



## Philip Allan Gardner Jr.

December 10, 1979 - August 14, 2020

We lost our Angel, Philip Allan Gardner, Jr., on August 14, 2020. Philip was born on December 10, 1979 in New Orleans to Philip Allan Gardner, MD and Carolyn Sue Cook Gardner. He is survived by his parents and his siblings: Jonathan Andrew Gardner (Corey), Matthew Benjamin Gardner (Megan), William Christopher Gardner (Kristin), and Elizabeth Ashley Gardner.

Philip was an incredibly happy baby, and he brought that joy throughout his life. Philip's diagnosis of Angelman's Syndrome in no way affected his ability to impact the lives of those who met him. He brought unconditional love to his family and friends. Even those who were only acquainted with Philip were drawn to his bright smile and dimples. Philip brought his family great joy, and we would not trade it for anything.

Due to complications relating to pneumonia, Philip has passed into the arms of Lord. We will dearly miss Philip, but by the Grace and Mercy of Jesus Christ, we will see him again.

Funeral services will be held at First Baptist Church Covington, 16333 LA-1085, Covington, LA 70433, on Monday, August 17, 2020 at 10:00 AM. At the request of the family, those in attendance are required to wear masks and practice social distancing. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in memory of Philip may be made to Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics. Donations may be made at <https://cureangelman.org/can/donate>.

# Events

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**AUG** **Funeral Services** 10:00AM

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First Baptist Church Covington

16333 Louisiana Hwy 1085, Covington, LA, US, 70433

# Comments

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“ Although I never had the pleasure of meeting Philip, he has held a special place in my heart for 18 years. It was at that time that I was on a journey to find my own son's condition. One evening amid this process, we went to dinner with my lifelong friend and her husband. As I described Angelman Syndrome to her on our drive home, she exclaimed how that sounded just like a family friend by the name of Philip. At the time, neither Philip nor my son who was 2 at the time had received their diagnosis. Despite that phase of our journey being filled with heartache and concern, I remember the comfort I felt as my friend described Philip and the immense love his family had for him. As she told me about his infectious smile, happy demeanor, and other characteristics, I knew that Philip and my Ashton shared a bond...a bond that is unspoken...the bond of being born and living with Angelman Syndrome. Although I'm terribly saddened to hear of Philip's passing, I am comforted by the fact that he was surrounded by love every single day of his life. You see, individuals like Philip and Ashton exude an almost magical energy that touches all of those around them. Without saying a word, they leave an impression on the hearts of all they meet. They love freely. They laugh hysterically. They share their innocence with the world. In doing all of these things, they make it a better place. Rest in peace, sweet Philip.

**Karray Cox** - August 18, 2020 at 12:36 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Philip's death. My sincerest condolences to his family. I have been associated with STARC for some 10 years now. 7 years on their Board of Directors and now 3 years on their Advisory Board. For all of these years I have been a weekly face at our Mandeville campus ...visiting our clients. Philip welcomed me every time I visited with that huge smile of his. He taught me what love was all about .... I saw the Face of Jesus in Philip ....  
Jimmy Dykes

**Jimmy Dykes** - August 18, 2020 at 12:19 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Philip Allan Gardner Jr..



August 16, 2020 at 07:19 PM

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“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Philip Allan Gardner Jr..



August 16, 2020 at 07:04 PM

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“ God’s blessings to family . May peace of the Lord be with the family and friends.Amen

**Janet Reynolds** - August 16, 2020 at 07:01 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Philip Allan Gardner Jr..



August 16, 2020 at 01:23 PM

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“ I knew Phillip since birth and his smile was contagious. He was a happy sweet child and young person! His parents were devoted to him and gifted most gracious care for him daily! Love and prayers to all the Gardner family! Margaret Wedgeworth

**Margaret Wedgeworth** - August 16, 2020 at 11:28 AM

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“ It was my pleasure to assist you in Philip's care. Now he really is your "angelman". Your family is in my prayers.

**Robin Wright** - August 16, 2020 at 07:40 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss.

**Jo Dupre** - August 15, 2020 at 07:26 PM