, New York. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Business from Bryant University in Smithfield, Rhode Island, majoring in Business Administration, and was also a member of Theta Chi Fraternity. He was a top salesman at Sunoco Corporation for many years and later worked with young adults at a group home in Cortland, New York.

Herbert was a very sociable person who never met a stranger, always having a kind word to say about others. You could say that he was also a “philosopher” since he gave theories on what he called “profound questions.” He was interested in understanding the “why of life.” Often in conversation he would speak of Latin words such as “ad infinitum” or “amor patriae” and give the definition of the words.

As a child and young adult, Herbert attended New Mt. Zion Missionary Church in Sanford Florida and Little Bethel Church in Williamson, New York. He was a

student of the Bible studying scripture to get an understanding of its meaning. He would often quote scripture during conversation placing his trust and faith in the Heavenly Father.

Herbert enjoyed sports and in his youth was an avid sportsman. Basketball was a favorite game, and he enjoyed mentoring and pick-up basketball games with youth at the YMCA in Cortland, New York. He was also a great chess player having won a chess championship while in college. In addition, Herb was an avid fisherman in his younger days and often enjoyed family fishing trips with his wife and kids.

He leaves to mourn his memory a loving wife, Mary Garrett, and three children: Scott Garrett, Daniel Garrett (Tricia), Amy Degannes (Hugh)
Grandchildren: Gabriella Garrett, Alexandra Garrett, Danielle Garrett, Garrett Clarke, Rhys Degannes, Scott Garrett, Sheree Garrett, and one great grandchild: Cameron Garrett. Brother Henry R. Garrett (deceased) Four sisters: Dr. Theresa M. Ross, Ph.D. (Deacon Dr. Richard H. Ross, Ph.D.) Ann Arbor, Michigan, Thelma Apicella (Robert) Oneonta New York, Barbara Garrett, Schenectady, New York, Linda Diane Burgess, Rochester, New York, Janice Williams (John), Jekyll Island Georgia, and Judy Bauer Delhi, New York. Nephews: Christopher Garrett (Kim), Jonathon Stevenson (Mona), Carl Stevenson, (Shamane) Derrick Burgess, Christopher Burgess, Anthony Apicella, Toby Williams, and nieces, Eileen Apicella Gwendolyn Hopson, Margaret Maxwell, and Susie Little (Tom).

In addition to family, he leaves behind a host of cousins, family and friends in Sanford, Florida and Charleston, South Carolina.

We have lost a wonderful person and will miss his physical presence, but memories of him will not be forgotten and forever cherished.

Tribute Wall

WD

“ Oh my gosh! I have been away from Cortland for decades and just happened to be checking for services for an old friend and spotted this photo of Herb, who used to stop in at Mister Donut for coffee and brighten many of our afternoons. Seeing him bopping in the door with that smile that would light up the entire room and lift every heart was a gift. If memory serves, I believe he also enjoyed ice skating at the SUNY Cortland Ice Arena, but I could be mistaken because it was a long time ago.

I hope my tardiness in finding this brings up happy memories for family members, too. While there were hundreds of regular customers at that much-beloved donut shop, there were probably four I remember as well as Herb, and only he could make me stop everything and want to share the huge smile seeing this photo brought to my face. How wonderful that even in death, someone can bring such joy to others. Isn't that the legacy we'd all like to leave?

Wendy Dwyer - August 15, 2025 at 08:56 AM

DG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dan Garrett - April 10, 2025 at 11:28 AM

MG

Herbie...the fisherman. Thanks Dan. 🐟🐟🐟🐟

Mary Garrett - April 11, 2025 at 04:22 PM

JT

“ Herbie and I had a friendship that lasted for 59 years. He was my roommate in college and the "best man" at my wedding. His personality was contagious and everybody wanted to be his friend. I often thought that he was dealt a "bad hand in life", luck always seemed to pass him by. In spite of all of that, Herbie always saw the positive in life. He possessed a unique ability to sense when someone was down or depressed and had the wherewithal to uplift that person. I always looked forward to our weekly chats that covered a myriad of sports, politics and life. Sally and I will miss him dearly. Herbie was God's gift to the world. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Mary and the family.
Joe and Sally Testa

Joe Testa - April 10, 2025 at 07:24 AM

MG

Thank you so much Joe and Sally. He was the best.

Mary Garrett - April 10, 2025 at 11:58 AM

DD

“ I am a bus driver for 1st Transit, and many times transported Herb around town. Enjoyed our talks, and Herb's great sense of humor, you will be missed

David Dalron - April 09, 2025 at 07:10 PM

LF

“ I thoroughly enjoyed every conversation with Herbie. Such genuine positivity. He left his mark on everyone who had the good fortune to meet him. God bless him and my condolences to Mary and the rest of his family.



Luigi Antonio Falso - April 09, 2025 at 12:04 PM

WC

“ All I can say is I love you Herb thanks for talks and memories every time I drive down 9 floral Ave you will come across my mine .

william conklin - April 08, 2025 at 08:38 PM

BC

“ I met Herb 40 plus years ago when I was a young teenager and are friendship grew as I coached his oldest son Scott in baseball. Herb would come down to Sugget park and play some basketball and we would play some 1 on 1 and his pinky finger ohh that finger it was not my fault. Herb you and Mary raised 3 wonderful kids. You left your mark with hundreds of kids and we are all better for having you in or lives! Thank you for being a friend! You will be missed by all!!

💔😞 prayers to all of you

Bob Craig

Bob Craig - April 08, 2025 at 04:36 PM

MS

“ To Mary, Scott, Dan and Amy,
We were so sorry to read about Herb. Please know that you are in
our hearts at this time.

Love,
Michael, Dotty, Rob, and Tom

Michael Sills - April 08, 2025 at 04:15 PM

LB

“ Love Barbara purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Herbert Garrett.



Love Barbara - April 05, 2025 at 09:58 AM

IH

“ In dedication and remembrance of my Brother Herbert Memorial Tree in dedication and honor of my brother Herbert.

In dedication and remembrance of my Brother Herbert - April 05, 2025 at 09:58 AM

KR

“ I don't remember when I met Mr. Garrett. I think it was in church. I have a son named Garrett & Mr. Garrett always asked me how MY Mr. Garrett was when we saw one another. It was always a joy to see him. May Perpetual Light shine upon Mr. Herbert Garrett.

Kate Reagan - April 04, 2025 at 04:45 PM

IS

“ Herbert you helped me out when I was down and you gave me hope....I will always cherish our talks. Thank you sir. Rest in Peace my brother

ian simpson - April 03, 2025 at 09:40 PM

MP

“ Sending my condolences to Mary, Scott, Danny, and Amy. I am so sorry for your loss. I'll always remember Herb as a gentle soul with a great sense of humor and an infectious smile. He was just an all-around nice guy. Love to you all.

Meredith Pond - April 03, 2025 at 09:09 PM

KP

“ I've known Herb almost my entire life. He and Mary, with Scott, Danny and Amy, rented 1/2 a house from my parents when I was a child. Over the years I would see him out in the community and would say hello. He had the biggest smile and the most infectious laugh. My heart goes out you all.

Kimberly (Hughston) Petrella - April 03, 2025 at 08:22 PM

FP

“ My Thoughts And Prayers Are With You And Your Family Mary. 🕊️
Faith Frost-Phoenix

Faith Phoenix - April 03, 2025 at 07:30 PM

MG

Thank you Faith. ❤️

Mary Garrett - April 11, 2025 at 04:11 PM

DM

“ I met Herbie almost 20 years ago in a gas station as a total stranger who immediately became a trusted friend. He enriched my life beyond measure. He will be missed by everyone left behind here on earth.
He will be welcomed into Heaven by all of his guardian Angels.

Dean Mortis - April 03, 2025 at 11:08 AM

MG

Thank you Dean for your kind words. 💙

Mary Garrett - April 11, 2025 at 04:13 PM

SS

“ So sorry for the loss of such an amazing man. Watching Herb take care of the flower bed near the library is something I will remember. Talks with him were always wonderful. Rest in peace.

Shelley Smith - April 03, 2025 at 08:47 AM

MG

Thanks so much Shelley for your kind words. Oh, that flower bed ! 🌷

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Mary Garrett - April 11, 2025 at 04:16 PM

PE

Just saw this and I am so sorry for Herb's family-I met Herb while working at the Cortland YMCA. He loved to talk of his wife, children, and grandchildren. He was so proud of his family that was clear! I hadn't seen him for years and ran in to him on the sidewalk in Cortland. He talked to me like he had seen me yesterday! Always upbeat and full of interesting stories. He was such a good person made people feel important. Great big smile and great laugh! You are in heaven shooting hoops now! God bless you Herb! Peggy Eck

Peggy Eck - April 27, 2025 at 04:18 PM