



Leonardo Garcia

April 3, 1951 - May 13, 2020

Garcia, Leonardo "Lee"

Saginaw, Michigan

Our beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and dear friend passed away on May 13, 2020 after a well fought battle with cancer. He was 69 years old. Leonardo Garcia was born on April 3, 1951 in Saginaw, Michigan to the late Leandro and Delfina (Zamora) Garcia. He graduated from Buena Vista High School and went on to earn an Associate's Degree in Fire Science Technology from Delta College and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Saginaw Valley State University. He was also a graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program. Leonardo served in public safety for over 30 years. He started as a firefighter with the City of Saginaw in 1979 where he held many ranks including paramedic, training officer, lieutenant and through hard work became the department's Assistant Fire Chief in 1999. In 2002, he went on to become the Fire Chief for the City of Midland where his expertise and leadership were valued until he retired in 2011. Being the hard worker and lifelong learner that he was, post retirement he served as the Fire Science Technology Coordinator at Delta College from 2013-2018. Lee truly loved his career and had the utmost work ethic. In addition to his professional accomplishments, Lee was an active member in his parish, St. Joseph Catholic Church, and devoted time in the Cursillo. He was truly a pillar in the community in which he lived.

Leonardo married his wife, Alice on August 31, 1996. He loved to travel and spend time with his family, especially his grandchildren. Many family memories were made "up north" in Ludington, MI camping with his wife and family, as well as in his home where he and his wife enjoyed hosting family gatherings that allowed for extended family members to get together for laughs and good food. Lee could often be found tending to his yard and landscaping. He also enjoyed playing basketball and was dedicated to fitness long before it was the "in" thing to do. He organized many community sports leagues and was very attentive to the activities and sports throughout his children's younger years. An all-around true role model.

Leonardo is survived by his wife, Alice; children: Melissa (Dan) Vela, Marcel Garcia and Miranda (Patrick) Wilson; his grandsons who brought joy to his heart: Anthony (Stephanie) Rocha, Daniel Vela and Angelo Vela; siblings: Gloria Rosas, Enrique (Joette) Garcia,

Linda (Robert) Rosas, Julian Garcia, Leandro (Tara) Garcia, Elizabeth Garcia and Deon Garcia; brother-in-law, Richard Garcia. Lee is also survived by many nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by two sisters: Dora Garcia and Angelita Garcia; and brother-in-law, Frank Rosas. He shared a special bond and relationship with Angelita.

According to Lee's wishes, cremation will take place and the family will gather privately for a service. A public memorial service to celebrate Lee's life will be held at a later date.

Entombment will take place at Oakwood Mausoleum.

MEMORIALS: Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider a donation to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Diesler Funeral Home, 2233 Hemmeter Road (off of State St.), Saginaw is honored to be serving the Garcia family. Please share your thoughts and memories with the family through www.DieslerFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery

Oakwood Memorial Mausoleum

5950 Gratiot Road

Saginaw, MI, 48638

Comments



“ My deepest sympathy for you all. May our Lord bring you comfort.

Lamentations 3: 22-23

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Gina Fulgencio - May 18 at 11:35 PM



“ Mary Luna lit a candle in memory of Leonardo Garcia



Mary Luna - May 18 at 04:36 PM



“ Louis Cassell Mitchell Jr lit a candle in memory of Leonardo Garcia



Louis Cassell Mitchell Jr - May 18 at 12:35 PM



“ I want to express my sincere condolences to his wife and family. I met Lee in 2015 when hired me as an adjunct instructor for the Fire Science Academy at Delta College. He hired me on the phone and then we met in person. Usually. It's the other way around. Lee became friend and mentor and I want to say thanks for trusting me and giving me the opportunity to teach at Delta. Rest in peace, Lee and thank you for your dedication, service to your community and contributions to the fire service.

Gary Kautz - May 18 at 09:41 AM



“ George Kapp lit a candle in memory of Leonardo Garcia



george kapp - May 18 at 09:17 AM



“ My sincere condolences to Alice and Garcia Familia. Leonardo is a great familia man and a pillar in the community. Great memories from SVSU as a student with Leonardo and in the Saginaw community. He was always one to say "hi" or share of a great word while out in Saginaw activities/events. Be blessed my friend.

James Hernandez - May 18 at 09:12 AM



“ My deepest condolences to the Garcia family. You would not know me, but I met Leonardo at Delta College during a semester when we were on a "walking fitness" team for a wellness challenge. I enjoyed getting to know him and sharing our similar Spanish heritage. I knew him as a colleague there at the college and had no idea of all that he had accomplished even up to that point in his life. I know he will be sorely missed. I only had a brief acquaintance with him, but sensed that he was a humble person. It was obvious that he had a strong character, and, I imagined he was probably a hero, as his chosen profession indicated. I'm deeply sadden for your loss.

Adna Howell (Delta College)

Adna Howell - May 17 at 10:29 PM



“ Condolences to the Garcia Family-
Charlie will be greatly missed. He was an honest sincere friend who I have known since high school era. I had lost contact for many years and somewhere in my senior years, I had found out that he was doing well in his life accomplishments. I really felt pride to see an Hispanic pursue personal dreams of great value. I was honored in working with him at Delta College where he would assist our department help Veteran students reach their academic goals. Our team efforts gave me the opportunity to see and understand what a heart loving man he was in his willingness to help another human being. He shall remain a strong example of what this country needs more of. God Bless you Forever

Rick/Maria Teneyuque

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Richard Teneyuque - May 17 at 09:39 PM



“ My condolences to the Garcia family. Prayers to you all .

Sonia Mosqueda - May 17 at 04:11 PM



“ He was a wonderful person, I have fund memories of him. He took me with Alice to celebrate New Years at a place were you eat menudo at midnight. I am sure he is enjoying his time with Jesus now.

Elizabeth Peña - May 17 at 12:48 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to Alice and his beloved family. He certainly was a Fighter...in every aspect of the word. Now he can rest.
Lil Moore & husband Carey- Saginaw

lilia moore - May 17 at 08:08 AM



“ My deepest condolences to the Garcia family. I remember Leonardo as a young man and seen him grow into a beautiful human being. I was friends with Angie for many years until she moved we lost touch. But angie was always so proud of her brother and her siblings. You have received your wings now fly high my friend fly high.

Linda - May 16 at 01:55 PM



“ My condolences to the Garcia family!! I will always have you in thoughts and prayers!!
I knew Charlie for many, many years and will always remember his competitive nature, especially on the basketball court at Salvation Army.
May you Rest In Peace my friend.

Rick Gutierrez

Rick Gutierrez - May 16 at 12:40 PM



“ Norma Villarreal lit a candle in memory of Leonardo Garcia



norma villarreal - May 16 at 12:16 PM



“ My deepest condolences to all of you. I know its hard. We shared alot of great memories at our family cookouts. I'm so sorry for your loss. I love and I miss you all. He will always be my Uncle Charlie. Love Mrs. Gina Teneyuque. The Teneyuque Family.



Gina Teneyuque - May 15 at 10:05 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to the Garcia family. Enjoyed our talks when you came in to dine at Bennigans in Midland.(Crystal Wellman's mom Nancy (Deleon) Wellman). I know how it feels to lose someone so dear to you. So stay strong, and hold his memories in your heart, because that's what going to get you through the rough times. Love, from the Wellman Family and Deleon Family.

Nancy Deleon Wellman - May 16 at 12:18 AM



“ My condolences to Alice and family Charlie was a man who always had a smile on him no matter the situation I'll remember the good times playing basketball with him and his brothers at salvation army sincerely gene kapp

Gene kapp - May 18 at 10:19 AM