



Willie D. Garley

October 10, 1960 - July 31, 2021

1960-2021

Willie D. Garley, age 60, a life-long resident of Belen, NM, passed away Saturday, July 31, 2021, He peacefully arrived in paradise and was surrounded by his preceded family.

Willie, known to many as THE LEGEND/ IRON MAN, will be missed by all who knew him. He never stopped smiling and loved spending time with his daughter, three boys and grandkids. Willie enjoyed having a good time, being sarcastic, joking and having a beer with friends and family. He also enjoyed going for cruises in the rain, going to the gym, arm wrestling and watching sports, as well as spending time in the mountains. Throughout the years, Willie has received many athletic rewards, such as making 2012 New Mexico Arm Wrestling Hall of Fame and Belen Athlete of the Year. He graduated from Belen high school attended college at Eastern and Highlands University on a Track and Field Scholarship.

Willie was preceded in death by his parents, Bobby and Jenny Garley. He is survived by his four children, Cameron, Melissa (Troy), Nick (Frances), Daniel (Elisha); five grandchildren, Darren, Isaac, Mason, Audreyanna and Zephaniah; two Godchildren, Jackie Gonzales and Gabriel Garley and seven brothers and three sisters.

Services will be held on Monday and Tuesday, August 9th and 10th, at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church, beginning Monday, with a Public Visitation at 6:30 PM and a Rosary to be recited at 7:30 PM, continued on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, with a Final Visitation at 9:00 AM and a Funeral Mass at 10:00 AM. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. Please sign Willie's online tribute at Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG 9. 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (MT)

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

Rosary

AUG 9. 7:30 PM (MT)

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

Final Visitation

AUG 10. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (MT)

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

Funeral Mass

AUG 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

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

Interment

AUG **10**. 11:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens
101 N. 10th Street
Belen, NM 87002

Tribute Wall

RR

“ *Rebecca Rivera lit a candle in memory of Willie D. Garley*



Rebecca Rivera - March 09, 2022 at 12:06 AM

KL

“ *Willie, since I was a little girl and I would go inside the bar/gas station you always made me laugh Cuz u would tell out to me "hey little cousin" then when we worked together at the hotels, you would make my day so much better Cuz u always had that warm smile and a shoulder to lean on, I was going through a rough time when we worked together and your wise words are what got me through that time!!!! You were a good cousin!!! Now you and my dad, my uncle Arnold and grandpo can have an ice cold beer together in heaven. Please tell my daddy that I love him and miss him so much!!! You will truly be missed Willie*



Kimberlee Nichol Luna

Kimberlee Luna - August 16, 2021 at 03:38 PM

YS

“ Our deepest condolences to your children and the Garley brother’s and sister’s,

I remember meeting you in the family functions with my dad. As I was growing up I heard a lot that you were an awesome athlete and a arm wrestler. I was so happy to know that we were 2nd cousin’s and I enjoyed knowing you were a classmate with my husband Gino. RIP 🙏

Love Yvonne & Gino Storey



Yvonne Storey - August 12, 2021 at 01:18 PM

PH

“ Priscilla Hicks lit a candle in memory of Willie D. Garley



Priscilla Hicks - August 10, 2021 at 08:38 PM



“ My dear friend Willie. I will always remember how proud you were talking about your family.
You always gave me shit about my STEELERS. And I gave it right back to you about your cowboys. We’ve had a lot of good times together and a lot of crazy times. Cheers. Until we meet again. U will be missed.

Marcia Torres-Martinez - August 10, 2021 at 12:40 AM

AJ

“ Rest In Peace willie

Anthony Jaramillo - August 09, 2021 at 05:42 PM

MR

“ *Mary RDcliffe lit a candle in memory of Willie D. Garley*



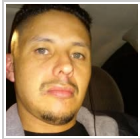
Mary rDcliffe - August 09, 2021 at 12:58 PM



“ *Joseph Martinez purchased the Fields of Europe for Spring for the family of Willie D. Garley.*



Joseph Martinez - August 09, 2021 at 01:13 AM



“ *Their are to many memories to share and more smiles to remember, My deepest condolences to the Garley family as a whole I had always considered Willie part of my own family and he will be terribly missed but never forgotten. I hold a special place in my heart for him, always had and always will. May God Bless Willies soul and the Garley family.*

Joseph A. Martinez

Joseph Martinez - August 09, 2021 at 01:06 AM

DR

“ *Debbie Romero lit a candle in memory of Willie D. Garley*



Debbie Romero - August 08, 2021 at 08:59 PM

GG

“ *My sincere condolences out to the GARLEY Family. RIP WILLIE* 🙏
❤️🔥🐸💜

Georgia Pino Goodman - August 07, 2021 at 07:03 PM

BC

“ *Beverly Castillo lit a candle in memory of Willie D. Garley*



Beverly Castillo - August 06, 2021 at 08:28 AM

LA

“ *So saddened to hear about your passing. You've always treated Joe and I good and for that I thank you. You will never be forgotten. Fly with the angles Willie.*

Lisa Arvizu - August 05, 2021 at 08:13 PM

PV

“ So sorry for your loss. Our sincerest condolences to the Garley family.



Phillip & Kathy Vigil - August 05, 2021 at 08:13 PM

DR

“ Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Willie D. Garley



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - August 05, 2021 at 02:51 AM

EP

“ Eugeio Padilla lit a candle in memory of Willie D. Garley



Eugeio Padilla - August 05, 2021 at 01:07 AM

CS

“ Me and Your Auntie are going to Miss you very much and the Family. R.I.P Willie, May You suffer no more! “ Fly w the Angels”



Carleen Silva and Lorella Silva - August 04, 2021 at 09:50 PM

TB

“ My deepest condolences to Willie’s family. Running in the 1979 NM state track meet with Willie and the others is one of my fondest memories. Preparing for the meet brought us all together as teammates, brothers and Eagles. I will never forget this special time and will always remember you Willie. Rest In Peace.



Tommy Bustamante - August 04, 2021 at 08:31 PM

JN

“ Joe And Tina Nunez lit a candle in memory of Willie D. Garley



Joe and Tina Nunez - August 04, 2021 at 07:29 PM



“ Regina N Orlando Gutierrez lit a candle in memory of Willie D. Garley



Regina N Orlando Gutierrez - August 04, 2021 at 04:11 PM

RG

“ *Richard Patricia Garcia lit a candle in memory of Willie D. Garley*



Richard Patricia Garcia - August 04, 2021 at 02:56 PM

RB

“ *My condolences to the family. May Willie Rest In Peace in his heavenly home.*



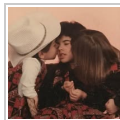
Romy Baca - August 04, 2021 at 12:20 PM



“ *Geri Marquardt lit a candle in memory of Willie D. Garley*



Geri Marquardt - August 04, 2021 at 02:39 AM



Tiger Willy--as I used to call him! I gave him that nickname in shop class--it made him laugh his contagious laugh--his smile was the best!! till we laugh again, my friend!

Geri Marquardt - August 04, 2021 at 02:45 AM



“ *There's no words to explain how much I'm going to miss you dad you are my best friend i can't remember going a day without talking to you. Thank you dad for teaching everything in life I can't ever ask for a better dad I LOVE YOU SO MUCH!* ”



Daniel Garley - August 04, 2021 at 01:22 AM

ZG

“ *I love grandpa* ”



zepaniah Garley - August 04, 2021 at 01:14 AM

YG

“ *Yvette & Ronald Garcia lit a candle in memory of Willie D. Garley* ”



Yvette & Ronald Garcia - August 04, 2021 at 12:04 AM

YG

In memory of Willey Garley.

Yvette & Ronald Garcia - August 04, 2021 at 12:06 AM

AC

“ *Willie was always smiling and had a great big heart. He will be missed by all. He's now an angel watching over his family and us. God Bless the family and everyone that knew him.*

Alice Cordova-Robison - August 03, 2021 at 10:48 PM

JO

“ *We grew up together brother, had a lot of good times. Time to rest now Will.*

Johnny

Johnny - August 03, 2021 at 09:31 PM

RC

“ *Prayers to the Garley Family. Rest in peace Willie.* 🙏🙏



Roseann Garley Chavez - August 03, 2021 at 08:31 PM

FM

“ *Frank & Dolores Marquez lit a candle in memory of Willie D. Garley*



Frank & Dolores Marquez - August 03, 2021 at 07:54 PM

AP

“ Praying for family and friends during this difficult time, I know Willie will be missed very much although I lost touch with him for many years, I will always have wonderful memories of growing up together as neighbors. He had the most contagious laugh and smile. I am thankful I did get to see him arm wrestle he was amazing!!



Angela Peralta - August 03, 2021 at 06:53 PM

AJ

“ Thoughts and prayers to the Garley family!



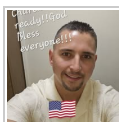
annalee jaramillo-kuidis - August 03, 2021 at 06:48 PM

BM

“ I know someone who will & is already missing his daily visits. Joe misses your visits already. The friendship you two had was like no other I have ever seen. I used to see you drive up every afternoon & yell out at Joe "there'ssssss Willieeee"....a friendship like you & Joe had was special. He loved you like a son. & though I am sure he never showed it...But I know he loved you..He is missing you, we talk about you as if you are still here, we laugh at the little things you'd say or do & still cannot believe we will never see you again you are really gone. I know you had lotsa people greeting you & welcoming you to your final destination...I can imagine the party in Heaven...But here on Earth my friend you are being missed. To your family our sincere condolences. We miss him so much already. Joe went to the gym today and said it will never be the same again...We lost a true friend whose memory we will keep alive just because of who you really were Willie...A FRIEND FOREVER...Joe & Berna



bernadette moya - August 03, 2021 at 06:11 PM



This was so sweet my heart achs im sorry Joe

Daniel Garley - August 04, 2021 at 01:12 AM

JS

One of the sweetest souls I have ever known! You will be missed by so many people. R.I.P. my friend. 🙏❤️

Julie Navarrette Smith - August 04, 2021 at 05:41 PM

HV

“ So sorry for your loss prayers sent. Willie was always smiling and good person, always talked



Helen Vallejos - August 03, 2021 at 05:39 PM

RM

“ Condolences to Garley family. May Willie rest in peace.



Rebecca Martinez - August 03, 2021 at 04:59 PM

RG

“ Ralph Jaramillo & Debra Gurule lit a candle in memory of Willie D. Garley



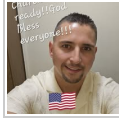
Ralph Jaramillo & Debra Gurule - August 03, 2021 at 03:17 PM

DG

“ Grandpa choose to be my friend after her got his life together, it means a lot to me. Love you grandpa can't wait to see you in heaven 🙏📖
🙏



Darren Garley - August 03, 2021 at 03:15 PM



Darren he is so proud of you his oldest grandson he never stopped talking about how successful you are going to be. Grandpa knows you love him and he loves you.

Daniel Garley - August 04, 2021 at 01:15 AM

NG

“ *Natalie Garley lit a candle in memory of Willie D. Garley*



Natalie Garley - August 03, 2021 at 03:02 PM

VC

“ *Vera Culp-Lacy lit a candle in memory of Willie D. Garley*



Vera Culp-Lacy - August 03, 2021 at 01:03 PM

BH

“ *Bejamin Hodges lit a candle in memory of Willie D. Garley*



Bejamin Hodges - August 03, 2021 at 12:02 PM

AG

“ *Adella And Donald Garley lit a candle in memory of Willie D. Garley*



Adella and donald garley - August 03, 2021 at 10:38 AM

RC

“ *Robert D. Chavez lit a candle in memory of Willie D. Garley*



Robert D. Chavez - August 03, 2021 at 07:40 AM

RC

Willie , May you rest in peace and may God and his Angles take care of you . :-)

Robert D. Chavez - August 03, 2021 at 07:42 AM

AC

“ *Annette E. Chavez lit a candle in memory of Willie D. Garley*



Annette E. Chavez - August 03, 2021 at 07:16 AM

AC

“ Bobby, Lil and Garley family---I am so sorry for your loss, please know you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Annette E. Chavez

Annette E. Chavez - August 03, 2021 at 07:16 AM



“ Enteral rest Willie!



Anna Zamora Torres - August 03, 2021 at 05:20 AM

JZ

“ JOHN ZAMBRANO lit a candle in memory of Willie D. Garley



JOHN ZAMBRANO - August 03, 2021 at 01:08 AM

JZ

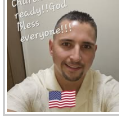
MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO YOUR FAMILY

JOHN ZAMBRANO - August 03, 2021 at 01:09 AM

JB

“ Our deepest condolences to Willie's family and the entire Garley family. Willie will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. RIP Willie!

Jim & Sue Burke - August 02, 2021 at 10:53 PM



Thank so much

Daniel Garley - August 04, 2021 at 01:17 AM

NG

“ *Thanks for being my Pops. I am grateful to be your daughter-in-law. Nick and I have some fun and crazy memories with you and forever will cherish.*

Nick and Frances Garley - August 02, 2021 at 10:31 PM

NS

“ *Willy will truly be missed by this gal. He always had a smile and jokes. He was so proud of his family, his children and grandchildren. He used to make me laugh when I was working, he'd tried to get me to arm wrestle him, lol his facial expressions were priceless. I could never arm wrestle him, he'd probably dislocated my arm because of him being so strong. I could always make him blush and hear him from a far calling me a brat. He loved his children and grandchildren so much. RIP Willy and my condolences to his family. Nicki*

Nicole Sanchez - August 02, 2021 at 10:25 PM



“ *So very sorry to hear about Willie. I had a lot of fun with him and his wife Polly and there whole family going to arm wrestling matches. He was one heck of an arm wrestler. The most thing I will miss about running into Willie he always always had a smile on his face. My prayers and thoughts go out to his 3 kids and grandchildren and family, RIP Willie you will be missed. If I can do anything feel free to contact me at any time. God Bless.
Love Connie and Porky Baca*

Connie Baca - August 02, 2021 at 10:13 PM

PO

Thank you Connie youve always been a great friend. Im gonna miss willie so much.

Pollyanna - August 02, 2021 at 11:04 PM

JF

“ *Sending my condolences to the Garley family
R.I.P Willey Garley*



Joe valenzuela and family - August 02, 2021 at 10:11 PM

SF

“ *Sandy Mendoza And Family lit a candle in
memory of Willie D. Garley*



sandy mendoza and family - August 02, 2021 at 10:02 PM

SF

My condolences to the Garley family May Willie Rest In Peace

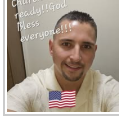
sandy mendoza and family - August 02, 2021 at 10:04 PM

BB

“ *You will be missed my friend. Me and Big Dan
laughed very hard remembering our last
camping trip with you. I did a blue candle for
you Cowboys I guess!!!*



Bryan Blea - August 02, 2021 at 09:55 PM



Well the Cowboys are going to the ship with that blue candle you just lit 😊 it was dad talking in my ear

Daniel Garley - August 04, 2021 at 01:26 AM

PO

“ No more pain just happiness like you always gave your kids...im gonna miss you! You always had a smile when id see you. Look after all your kids and grandchildren.. Oh and please tell Daddy hi he will be surprised to see you. Love you willie thank you for my memories..and my 3 kids that are just like you generous with a their smiles!! 🙏

Pollyanna - August 02, 2021 at 09:55 PM

GG

I am so sorry for your loss Polly. My prayers are with you. God bless you. ❤️🔥

Georgia Pino Goodman - August 07, 2021 at 07:14 PM

PO

Thank you so much... I was talking to him the day b4 he passed lots of im sorries from both of us. We put the past in the past. He gave me one of his smiles and fell asleep. Il never lose that visual... 🙏😭

Pollyanna - August 09, 2021 at 01:54 AM



“ He's going to be missed dearly so sad gone way to soon. I'll miss playing crazy 8's. The last hilarious memory is when he forgot to take the emergency brake off at craig tire so he was doing a burnout with the front tires backing out he got mad at me for not reminding him to take it off or because i was laughing so hard. You'll be missed Willie Garley love u man. My Favorite Father-in-law.



T-roy Morales Sr. - August 02, 2021 at 09:54 PM

JO

“ God bless and please be with all of uncle Willys family . My condolences Isha, Daniel, Nicky, Cameron all the grandchildren and everyone I'm praying for all of your healing ! If there's anything at all you guys need please message me . I love you guys . Love you uncle Willy thank you for always being there for me, teaching me how to arm wrestle , always joking around and being such a good man to everyone <3

juju ortega - August 02, 2021 at 09:41 PM

SC

“ We love you Willie 💕💕



Sara n Candice - August 02, 2021 at 09:22 PM



“ *I love you Daddy*



Daniel Garley - August 02, 2021 at 09:12 PM

AC

Love you, Danny Boy. Always in prayer for the family. Willie was such an inspiration for everyone. Just keep in mind that he's with daddy and Pumba (Burnt Tortilla Face) Daddy's favorite.

Auntie Crissy - August 02, 2021 at 09:19 PM

MG

“ *Mildred Garley lit a candle in memory of Willie D. Garley*



Mildred Garley - August 02, 2021 at 09:12 PM

MR

“ *To the garley family I'm sorry for the passing of hall fame arm wrestling champion willie garley I've known him since I was a little kid growing up with my best friend Daniel garley favorite memory of Willie is when me and Daniel hung on both sides of his 20 inch biceps never forget that may he Rest In Peace I will continue to pray for him and the garley family stay strong Daniel nick Melissa and Cameron rimorin family is praying for your family*



marcus rimorin - August 02, 2021 at 09:00 PM

CG

“ *Carmen & Manuel Garley lit a candle in memory of Willie D. Garley*



Carmen & Manuel Garley - August 02, 2021 at 08:55 PM

CG

Dearest brother, we love you and you will always be in our hearts.

Carmen & Manuel Garley - August 02, 2021 at 08:57 PM

PO

I want to thank you soo much for being their to help the kids. Daniel, melissa and nick would of been lost without your help. GOD BLESS!

Pollyanna - August 02, 2021 at 10:11 PM

LB

“ *Leroy Baca lit a candle in memory of Willie D. Garley*



Leroy Baca - August 02, 2021 at 08:13 PM