



Martin A. Garley

November 12, 1955 - November 29, 2014

1955-2014

Our loving, funny, and caring father, son and brother Martin “Harpo” Garley peacefully joined his Lord and Savior from his home on Saturday, November 29, 2014. He was born on November 12, 1955; raised in Belen, he graduated from Belen High School in 1973. Martin was as kind as could be, always with a smile on his face. He was so generous, always willing to help anyone out, no matter what. He was happiest surrounded by his family and friends, listening to and telling wild stories. A retired switchman from the BNSF Railway, Martin often loved to tell his stories of working on the train. In the later years of his life, Martin enjoyed carving wood, gardening, reading every book and National Geographic magazine he could get his hands on, making hornos (outdoor adobe ovens), walking for miles on end, and camping. His favorite past time was bragging about his four children, and how they completed his life; his granddaughter Keira was the cherry on top. He was preceded in death by his father, Ross Garley in 1988; his sister, Monica Sublett; and brother, Peter Garley in 2014. Martin is survived by his adored children and granddaughter; Melissa Wright and fiancé, Joe Acosta, Jesse Garley, Belinda Garley and partner, Karl Deuble, Kimberly Garley and husband, Joshua Griego, and their daughter Keira Griego. He is also survived by his mother, Dolores Garley of Belen; his brother, Russell Garley and wife, Stacey of Abilene, Texas; his brother, Donald Garley and wife, Adella of Belen; his brother-in-law, Warren Sublett Sr. of Menifee, California; plus eight

nephews, many aunts and uncles, and many many cousins and friends. During the last few years, Martin mentored a dear friend Phillip Jacka, whom he treated as a son. All services will be held at Romero Funeral Home Chapel, on Friday, December 5th beginning with a Public Visitation at 9:00 a.m. with a Funeral Service to be held at 10:00 a.m. Interment will be held at a later date. Honorary Pallbearers will be Russell Garley, Donald Garley, Warren Sublett Sr., and Martin's eight nephews. The family wishes to thank all who have been so kind and supportive during this difficult time. Sign Martin's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main Street, Belen, NM

Previous Events

Public Visitation

DEC 5. 9:00 AM (MT)

Romero Funeral Home Chapel
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Romero Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Martin A. Garley



Romero Funeral Home - December 03, 2014 at 05:25 PM



This was so BEAUTIFUL. Thank you.

JoAnna Vanlersel - December 04, 2014 at 01:01 AM

JG

This is a beautiful tribute to a truly beautiful soul. ~ Janice ~

janice c garley - December 04, 2014 at 06:21 AM

RO

So sorry to hear about your dad. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayer, God Bless you both Auntie Olga and Ron

Ron and Olga - December 04, 2014 at 11:48 AM

OR

A beautiful tribute to a wonderful man who loved family, primos, friends and life. He will be missed!

Oscar S. Ramirez - December 05, 2014 at 09:34 AM

GC

Such a beautiful tribute to Martin. It brought back so many loving memories of the Garley family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Although you have had to endure so much this year, my prayer is that you will soon experience "the peace that surpasses all understanding".

*Love,
Guy & Eileen Creveling*

Guy & Eileen Creveling - December 05, 2014 at 09:57 AM

SA

Thank you for sharing these beautiful pictures with us. Martin was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed. I pray that God gives you and your family the peace, strength and love that you all need at this time.

Ken and Shirley Aragon

shirley aragon - December 05, 2014 at 11:39 AM

JG

“ *Jesse Adam Garley lit a candle in memory of Martin A. Garley*



Jesse Adam Garley - August 20, 2024 at 02:36 PM

JB

J love you Jesse if you see this call me please I love you always love dad too

Jonathan baca - March 09, 2025 at 03:09 PM

JB

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Jonathan baca - March 09, 2025 at 03:10 PM

JE

“ *Jesse lit a candle in memory of Martin A. Garley*



Jesse - November 12, 2018 at 12:07 PM

MC

“ *Millie Cordova lit a candle in memory of Martin A. Garley*



Millie Cordova - July 08, 2015 at 02:29 PM

JG

“ *Hello father, I've been staying busy as possible since your passing to keep my mind off of grieving. It's been 6 months and I still think I can call you at times. I miss you so much and I want to talk with you one last time. Thank you for always always being a great father and friend. I love you so very much, I'm trying my best to be faithful and courageous because I know that is what you want.*

jesse garley - June 05, 2015 at 05:56 PM

OR

“ Dolores,

We are saddened by the passing of Martin. That joyful and loving man, so in love with life, is now at peace. We keep you ever in our hearts and thoughts as you bear the burden life has placed on you. May God bring you comfort as time goes on. Keep in mind that in keeping with his faith Martin lives to roam in Heaven with our loved ones.



Our utmost expression of condolences to you and your family on behalf of our family. Our personal expression will be conveyed by our prima Dee Castillo.

Oscar & Sue Ramirez

Oscar S. Ramirez - December 05, 2014 at 09:18 AM



“ *He was always a friendly face and always interested in what I was up to. Months and years could go by and he still wanted to know how myself and my family were doing. He truly cared. It was very nice to see him at all of the family gathering. He will be missed by everyone he touched. He was truly a nice man.*

Steven Contreras - December 04, 2014 at 09:12 PM



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VI

“ Victoria, Roseann, Greg, Garley lit a candle in memory of Martin A. Garley



Victoria, Roseann, Greg, Garley - December 04, 2014 at 09:04 AM

JC

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Martins passing. Lots of good memories about him.

John Chavez - December 04, 2014 at 09:00 AM

RC

“ Rick & Cynthia Chavez lit a candle in memory of Martin A. Garley



Rick & Cynthia Chavez - December 03, 2014 at 10:25 PM

JR

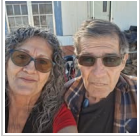
“ Marin had a great laugh and a smile for everyone around. Not to mention a good story. Our love is with your family and I am sure you will always remember his kind ways as we will. Our love and prayers are with the family as you remember his spirit.

Jim, Krista and Ria - December 03, 2014 at 09:54 PM

KO

“ *I am so sorry Melissa, Jesse, Belinda and Kimberly. Uncle Martin was such a kind and calm soul. The memories I have of him, he was always smiling.
Love and prayers to you.*

Kristen Olguin - December 03, 2014 at 07:47 PM



“ *Martin Garley you were truley one of my BEST FRIENDS! We had a blast together!!!. I'm so glad that we got to talk to each other in May. It was wonderful meeting your children. You will truley be missed. May you RIP. I love you Marty! God bless your family! I'm heartbroken to know I will never talk to you again here on earth. You were a great guy!!! See you in Heaven!!*

Theresa Ulivarri-Berni - December 03, 2014 at 11:19 AM

JO

“*Martin was my first true love. Although our marriage didn't last, it was only because we were young and didn't know what we were doing. He was always good to me and we remained close and stayed in touch through the years. People love you in your life but Martin knew how to love unconditionally--which is rare. I'm heartbroken and I'm going to miss him so much. He was always there to offer encouragement and support--not just to me--but to anyone who needed him. Martin was the quintessential "Good Samaritan." Back in the day when we were teens and it would rain or snow in Belen--he'd gather supplies and/or put chains on his tires and go out in the truck and drive the roads and interstate looking for stranded motorists. It's just what he did. I could tell so many stories about his great kindness and generosity--especially to those who were hurt or in trouble--but they would be endless. I'm so glad he visited me this summer. He was in CA to care for his beloved sister Monica. Although he was helping there, on a day off, he traveled the almost 6 hour roundtrip to spend the day with my family and I. My children thought the world of him. Martin loved to laugh, had the brightest smile and a most wonderful sense of humor, he loved nature and most of all he adored his children Melissa, Jesse, Belinda, Kimberly and his granddaughter. He loved to talk about them and he was sooo proud!*

It's easy to profess to be a Christian but Martin had genuine faith and was devoted (from when first we met at 16 and 17) and strived continuously over his lifetime to incorporate "Christ qualities" daily. He delighted in being of service to others. He truly LIVED by this: Matthew 26:36-40 "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these."

He was a SWEETHEART. <3 I will always love him and I am forever grateful to have had him in my life.

My prayers and deepest condolences to the family. May you find comfort and peace at this most difficult time. Although, I am unable to get to the memorial by Friday, I will be there in spirit--sending my love and support. I hope I get to see all of you sometime in the near future. JoAnna

JoAnna - December 02, 2014 at 10:16 PM

BE

“ *I was saddened hearing Martin had passed. God Bless his family/ He was a good friend Berna*



Bernadette - December 02, 2014 at 08:01 PM



“ *Rays of Light Spray was purchased for the family of Martin A. Garley.*



December 02, 2014 at 02:16 PM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Martin A. Garley*



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - December 02, 2014 at 02:01 PM

MH

“ *Melissa, Jessie, Belinda and Kimberly
My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.
Your dad was a good father. He was very proud and loved all of you
very much.
Always remember you dad is watching over you now from heaven.
Delores,
Martin will always be remembered as a kind son and father.
I'm sending you my heart felt sympathy.
Call me if any of you need anything.
Love, Auntie Miriam*

Miriam Haydu - December 02, 2014 at 12:37 PM

BN

“ *Thoughts, prayers, and lots of LOVE to the Garley family from your
cousins down in Las Cruces, NM. Jody and Bernadine (Abeyta)
Naylor*

Bernadine Naylor - December 02, 2014 at 09:00 AM

 Tommy
Sanchez

“ *I'm not sure how many people know this but Martin produced the
first ever Conspiracy album. I will never forget you cousin! Thank
you for helping us start in music & helping to create something that
will last beyond all of us. God Bless! Tommy*

Tommy Sanchez - December 02, 2014 at 08:49 AM

AR

“ *Siento mucho. May GOD bless and comfort
you all.*



Albert Romero - December 01, 2014 at 11:34 PM

DG

“ Also, to our cousins, Melissa, Jessie, Belinda, and Kimberly. We are very sorry, We love you guys, and you are in our prayers.

Dominic Peter Garley - December 01, 2014 at 07:12 PM

DG

“ Uncle Martin. It was a real privilege being your nephew. You were nothing but good to my brothers and I, especially in our time of need. You will be truly missed. Have fun in heaven with my dad and Auntie Monica. Your nephew, Dominic Peter Garley

Dominic Peter Garley - December 01, 2014 at 06:42 PM

JG

“ Im going to miss you uncle! Say hi to my dad and auntie Monica! I'll always remember when i would see you, you would always sing "Jeremiah was a bullfrog" I love you uncle! Love your nephew
Jeremy Ross Garley

Jeremy Garley - December 01, 2014 at 05:47 PM