



Jacob "Jack" Garcia

January 9, 1918 - October 7, 2019

Jacob "Jack" Garcia passed on to his eternal reward on October 7, 2019 surrounded by his children.

He was born on January 9, 1918 to Milton Garcia and Antonia Gutierrez. He is preceded in death by his wife of 73 years, Aurelia; parents; brothers, Father Camilo Garcia, George Garcia and infant, Carlos; sisters - Otila Howsley, Sofia Johnson and Pauline Richardson. Jack is survived by his daughters, Olga [Richard] Montesdeoca and Gilda Ibarra and son, Joseph Camilo Garcia; Granddaughters - Suzy [Cid] Nolan, Lisa Long, Julie [Richard] Reyna, Dina [Carlos] Cortez, Amy Montesdeoca, Jessica [Chris] Flores, Lexee Garcia and Grandson, Andrew Ibarra; Eight great-granddaughters - Maya Reyna, Ava Reyna, Katalina Ibarra, Sasha Cortez, Angelica Nolan, Neka Osborn, Gianna Cortez and Stella Reyna; Seven great-grandsons - Tristan Cortez, Kannon Ibarra, Elijah Reyna, Kruz Ibarra, Michael Nolan, Lucas Cortez and Kaison Flores; as well as numerous cousins, nephews, nieces and friends.

Jack lost his mother at age five and since his father was unable to care for the family, the children were separated among relatives and the orphanage. Jack credits his uncles, Adolfo and Eduardo [Paulita] Gutierrez, for his upbringing. He graduated from Espada Mission Elementary and attended St. Henry's High School. He became interested in auto mechanics and apprenticed under a local mechanic. He eventually earned enough money to buy a Model-T and

rebuilt it.

In 1938, he joined the "Tree Army" and worked for a short time in Medford, Oregon. He returned to San Antonio to court the love of his life, Aurelia Menchaca Diaz. After their marriage on August 30, 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. army for three years and raised their three children together. Aurelia complemented the marriage with her domestic expertise in housekeeping, cooking, sewing, gardening and thriftiness. She was serious, disciplined, prayerful and had a great memory. They were both very active in the Church and participated in the Altar Society, Holy Name Society as well as the annual fall festivals.

Jack was employed by Joske's Department Store for 33 years as a refrigerator repairman. Later, he excelled as a repairman for the newly invented television and thoroughly enjoyed this challenge.

After retirement, he continued to maintain his home and lawn. At age 97, he was still climbing ladders and cleaning out roof gutters. He was hard of hearing and legally blind, but these did not deter him from enjoying life. He particularly loved his wife's cooking and had a very sweet tooth but he managed to keep most of his teeth. He also enjoyed his favorite team, the Spurs, on TV. Jack loved beer, playing pool [He was quite good in his prime] and was known for wearing hats.

His beloved wife, Aurelia, died in 2015.

For four years following her death, Jack was the star of the family and remained living in the same home he and Aurelia had built together when they married.

He will be missed for his work ethic, humility, positive attitude and his love of God and family. Although he had a poor and sad childhood, he remained content with life and was grateful for God's blessings.

Jack's family extends their appreciation and gratitude to extended family and friends for their love and support especially for those whose regular visits lifted Jack up including Father Sergio, Janie Garza and Jose, Carlos and Maria from Generation Hospice and Anchorage Hospice.

Reception to follow the Rosary service on Wednesday, October 16, 2019.
Please contact the family for more information.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Alzheimer's Association: http://act.alz.org/site/Donation2?df_id=39209&mfc_pref=T&39209.donation=form1&gclid=Cj0KCCQjwrfvsBRD7ARIsAKuDvMOWELpAITFxfzEuFq7tD-15pzzdKiwmoTazFuo3pj0l3C56J1dZxjYaAngMEALw_wcB

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **16**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Rosary

OCT **16**. 7:00 PM (CT)


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Funeral Mass

OCT 17. 1:00 PM (CT)

San Francisco de la Espada Mission
10040 Espada Rd
San Antonio, TX 78214

Tribute Wall


Camille
Henry

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Camille Henry - October 14, 2019 at 08:00 PM


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Henry

I have always loved this photo taken at Dina's wedding, those are my 2 girls Kyria and Paige, so long ago

Camille Henry - October 14, 2019 at 08:02 PM

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My condolences to the family. I remember Jack coming to our home to fix our TV, my Dad was always so happy to see him and grateful, because TV. Was his only form of entertainment. I am Cande Alderete... daughter of Angelina Garcia Garza, a cousin to Jack. May God bless his soul and give him eternal life in heaven.....

Cande Alderete - October 17, 2019 at 09:02 PM


Camille
Henry

Uncle Jack was my grandma's brother and my daughter Paige said what she remembered is his laugh, she loved his laugh

Camille Henry - October 18, 2019 at 03:43 PM



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