



Rene Mario Garcia

September 3, 1960 - April 22, 2023

Rene Mario Garcia, beloved son of Ana Maria and Enrique (Henry) F. Garcia, devoted husband to Aimee Garcia, loving father of Christina, Amanda, Sinjin, Maddie, and Ethan, grandfather to Emily and Dylan and caring brother to Enrique T., Lalo, and Ana Teresa was called home by His Father God in Heaven after a short battle with cancer and joins his father, Henry, in eternal rest on April 22, 2023.

Rene was born on September 3, 1960 in Laredo, TX. He attended Ms. Young's School, C.L. Milton Elementary School, M.B. Lamar Middle School, St. Anthony's Junior Seminary, and graduated from J.W. Nixon High School. Among other clubs and activities, he loved his time spent in the band, where he expanded on his passion for music, playing first chair trumpet.

Rene graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 1983 where he received his Bachelor's of Science in Architectural Engineering. He returned to academia to earn his Masters of Business Administration from the University of Texas at San Antonio in 2000. His engineering profession led him to over 35 years tenure with H.B. Zachry Company, where he was named Vice President of Zachry Hospitality, LLC and Zachry Realty, LLC. He worked to make a positive impact in his San Antonio community. Some of his accomplishments from his time with H.B. Zachry include the construction of the Tobin Center for the Performing Arts, overseeing the hospital expansions

for University Health Systems, international projects, including U.S. embassies, and the installation of the “Torch of Friendship” in the heart of downtown San Antonio.

In 2019, Rene and his long-time friend, Julissa Carielo, co-founded and launched the DreamOn Group with a purpose to build things that matter by utilizing their team’s expertise for a greater cause. With his 36 years of experience, Rene had a firm belief in giving back to his community and spent most of his profession assuming leadership roles in industry associations and taking advantage of every opportunity he had to establish small business advocacy programs and teaching. Rene took great pride that his partnership with Julissa would have the unique opportunities to transform lives and build stronger communities to provide neighbors with a better quality of life.

His personality and love for people, his passion for business and education, and his leadership capabilities culminated to his reputation as being a well-known local leader in real estate development and construction due to the time he spent serving the community. Rene held positions on the board of multiple organizations including serving as the 2007 President of the board for the San Antonio Chapter of Associated General Contractors, 2009 President and Chairman of the Northside Education Foundation, 2012 Chairman of the Associated General Contractors - Texas Building Branch, board member for the Youth Orchestra of San Antonio, and Chairman for Centro San Antonio, where he served for five years. He was also an alumni of the Leadership San Antonio program where he later returned as part of the steering committee for a class of thirty then later served as co-chair for a class of thirty one where he provided guidance and insights to help further the success of San Antonio’s business leaders.

Rene strongly believed that patience and ample communication were the best way to resolve conflict and he instilled those teachings in his children and

anyone he worked with closely. His assertive, yet calm leadership style allowed him to be a mentor to many, guiding them through their career and helping them reach their goals.

Rene enjoyed life with his family. He held steadfast to his mantra: Love God, love family, and surround yourself with positive people who share your passion while living your life with a purpose. He made it his mission to create memories with his family that would last a lifetime, organizing a family trip to Spain and Italy in 2019 to celebrate his daughter's wedding, and taking numerous trips with his wife and friends to recognize different milestones and accomplishments. His passion for playing guitar and creating masterpieces on the barbecue pit also allowed for many memories with family and friends to be made.

Rene was preceded in death by his father, Enrique (Henry) F. Garcia.

Rene is survived by: His beloved wife, Aimee, his loving daughters Christina (Gabriel), Amanda (Kevin), Maddie, and sons Sinjin and Ethan, grandchildren Emily and Dylan and his beloved mother, Ana Maria, along with his siblings Enrique (Delia), Lalo (Dora) and Ana Teresa (Ramon) and his nieces and nephews Aaron (Fabiola), Amber, Jonathan (Breanna), Mario, Ramon II, Joshua (Anna), Andrew (Jacqueline), Christopher (Ines), Alyssa (Monti) and Melissa.

The family wishes to express their heart-felt appreciation to Alan Siqueiros M.D., Mark Chalaby M.D., and the other doctors, nurses and staff at St. Luke's Baptist Hospital for the exceptional attention received during their stay.

In Rene's words, these are "Salt of the Earth" blessed to have in my life people:

Flavio and Pam Alvarez for the unconditional love, support and care received over the past twenty plus years. Rachel Jennings and Hummingbird Hospice, for the generosity, care, and attention he received with dignity and love. Andy Stokes, Corrina Green, Drew Fuller, and Oscar and Julissa Carielo, his business partners, for unwavering love and continued support. Bill and Cindy Roberts, Marty and Susie Garza, and Gustavo and Grizelda Anguiano for their dedicated friendship and support. Father Isidro Garcia and Chad and Jennifer Hoffman for their continued guidance and spiritual support. Greg and Robin Stroike, Danny and Kristi Dean and Our Village, for walking beside us, supporting us and loving us throughout the years. Friends and family who sent their love via emails, texts, food/flower deliveries, and their thoughts and prayers.

Visitation will be held on May 1, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapel Medical Center followed by a rosary from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A memorial mass will be held at St. Matthew Catholic Church the following day, May 2, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be sent to The Maestro Entrepreneur Center, Donate Life Texas or Youth Orchestra of San Antonio in Rene's honor.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Medical Center
8332 Fredericksburg Road
San Antonio, TX 78229

Rosary

MAY 1. 7:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Medical Center
8332 Fredericksburg Rd
San Antonio, TX 78229

Funeral Mass

MAY 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Matthew Catholic Church
10703 Wurzbach Road
San Antonio, TX 78230

Tribute Wall

PH

“ Amanda and Christina, I work for Hummingbird Hospice now and didn't realize that our patient was your dad until after he passed. I remember him being so very supportive of you all as you were growing up. You all have been in my prayers.

Peggy Harrison - May 02, 2023 at 04:40 PM

WN

“ Your family here at Maestro is saddened by your passing Rene. You did so much for our community and the small businesses here at Maestro. The seeds you planted within each of us will harvest, which means you will live on for many years to come. God Bless You and all those who love you!

Willie Ng - May 02, 2023 at 04:01 PM

LM

“ Although Rene and I only worked together briefly at Zachry Construction - we were friends for many years before and after. Always positive, always happy to see a friend - supportive of our community and forever faithful to his family.
Thank you for being a part of my life - You will be missed!
Laurie McKinney

Laurie McKinney - May 01, 2023 at 06:21 PM

DZ

“ My heart goes out to Rene's family. I was fortunate to work closely with Rene at Zachry Construction for 3 years and kept in touch after. He made a profound impact on me and my life as he did with most people he spent time with. He had a great way of shedding new light on a situation and empowering folks to make things happen. I will forever remember him dearly.
With deepest sympathy,
Darla Zaiontz

Darla Zaiontz - May 01, 2023 at 11:24 AM

DZ

“ Darla Zaiontz lit a candle in memory of Rene Mario Garcia



Darla Zaiontz - May 01, 2023 at 11:16 AM

RF

“ Mari and I want to give our most sincere condolences to the entire Garcia Family. Even though we haven't seen each other for many years the memories of our youth will always be present in our hearts.

Love you all,

Bobby and Mari Farias

Roberto and Maria Farias - April 29, 2023 at 06:36 PM

LH

“ Rene was a shining example of compassion, kindness, and caring for others in the community. His love of God and his family further exemplified his gifts to the world. His presence reflected the peaceful, calm, and gentle person he was throughout his life. His work reflected his passion for transforming a community into something everyone could share and benefit from the surrounding.

We have lost a shining star, one of the good guys. He was a beloved son, brother, husband, father, cousin, and friend whose absence will be greatly missed for years to come. His gentle smile, expansive love for others, and peaceful sense of the person he was is the legacy he leaves behind. We hold his gifts in our hearts and will never forget Rene.

I pray for comfort, compassion, and mercy for the family during this difficult time. May God give your strength in the coming days as we say Goodbye to our beloved Rene.

Lucy Hoger

Lucy Hoger - April 27, 2023 at 09:23 PM

JA

“ Rene was a kind, caring gentleman — something that is rare and precious. His passion for transforming our community was amazing and we all have benefited from his work and counsel. Prayers to his family, friends and colleagues.

Jeff Arndt

jeffrey arndt - April 25, 2023 at 04:03 PM

RN

“ Rene was generous with his friendship and magnanimous in his guidance of people trying to learn from the experience he had gained in community leadership. He will be dearly missed, but the kindness he shared with everyone is a fingerprint that will always remain. Our prayers are with Rene and the entire Garcia family.

Ron Nirenberg - April 25, 2023 at 02:57 PM

SL

“ Rene has built some amazing projects and has his fingerprints all over San Antonio, but he built even better relationships with people. I am proud to have called him a friend. The way that he cultivated relationships is something that I aspire to do. While I am sad that he is gone, I smile and feel blessed to have known him. A true gentleman and great community leader!

Steve Lyons - April 25, 2023 at 02:27 PM

RS

“ Ramiro Lopez & Leticia Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Rene Mario Garcia



Ramiro Lopez & Leticia Sanchez - April 25, 2023 at 12:17 PM

BB

“ Rene was always willing to better the commercial construction industry. I enjoyed conversations with him at various industry events and his willingness to partner and find ways to help others. For years our firm partnered with Rene as mentors and enjoyed the experience he brought.

Blaine Beckman - April 25, 2023 at 12:07 PM

GT

“ To know Rene was to love him! Working with Rene the past 3 years has been one of the pure joys of my life. He is one of the most patient, kind and steadfast leaders I have every worked for. His contributions to the industry and San Antonio are invaluable. He always listened intently, gave great advice, and was always up for a good laugh. His presence in the office is greatly missed. Thank you Rene for a life lived passionately and sharing your joy with us all! Keep kicking up dust in those Shiny Boots!! ~ Ginger Thompson

Ginger Thompson - April 25, 2023 at 10:35 AM

AG

A dear Friend i lost today , dear brother i lost today , dear coach i lost today, A gentlemen left us but will always live through me. I will always remember you my friend . RIP you were needed somewhere better than this earth. Love Amin .

Amin Gele - April 25, 2023 at 02:26 PM

DR

“ Rene,

Working with you all the years was truly a joy. You always met me with your smile that I will never forget, always making time to meet with me even though you did not have the time and I appreciated that more than you knew. The calming presence, clarity, and reassurance you brought forth was a blessing.

You will be remembered for a millennium and more and are truly missed “My Friend”.

Dave Roberson

David Roberson - April 24, 2023 at 08:56 PM

RS

Our condolences to the Garcia Family. May he rest in peace

Ramiro Lopez & Leticia Sanchez - April 25, 2023 at 12:19 PM

SP

“ *Rene, you, Lalo and your sweet baby sister Ana Maria were such a joy to care for during my short stay Laredo all those years ago!❤️ I was only about 8 years older than you, but in those days, I felt like the adult when you all were in my care and you sweet kids were such a Joy!❤️ Best summer Ever!❤️*

Sara (deLuna) Pittman - April 24, 2023 at 07:27 PM