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**O** TTO LEROY GARDNER (Bo) passed away on the morning of Monday, September 24, 2012 in Logan, Utah. He leaves behind his wife of 13 years, Colene Gardner; her four children; Bonny, Angela, Terri and Barbara and her grandchildren; Matthew, Michael, Katlyn, Jacob and Cameron. Otto is survived by his six children; Lauri, Fred, Shawn, Jay, Tony, and Rose; their mother, Joanne; three grandchildren; Du'a, Rhiannon, and Arabella; and his two sisters, Phyllis and Coral. Otto was born to the late Rose Wachselberg and Glenn Gardner in Canon City, Colorado on October 7, 1936. He was a decorated veteran who voluntarily and honorably served in the U.S. Navy as a Combat Engineer for eight years, including two tours in the Vietnam War. He returned to Colorado after his military service where he raised his family. Otto earned a degree in accounting and worked for Coors Porcelain in Golden, Colorado. Later in life, he relocated to Logan, Utah and worked at Bourns Trimpot, receiving many awards and accolades for his innovations in the workplace. Ultimately, Otto "retired" and worked at AutoZone. As a young man, he loved hunting and fishing with his dad and later, with his own boys. An avid sports fan, Otto enjoyed golfing with friends and family, rooting for the Denver Broncos, Colorado Rockies, and Chicago Cubs, kicking back to the PGA, and vicariously climbing the French Alps with the Tour de France. He thoroughly enjoyed shooting guns at the range with his kids and grandkids and playing blackjack in Wendover, NV. A dedicated father, he never missed a ballet recital, a baseball or football game, a LotoJa race, or a military promotion ceremony. He was always the first to lend a helping hand and is most well-known for the infinite amount of automotive assistance he provided to family, friends and neighbors alike. An open house will be held in Otto's honor and friends may pay their respects to the family on Saturday, September 29, 2012 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Otto's residence in Logan, Utah. For address or directions only please call 801-645-9343. Please send condolences to the



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family at <http://www.premierfuneral.com> In lieu of flowers, please feel free to make a donation on behalf of Otto to the World Wildlife Fund for African Elephants at: <http://worldwildlife.org/species/african-elephant> or Bengal Tigers at: <http://worldwildlife.org/species/bengal-tiger>



## Tribute Wall

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CH

**Chaplain** posted:

We are sorry for your loss, but grateful for his service in the U S Navy. Please accept our condolences. Marine Corps League Auxiliary #476 Cache Valley, Utah

October 1 at 10:46 AM

SY

**Shirley & Carl Yates** posted:

My Uncle Bo was bigger than life to me, a youngster, growing up in Colorado. He would come and visit and I remember being in awe of this good looking guy with a his warm, engaging laugh and stories of his life in the military. One of my most vivid memories is of the time was when I was living with my mother in the "flattops" outside of Naturita, Colorado. My dad was off in Texas going to school and we were living with Grandma and Grandpa. Otto came home on leave. That was exciting enough but early during his leave he and grandpa went hunting. They came home with a pheasant. I was so excited. I took one of the feathers and ran down to my little friends house! "Look what my uncle Bo shot!" Woops....little did I know it was NOT bird season and her dad was the Game Warden! Gulp! I don't know what happened as I was oblivious - obviously. I do remember Grandpa being a little miffed! I loved my Uncle. He was always bigger than life to me and always will be my Uncle Bo!

September 29 at 6:02 AM

KG

**Katlyn Nicole Grossman** posted:

Love an miss you gramps seems like just yesterday i seen you an hugged you at Kjs! i will never forget you. your amazing! love you so much! watch over us and be good up there. it's still unbelievable your gone!

September 28 at 6:16 PM

BK

**Bonny Ann Kissler** posted:

it is so hard on me that your gone all I do is think about you and still cry but I know your not in pain no more I pary for the family and friends and wish i could of been out there to be with all of them

September 28 at 9:36 AM

EM

**Emeline** posted:

Coleen, I'm sorry to hear about Ottos death. I feel that there was a special love between you two..

September 28 at 4:53 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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