

Theodore M. Garver(1929 - 2018)



Theodore (Ted) Meyer Garver was born July 29, 1929 in Buffalo NY the son of John Newton Garver Jr and Dorothy Millar Garver (nee Millar also named Dorothy Lamy). Ted was predeceased by his parents and his brothers John Newton Garver III (Annelise Garver, surviving), and Edward Bruce Garver.

Surviving are his children, in birth order, Douglas Irwin Garver, Robin Garver Cort (Steve), Theodore Meyer Garver Jr. (Caroline L. Stuart), John Irwin Garver (Jacquie Smith), Benjamin Geiger Garver, and Peter Benson Garver (Laura Maylene Walter). Ted's first wife Susie McWilliams and second wife Emily Garver survive. Predeceased by third wife Martha A. F. Garver (Atwell). Ted's seven grandchildren are: Benjamin Cort, Rebecca Cort Kuhnel, Rachel Cort Brownlee, Preston Garver, Samatha Garver

Washington, Maxwell Elliot Garver, Noah John Garver. Nine great-grandchildren survive.

Ted Garver grew up in Buffalo New York and went to Nichols School before attending and graduating from Williams College in 1951. Garver earned his law degree at Cornell University. Garver started out his law career spending three years with the district attorney at the Washington D.C. before joining the Cleveland law firm Jones, Day, Cockley & Reavis (now Jones Day). At Jones Day Garver specialized in tax and corporate law as well as banking. Among a number of high profile clients, Garver worked for years with Nick J. Mileti on the development of the Richfield Coliseum and the acquisition of media interests (WWWE and WWWM) and sports teams Cleveland Barons, Cleveland Crusaders, Cleveland Cavaliers and the Cleveland Indians. Garver was on the board of directors of Bank One, Cleveland Magazine and other companies. Garver left Jones Day in about 1990 to form the Fostoria Corporation, a holding company.

Throughout his life Garver was an avid outdoorsman, naturalist and nature enthusiast who enjoyed camping, hunting, fishing, canoeing, skiing. Ted retired to his rural home in Beaver Center, Pennsylvania where he maintained a productive garden and cultivated trees, bushes and bees. It is at this country home he established a wetland for waterfowl and planted many trees, bushes and flowers to enhance the environment for wildlife and for the enjoyment of his family and friends. In some respects Garver is a modern day Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron of animals and the environment. If you visited him in the summer you might find him barefoot, in the yard, surrounded by trees, flowers and birds.

Garver attended Living Hope Community church in Conneautville and Youngstown Community Fellowships in Youngstown, Ohio. His devotion to Christian life was important to him in his later years.

The family will have a private service.

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