



## Jose A. Garcia

March 28, 1937 - February 1, 2018

1937-2018

Jose “Joe” Abilio Garcia, age 80, a resident of Belen, NM, went home to be with his heavenly Father on Thursday, February 1, 2018. He was born on March 28, 1937 (Easter Sunday) to Tomás S. Garcia and Carolina Chávez Garcia. Joe was their only son and their pride and joy. He was a graduate of Belen High School (class of 1956). Jose was also a member of the Army National Guard of New Mexico from 1955 to 1965 and volunteered for RGEFD for many years. He worked as an automobile mechanic for the majority of his life and at the Belen Walmart for 9 years prior to retiring in 1999. Joe was a devout Catholic having served as a Eucharistic Minister and also served on the Fiesta Committee. He was very proud of his wife, children and, especially, his grandchildren. Joe’s grandchildren were the pride and joy of his life. He was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Elizabeth Rose Garcia; his parents, Tomás S. Garcia and Carolina Chávez Garcia; and his sisters, Mary, who died in infancy, and Remelia Gutierrez. Joe is survived by his loving wife of 52 years and 9 months, Agnes Sanchez Garcia; his children, Magdalene “Maggie” Garcia, Joseph W. Garcia, Caroline A. Garcia and Michael F. Garcia Sr.; and his grandchildren, Michael Garcia Jr., Matthew Garcia, Katelyn Garcia, Quintix Garcia and Payton Garcia. All services will take place on Friday, February 9, 2018 at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church. A Visitation will be held at 8:30 a.m. with a Rosary to be recited at 9:30 a.m. and a Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Interment will be at Our Lady of Belen

Memorial Gardens. Urn bearers will be his grandchildren. Honorary urn bearer will be his lifelong friend, Porfirio Silva. Please sign Joe's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM.

# Cemetery Details

## Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens

101 N. 10th Street  
Belen, NM 87002

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 9. 8:30 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church  
101 N. 10th Street  
Belen, NM 87002

## Rosary

FEB 9. 9:30 AM (MT)

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## Funeral Mass

FEB 9. 10:00 AM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall

GG

“ I remember Joe as an Uncle. I would spend summers there with grandma Carolina ,Grandpa Tomas and Joe. I think of all of them all the time and so happy to know that Joe spent a great amount of time with his children and grandchildren. We want to share our condolences to the family and hope they have peace in knowing that he will always be remembered by all he knew. Those three wonderful spirits are together again.

*Gilbert F. & Sophie Gutierrez  
2065 NW Hill St #5  
Bend, OR 97703*

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**Gilbert F. Gutierrez** - February 14, 2018 at 07:04 PM

RG

*Thanks Billie & Sophie. It's been nice talking to you, even under these circumstances. Your uncle used to talk fondly about you, your brothers and sisters. Also about Remelia and Lamy. He loved all of you very much. Please keep in touch with me and my family. Thank you for all you've done for us during this time of sorrow. God bless uou and your family. We love you. Love always, Aunt Agnes*

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**Rose AGnes Garcia** - February 16, 2018 at 05:24 PM

MM

“ Agnes and family, May the Lord guide you through this difficult time. Joe was a wonderful man. We always enjoyed talking to him and hearing his wonderful stories. Rest In Peace Joe.

*Live Michael, Brenda, and Abigail Montoya*

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**Michael and Brenda Montoya** - February 07, 2018 at 07:53 AM

YF

“ *Your Hertz Family. purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Jose A. Garcia.*



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**Your Hertz Family.** - February 06, 2018 at 08:36 PM

LS

“ *Lucy Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Jose A. Garcia*



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**Lucy Sanchez** - February 06, 2018 at 06:12 PM

 Bernardine  
Baca  
Spiers

“ *Bernardine Baca Spiers lit a candle in memory of Jose A. Garcia*



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**Bernardine Baca Spiers** - February 04, 2018 at 09:40 PM

JB

“ *Agnes and family, We are so sadden to hear of Joe's passing. We will never forget him during the fiestas. He is at the big fiestas in the sky. He is always in our hearts and prayers. God bless you all.*

*Jerry and Liz Baca*

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**Jerry Baca** - February 04, 2018 at 07:17 PM

BM

“ *Bryan And Stephanie Mascarena lit a candle  
in memory of Jose A. Garcia*



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**Bryan and Stephanie Mascarena** - February 04, 2018 at 04:58 PM

MG

“ *To Agnas and the family I am so so sorry for the loss of one of the  
most amazing  
and wonderful and caring man I have ever know. My heart goes out  
to you and your children and the rest of his relatives and friends  
who will miss him dearly  
My prayers and Sympathy are with you all*

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**Mary Lou Galentine** - February 04, 2018 at 11:52 AM

LP

“ *Lenore Pena lit a candle in memory of Jose  
A. Garcia*



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**Lenore Pena** - February 04, 2018 at 01:45 AM

WS

“ Hey Joe. I am so sorry to hear about your death. But you cannot argue with the Lord. When he calls, you go. But one can always remember those things in one's life that are both good and bad, funny and sad. For example, when you had to borrow my 54 Chevy because your car died when you were picking up Agnes for a date. Another time was when you volunteered to rebuild the engine of my 69 Chevy. You were always willing to lend a hand if someone needed help. All in all, you were a good man. You were good to your family and were willing to defend them to the end. Don't worry, they will come through with the strength you imparted to them by your example in life. You will be missed. Rest in peace in the Lord's hands. Willie

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**willie sanchez** - February 03, 2018 at 04:28 PM

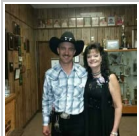
RM

“ Condolences to Family. Agnes, I'm sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace. and you take care of yourself. Love, Rebecca Martinez



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**REBECCA MARTINEZ** - February 03, 2018 at 02:28 PM



“ Shari Olsen-Gallegos lit a candle in memory of Jose A. Garcia



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**Shari Olsen-Gallegos** - February 03, 2018 at 10:45 AM

CG

“ *I miss you daddy! I love you!* ”



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**Caroline Garcia** - February 03, 2018 at 09:35 AM

BF

“ *So sorry to hear your dad’s passing, Caroline. He and your mom were memorable during their time with children at St Mary’s, always an advocate for their and also supporters of the teachers. He made my job easier knowing I had his support. Many blessings of God’s comfort to the family.* ”

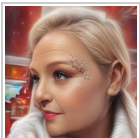
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**Barbara Flett** - February 03, 2018 at 01:15 AM

JM

“ *Jennie Mascarena lit a candle in memory of Jose A. Garcia* ”



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**Jennie Mascarena** - February 03, 2018 at 12:09 AM



“ *My condolences to you Caroline and your family may God give you comfort and peace knowing that your father is with him* ”



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**Rebecca Rivera** - February 02, 2018 at 11:59 PM

CD

“ *Corine Duran lit a candle in memory of Jose A. Garcia*



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**Corine Duran** - February 02, 2018 at 11:24 PM

CD

*Joe and I were so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. Sending heartfelt condolences to you, Agnes, and your family.*

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**Corine & Joe Duran** - February 02, 2018 at 11:25 PM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Jose A. Garcia*



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**Dicky and Suzanne Romero** - February 02, 2018 at 09:27 PM

AF

“ *Working at the Walmart, when it was where Calvert Chapel is now, I met Caroline, Joe's daughter. Caroline became my BFF and I became really close to her family. Joe (daddy), which I called him cause I never had one of my own, would always be happy and bring laughter wherever he was. It was a privilege knowing him and sharing time with him and Caroline's family. We didn't always see eye to eye but we loved each other like family and always will. Rest daddy, and enjoy no pain, you are loved and missed.*

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**Angela Foreman** - February 02, 2018 at 07:36 PM