



Alfonso Charles Garcia "Charlie"

July 1, 1952 - June 21, 2025

Alfonso Charles Garcia, lovingly known as “Charlie,” beloved father and family patriarch, was born on July 1, 1952, and went home to be with the Lord on the morning of June 21, 2025.

Charlie is preceded in death by his parents, Alfonso and Dominga Garcia, and his sister, Dolores Palomo. He is survived by his wife, Elva Garcia, their four daughters—Adrienne Salinas (George), Jessica Rader (Donnell), Amanda Garcia Davenport (Allen), and Natalie Johnson (Johnathan)—and his brother, Patrick Garcia (Susan).

He was a proud grandfather to Mia Segovia-Salinas (David), Jeremy Salinas, Jeremiah Rader, Micah Rader, Cecilia Davenport, and Dinah Davenport.

Charlie graduated from Fox Tech High School, where he took vocational shop classes that would later serve him well throughout his life. After graduation, he began a 43-year career at Southwest Research Institute (SWRI), starting as a welder while undergoing rigorous training and obtaining multiple certifications and security clearances that few - civilians or military personnel - ever attain. This work led to defining moments in his career within the ballistic and explosive department, which stood not only as a professional highlight but also as one of his proudest achievements. After leaving his mark on the “range,” he continued his service in Buildings & Grounds, where he

maintained the boilers and chillers and managed the stockroom until his retirement in 2014.

At SWRI, Charlie forged many lifelong friendships, sharing monumental career milestones, treasured life moments, and extracurricular activities—including hunting, fishing, grilling, and softball—that brought joy and camaraderie throughout his life.

A devout Catholic and man of unwavering faith, Charlie was a long-standing member of St. Dominic's Catholic Church. There, he mentored youth, supported high school retreats, and served as an RCIA instructor alongside Elva. His quiet strength, generous heart, and lifelong dedication to serving others left an enduring impact on everyone who knew him—often in ways he never realized.

In retirement, Charlie fulfilled his lifelong dream of moving to the country. There, he built the ranch home he and Elva had always dreamed of—complete with a wraparound porch. He dedicated himself to learning and managing the ranch, embracing the challenges with the same determination he brought to every part of his life. Though the journey was challenging at times, Charlie remained focused on recovery so he could return home to the ranch—the place he loved most. Fortunately, he made it back to the ranch—the home he cherished—where he spent his final days.

Charlie was a simple man and the gentlest of giants—respected, admired, and loved by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. He was a loyal friend, a faithful servant, and a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and big brother.

His legacy of strength, humility, and kindness will live on in all of us.

A Memorial Service will be held Friday, June 27, 2025 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm with

the Rosary to be recited at 6:30pm.

Previous Events

Rosary

JUN 27. 6:30 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive
San Antonio, TX 78230

Tribute Wall



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alfonso Charles Garcia "Charlie".*



June 26, 2025 at 04:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Alfonso Charles Garcia "Charlie".*



June 25, 2025 at 10:09 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alfonso Charles Garcia "Charlie".*



June 25, 2025 at 12:45 PM

ML

“ Our heartfelt condolences to the family. We feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to meet and work with Charlie during our time at St. Dominic and Holmes High School. His warm smile and compassionate heart will forever remain on pur hearts. Rest in peace Charlie.

Ray and Mary Diaz de Leon

Maria Diaz de Leon - June 25, 2025 at 12:19 PM

DF

“ Daniel Alvarez and Family purchased the Strengt h & Solace Spray for the family of Alfonso Charles Garcia "Charlie".



Daniel Alvarez and Family - June 24, 2025 at 09:20 PM

LG

“ Love Joe, Ann, Mikey, Xavier & Bella Gon purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Alfonso Charles Garcia "Charlie".



Love Joe, Ann, Mikey, Xavier & Bella Gon - June 24, 2025 at 03:42 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Alfonso Charles Garcia "Charlie".



June 24, 2025 at 11:13 AM

CL

“ My sincerest sympathy to all of his family, including Josie. May God grant you comfort and strength during this very difficult time.
Christine A. De Leon

Christine A. De Leon - June 23, 2025 at 09:46 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Alfonso Charles Garcia "Charlie".



June 23, 2025 at 09:21 PM

FM

“ Family of Tim & Laura Miller purchased the County Basket Blooms for the family of Alfonso Charles Garcia "Charlie".



Family of Tim & Laura Miller - June 23, 2025 at 04:56 PM

LL

“ Charlie, you were our “constant”- role model and father figure. I will be forever grateful for your love and care. You didn't know it, but we were a package deal. You took care of us all without flinching once.
Love you forever, Chicle

Lorraine De Leon - June 23, 2025 at 02:21 PM