



James Garcia Jr.

March 8, 1931 - July 17, 2025

On July 17, 2025, James Garcia Jr. entered eternal rest, reunited in heaven with his beloved wife of 67 years, Martha Garcia.

James was lovingly raised alongside his siblings: Fernando, Margarita (affectionately known as Cuca), Carlota, and Sylvia. He was the cherished son of Maria Mancha Garza and James Garcia, and the proud grandson of Reyes Mancha and Maria C. Gonzalez, as well as Aurelio Garcia Sr. and Margarita Del Refugio. His family roots ran deep, and their legacy lives on through the many lives James touched.

James first met his future wife, Martha Cobarruvias, in the seventh grade in 1947, in their hometown of Laredo, Texas. At just 17, he left to serve his country in the Korean War, asking Martha to wait for him. She did, and four years later, after the war ended, they were married in 1952. Together, James and Martha built a life grounded in love, faith, and devotion, raising 12 children in the Catholic tradition. Their bond became a lasting example of commitment, and the legacy they leave behind continues to inspire all who knew them.

Their children are James Garcia III, Wanda Cordaway, Roel Garcia, Hector Garcia, Ruben Garcia, Belinda Garcia-Crain, Efrain Garcia, Gabriel Garcia, Marietta Garcia-Ottaway, Elisa Garcia-Vidaurri, Rachel Garcia-Babcock, and Conrad Garcia.

Grandchildren- Rebecca Garcia, Victoria Danner, Richard Cordaway, Jason Cordaway, Joseph Cordaway, Daniel Cortez, Jared Levi Crain, Kristina Marie Garcia-Crain, Amanda Moore, Andres Garcia, Antonio Garcia, Mathew Garcia, Olivia Garcia, Blake Ottaway, Mason Ottaway, Marco Viduarri II, Adrian Viduarri, Avrey Viduarri, Jacob Suchart Babcock, Christopher Thomas Garcia, Alisha Jackson, and Kristopher Jackson.

Great-Grandchildren- Genelle Bernal, Jenna Cordaway, Nicholas Cordaway, Mason Cordaway, Caiden Thomas Crain, Warren Abraham Crain, Faye Harper Crain, Sawyer Belle Crain, Maddox Moore, Isla Rae Garcia, Henry James Danner, Amelia Jackson, and William Jackson.

James was a devoted and faithful member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church since 1953. His deep spirituality was reflected in his active service through the Knights of Columbus and the St. Vincent DePaul Society, where he played a significant role for many years. Always generous with his time, James volunteered in countless ways to support the church community.

Professionally, he was a civil servant welder at Kelly and Brooks Air Force Base, dedicating over 40 years to his craft with steadfast commitment and skill.

Above all, James was a loving and devoted husband as well as a source of unwavering support to his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He took great pride in his family and cherished every opportunity to visit and spend time with them. His presence was a gift, and his love was constant.

Visitation will begin on Friday, August 1, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at Mission Burial Park South. The rosary will begin at 6:30 p.m.

A funeral mass will be celebrated by his son, Father Ruben Garcia, on Saturday, August 2, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South San. Interment will follow at Mission Burial Park South.

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park South

1700 SE Military Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78214
<http://www.missionparks.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 1. 5:00 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

AUG 1. 6:30 PM (CT)

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

Final Visitation and Procession

AUG 2. 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

AUG 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph (So. San) Catholic Church
535 New Laredo Hwy
San Antonio, TX 78211

Burial

AUG 2 (CT)

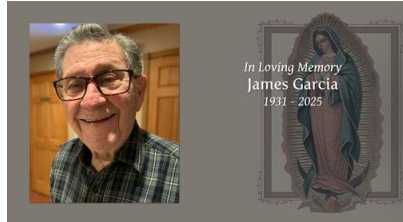
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Burial to immediately follow the Funeral Mass

Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of James Garcia Jr.*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - August 01, 2025 at 01:11 PM

CG

May my uncle James Garcia rest in eternal peace, condolences to all the Garcia family.

connie garcia - August 02, 2025 at 05:13 PM

JG

Padre RUBEN GARCIA su hijo en CRISTO JESUS a usted y a su apreciable familia les doy mi más sentido pésame por el sensible fallecimiento de su bien amado papá con todo respeto el Sr. JAMES GARCIA que DIOS LO TIENE YA al lado de su señora esposo...les deseo un pronto restablecimiento por la perdida de su señor padre que DIOS los bendiga a todos ustedesle mando un fuerte abrazo y siempre lo recuerdo con mucho amor respto...soy su amigo J ose Gomez hermano de Carmen Gomez que también en paz de CRISTO este.....muchos saludos desde Snt. CECILIA

Jose Gomez - August 03, 2025 at 08:25 PM

CV

I'm so sad to hear about Mr. Gracia's passing. Sending out heartfelt condolences to his family. He was just the sweetest! Our family and parish community will miss him.

Cynthia Villafranco - October 17, 2025 at 12:02 PM

JC

“ My memories are simple, Tia Martha, Tio Jaime, Wanda, always pleasant and a joy to have them visit. Three cheers, job well done, until we meet again, John 3:16, John 13:34-35 lots of love for their family, God bless you all! ☹️juan c

j covaruvias - July 31, 2025 at 08:56 PM

K8

“ Knights of Columbus 8436 purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Garcia Jr..



Knights of Columbus 8436 - July 31, 2025 at 11:38 AM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of James Garcia Jr..



July 30, 2025 at 11:25 AM

GG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Gabriel Garcia - July 28, 2025 at 05:32 PM

FC

“ From Fernando and Tita's children purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of James Garcia Jr..



From Fernando and Tita's children - July 28, 2025 at 03:16 PM

YC

“ Title: *It's the little things; I have a great memory of uncle James in my childhood as he gathered the children in a circle to tell us a story! This story entailed actually a character in mythology. Uncle James made this story so interesting with the gestures of his eyes, hand movements and the swaying of his arms. He had us all sitting so still, and had all of our attention in a moment. Nonetheless as my education grew and encountered mythology, this character was brought up within the studies. Uncle James came into mind with the story he told us in my childhood. This all made the class so much more interesting as I would hear the lecture and I could actually see my uncle James making the story so interesting with his own story telling. Thankyou Uncle James, because of you it's the little things that I got Awarded the highest Excellents for my class presentation! You will always be remembered for the little things that make a big difference in our lives! Always, Rest in Peace Your Niece, Yvonne Covarrubias, (Bonnie) Javier, late Concha Covarrubias & Patsy Covarrubias*

Yvonne Covarrubias - July 25, 2025 at 01:39 PM

RI

“ *Dearest Uncle James,
Thank You for being so good-natured, and bringing smiles and
laughter to the world. Thank you for your service to our country.
Thank you for visiting us in Virginia, and for hosting us in San
Antonio. We will think of you often. We love you.
Eternal Rest grant unto him O Lord, and may perpetual light shine
upon him.
(Family of nephew Richard Garcia)*



Richard - July 24, 2025 at 10:29 PM

MC

“ *Mario & Violeta Cobarruvias purchased the Cryst
al Cross Bouquet for the family of James Garcia
Jr..*



Mario & Violeta Cobarruvias - July 21, 2025 at 09:18 PM