



## Vivian K. Garner

June 6, 1933 - December 30, 2025

Vivian Krohn Garner, 92, of Live Oak, CA passed away peacefully at home on December 30, 2025. Born in Richmond, IL on 6/6/1933 to Arthur R. Krohn and Anna M. Dammeir, Vivian was raised and confirmed in Grace Lutheran Church and spent her youth in the Richmond area. At one point she worked with her sister, Mildred Orsolini ('nee Bartley) at Orsolini's Restaurant at Whiskey Corners. After graduating high school, Vivian moved to Chicago where she worked as a secretary at Lindberg Engineering. In Chicago, Vivian served as a hostess at the USO on Michigan Avenue where she met her future husband, Navy radioman Donald Lee Garner of Mattoon, IL. Vivian and Donald were married in 1963 and relocated to Atlanta where they raised two sons. Vivian was an active and caring mother, serving not only as a room mother at her sons' elementary school, but as a Den Mother when her boys were Cub Scouts. When her sons were nearly grown, Vivian resumed her career, this time as an executive assistant at the Pillsbury Company in Atlanta. Vivian was an enthusiastic bridge player and a passionate fan of her beloved Georgia Bulldogs. Vivian lost her youngest son, William Robert Garner, a Sheriff's Deputy in Georgia, in 2020 when he was killed in the line of duty. Vivian's husband of 58 years passed in 2023 and she relocated to California to be near her surviving son – David Garner and his wife Emily of Gridley, CA. In addition to David and Emily, Vivian is survived by many cousins, nephews and nieces in the Richmond area, Jeffrey Henne in Gig Harbor, Washington, Melodie Nelson Williams in Florida and Dimitri Grammatikopoulos in

Wisconsin, as well as extended family in Georgia and granddaughters  
Adrianna Pereira and Alexandria Randolph.

The family will receive visitors on 1/15/26 at 4:00 PM at Ehorn Adams funeral  
home in Richmond, IL. A brief service will be held at Grace Lutheran Church in  
Richmond, IL on 1/16/26 at 10:00 AM, followed by a graveside ceremony at  
the Richmond Cemetery. All are welcome.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **15**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Ehorn-Adams Funeral Home (Richmond)  
10011 N Main St  
PO Box 375  
Richmond, IL 60071  
(815) 678-7311  
bruce@ehornadams.com  
<http://www.ehornadams.com>

## Memorial Service

JAN **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Grace Lutheran Church  
6000 Broadway  
Richmond, IL 60071  
(815) 678-3082

# Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Viv was so special to me. We had many sweet memories. As a little girl, she gave me a book... *To Kill a Mockingbird*, I loved it! I felt so special when she had me stay overnight at her apartment in Chicago, and she took me to see *The Music Man* play in downtown. Wonderful memories. In recent months, I would get a call from her and she would say... *I just wanted to hear your sweet voice. She talked often about how she loved her son, David, and so appreciated all the good care he showed her, and looked out for her. She shared how she loved her daughter in law and family holiday dinners.*

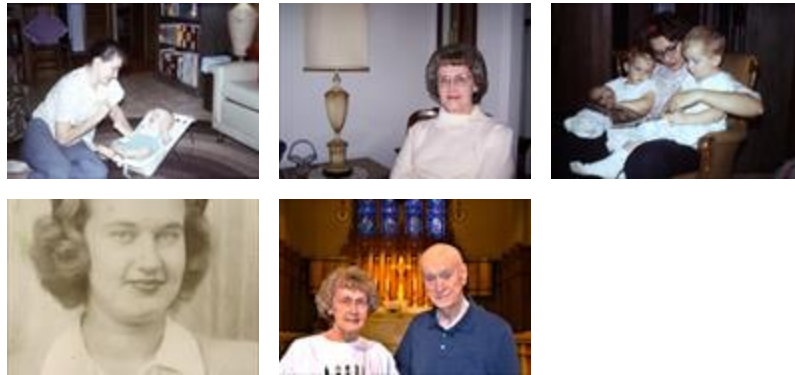
*I will miss our weekly calls*

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**Melodie Williams** - January 21 at 03:58 PM

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“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



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**Dave Garner** - January 13 at 01:34 AM

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“ 3 files added to the album PHOTOS



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**Dave Garner** - January 13 at 01:32 AM