



Daniel Garcia

December 24, 1947 - May 15, 2021

Master Sergeant (MSG) Daniel Garcia, U.S. Army (USA) – Retired
B. December 24th, 1947, D. May 15th, 2021

Master Sergeant (MSG) Daniel Garcia, U.S. Army (USA) – Retired was born and raised in San Antonio, TX. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Mr. Domingo Garcia and Alveena Esquivel of Elmendorf, TX; his maternal grandparents, Mr. Susano and Tomasita Apolinar of San Antonio, TX. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. Nicolas Garcia and Amelia (Apolinar) Garcia, and his brother, Mr. Samuel Garcia, all of San Antonio, TX, and his long-time partner Ms. Delores (Garcia) Palomo of San Antonio, TX. He is survived by his brothers: Mr. Nicolas and Diana Garcia of West Covina, CA; Mr. Rudolf “Rudy” and Gloria Garcia of Whittier, CA; Mr. Ramon Garcia and Lucy Hitt of San Antonio, TX; and sister Ms. Alicia Garcia of San Antonio, TX. He was also preceded in death by his former wife and mother of his two sons, Ms. Krystyna (Karbowski) of Chicago, IL. He’s survived by his sons and their families: his son, Mr. Daniel and Angela Garcia that reside in Elgin, OK; grandson Mr. Stephen and Cassandra Garcia of Elgin, OK; two great-grandsons Lucas and Jackson Ray Garcia; granddaughter Ms. Amelia Garcia of Oklahoma City, OK; his son, CAPT Nickolas and Dana Garcia, United States Navy (USN), of Norfolk, VA; two granddaughters Ms. Hannah Garcia of Wilmington, NC and Lillah Garcia of Norfolk, VA who called him “Papo”. He is survived by numerous nieces and nephews, from coast-to-coast, that enriched

his life as he was endearingly known to them as “Uncle Dan”.

MSG Daniel Garcia’s childhood years in San Antonio were punctuated by fishing the Salado River at Pecan Valley Park, swimming in the San Antonio River, exploring the barely developed SE side of San Antonio and all it had to offer to a young kid. Fishing, a general love and appreciation for wildlife especially birds, and tennis were a few hobbies he had time to develop before making a move to Chicago, IL at age 18. There he gained payroll employment, purchased his first motorcycle (1967 Honda 305 Scrambler), and met his future wife. In 1967, he received an U.S. Army draft notice informing him to report to Army Basic Training, Fort Polk, LA. He landed in Vietnam on April 1st, 1968 for a one year tour (until April 1st, 1969) with the 1st Infantry Division “Big Red ONE”, 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment “Black Lions”. After a successful combat tour in Vietnam, MSG Daniel Garcia enjoyed various global assignments including two tours in Germany. His military career was highlighted by achieving Senior Drill Sergeant for an U.S. Army Basic Training Battalion, Fort Sill, Oklahoma and his Department of Defense (DoD) tour assigned to Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI), Patrick Air Force Base, Cocoa Beach, FL, where he retired after 23 years of active duty service.

In retirement, he traveled the Country by motorcycle often checking in on family members spread from coast-to-coast. Later, he traveled by car with his loyal partner “Dee” and his faithful dog companion “Buddy”. Every family member had an extra room and bed for them. MSG Daniel Garcia called Port LaVaca, TX, Breaux Bridge, LA, and finally Elgin, Ok home. He roamed this Country’s landscape like a Soldier would – by the seat of his pants and studied land navigation, like a Native would – by the stars and the wind, and like an U.S. Military Veteran would – anywhere he or she so desires. Daniel will be truly missed by family and friends. A visitation will be on Wednesday June 9, 2021 at Alamo Funeral Chapels at 5:00 pm. On Thursday June 10, 2021 there will be a mass of resurrection at Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 12:30 pm. Followed by interment at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **9**. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Alamo Funeral Chapels
624 N Alamo St
San Antonio, TX 78215
(210) 554-5000
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Mass

JUN **10**. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church
618 S. Grimes Street
San Antonio, TX 78203

Committal Service

JUN 10. 2:15 PM - 2:45 PM (CT)

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd
San Antonio, TX 78209
(210) 820-3891

Tribute Wall



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Daniel Garcia.* ”



June 09, 2021 at 07:23 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Daniel Garcia.* ”



June 09, 2021 at 02:42 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Daniel Garcia.* ”



June 08, 2021 at 06:36 PM



“ *Ryan, Courtney, Demi, and Forrest Henderson purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Daniel Garcia.* ”



Ryan, Courtney, Demi, and Forrest Henderson - June 08, 2021 at 08:43 AM

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“ *Dr. Jamie Cameron and Team purchased the Encanted Cottage for the family of Daniel Garcia.*



Dr. Jamie Cameron and Team - June 08, 2021 at 08:36 AM

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“ *# 1 Brother Nick and # 1 Sister Diana and Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Daniel Garcia.*



1 Brother Nick and # 1 Sister Diana and Family - June 06, 2021 at 09:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Daniel Garcia.*



June 05, 2021 at 09:56 PM

RG

“ Just a quick note about my baby brother, Daniel, that I will never forget.

I was lucky, very lucky to be present at his Retirement Ceremony at Patrick A.F.B., Fl. There must have been at least 100 Soldiers in attendance.

I think it was held in an auditorium of some sort because there was a stage, and the ranking officer was a Lt. Col.

After they brought Dan up to the stage and began honoring him in his

accomplishments, Lt. Col. asked if anyone had anything to say about

Daniel. Someone in the crowd yelled out that his older brother was in the audience. So the Col. asked me to come up to the stage and say a

few words. So I did.

I started with a little story from our childhood. I told them about the time

we played cowboys and Indians or cops and robbers with cap guns shooting each other. When one of us got hit, we would play dead and

Dan could not wake us up, because we were dead. So he would drop his

pants and would pee on us to wake us up. You can just imagine the results. All of a sudden, a soldier in the audience hollers out. “He is still doing that to us.”

The ROOF almost came down with laughter.

Brother Rudy

Rudolf Garcia - June 05, 2021 at 12:57 AM

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Funny story Rudy. Thanks for sharing!!

Angela Garcia - June 05, 2021 at 11:01 PM

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Funny story Rudy. Thanks for sharing!!

Angela Garcia - June 05, 2021 at 11:02 PM

DG

My brother Daniel (he was truly a brother to me)

was a very kind and generous man and

expressed it in many ways. The last time he stayed with us we had such a great time with a lot of laughs and going over a lot of memories some we shared and others about each other.

The morning he left we all said our goodbyes out front, he said

he was going to stop at the store and get a few bags of ice then

head back home. Well about 15 minutes later his truck pulled

back up out in front of the house, Nick and I were in the garage

and he waved me over, said I want to Thank you for treating

me so kind and making me laugh so much. Daniel handed me

two large Beautiful Orchid Plants different colors, he made me

tear up he was such a wonderful man I will miss him. Sometimes

when he called we would talk almost an hour before I ever called

Nick to the phone.

Your loving Sister, Diana Garcia

DIANA GARCIA - June 07, 2021 at 12:30 AM

AN

I called him, Uncle Daniel the first time I met him. He had the biggest smile, his presence was warm, kind, and tender. I felt like I knew him all my life. It was Chris's and my wedding the first time I saw him. He made me feel so special knowing he came on our special day. After, he will come to South Carolina often, and the family gather to eat after Uncle Daniel and Dad cooked all night. We had such a great time.....so many memories....Chris and I will miss you.

Annette - June 09, 2021 at 03:54 PM