



John Navarro Garcia

July 23, 1953 - October 15, 2021

The Heavenly “allstars” of music and fishing and woodworking and hot rods would like to announce the passing of John N. Garcia of Rocklin, an American Great; fueled by the Pure Chicano Power of a bass guitar, a 3rd generation California native. Known to family and friends as “Juanito Navarro Garcia Junior The Third” or “Johnny G”.

A 1971 Graduate of Oakmont High School, he considered himself the “Esquire” of the town. He was a teacher of “life” to all whom he came in contact with.

During his years of Custodial service at Rocklin Unified School District, students of Victory High School established September 17th “Johnny Garcia Day” to acknowledge his attention to detail. He “measured twice and cut once” in every aspect of his life and it showed in mastering the skills of working with wood-molding, river fishing, spinning 2 turntables, and fine tuning a 4 barrel carburetor on a small block Chevy. He was the 1st place winner of the Catfish tournament, top trophy winner at the Cal Expo Autorama, and front cover holder of the Hot Rod Magazine. Johnny was the lead bass guitarist of many local 70’s bands and Live on Stage at the 1997 Rocklin Hometown Jubilee. Johnny led a very adventurous local life as President of the “Chevy Outlaws” car club, “Sweet Street Camaros” and Vice President of the Central Valley Street Machines Association. He made his dreams a reality by recycling cans & bottles to pay for his hobbies.

Practice didn’t make perfect for Johnny, only “Perfect Practice Made Perfect”

and it showed when he moved on in his adult life to become a husband, homeowner and parent. He married the “perfect” wife, had 2 of the most “perfect” kids and made a “perfect” home out of his grandmother’s original settlement. Molding, shaping and “perfecting” his Talent was a life-long skill that Johnny managed to harness “In Between 2 Stop Signs” on his front porch while drinking a cold Beer. He lived the simple “Mayberry” way of life where “1 + 1 should always = 2.” In the words of Robin Leach, there was no “Champagne wishes and Caviar dreams” for this young Cisco Kid, only Bud Light.

Preceded in Death by his Parents John & Elsie Garcia of Rocklin, his In-Laws John & Mildred Woodworth of Roseville, he leaves behind his 2 loving sisters Rita and Christina, His wife Jackie, Daughter Bernadette, Son John Jr, In-Laws Jose & Ruth as well as countless Nieces, Nephews, Cousins and Compadres.

All friends and family of Johnny Garcia who knew him and loved him will miss him dearly. His final request was to be laid to rest in the Rocklin Cemetery where him and his Wife use to catch a glimpse of the Cars coming down the Freeway from Hot August Nights.

7/23/1953 - 10/15/2021

In Lieu of Flowers, Please send any donations for Final expenses to:

<https://gofund.me/07fc9c96>

Thank you so much to:

Murray Family Funeral Chapel

4147 Rocklin Rd.

Rocklin, Ca 95677

(916) 824-2737

www.murrayfamilyfc.com

Sunday, October 24th 4pm – 7pm Visitation

Monday, October 25th 1pm Graveside Burial

Rocklin Cemetery

4090 Kannasto St.

Rocklin, Ca 95677

(916) 624-2760

www.nrgcemetery.com

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Rocklin, Ca 95677

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Cemetery Details

Rocklin Cemetery

4090 Kannasto Street
Rocklin, CA 95677

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **24**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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Graveside Service

OCT **25**. 1:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

MI

“ I was principal at Victory High School and Johnny was my right hand man. I have/had so much respect for him. He was genuine, really cared for the kids and wanted our school the best it could be. He understood our at-risk kids and would help transform them into at-promise kids. I will never forget when Johnny proposed building a raised bed in the middle of the campus and have the students help plant the flowers. The kids took ownership of it and it was never vandalized. It was a brilliant idea that worked! Johnny was so proud of our campus and it always looked great! I really appreciated him. I think of him often. He always talked about his family and his "Mayberry" outlook on life. He left us way to early and I am sorry for not responding earlier. God bless Johnny and family. I know he's playing bass in heaven.

Milisav Ilic - December 30, 2022 at 05:40 PM

JA

Mr. ilic Thank you for your kind words and memories - the Garcia Family

jackie - January 11, 2023 at 01:54 PM

CF

“ Catrina And Family lit a candle in memory of John Navarro Garcia



Catrina and family - October 25, 2021 at 11:47 AM

CA

“ *Catrina lit a candle in memory of John Navarro Garcia*



catrina - October 25, 2021 at 11:46 AM

SM

“ *Sandy Martinez lit a candle in memory of John Navarro Garcia*



Sandy Martinez - October 24, 2021 at 10:56 PM

SM

My deepest sympathy to the family whom he always spoke so highly of...his Jackie - he would always say, "my Jackie", Bernadette with her model looks and living back East and Johnny jr. - his great welding skills and graphics on CDs. Johnny cared so much for Victory High School and the students. He showed them life skills and the trusted him immensely. He was a friend you could ask for help and he would gladly help. RIP Johnny

Sandy Martinez - October 24, 2021 at 11:00 PM

DN

“ *My cousin John was a talented artist, from music to woodworking, he always excelled in quality work.*

David J. Navarro - October 23, 2021 at 12:11 PM

TV

“ *Tammie Vaquero lit a candle in memory of John Navarro Garcia*



tammie vaquero - October 22, 2021 at 03:57 PM

JG

“ *"BEST FRIEND"
"LOVE OF MY LIFE"
"HUSBAND OF 43 YEARS"
"FATHER OF OUR 2 BEAUTIFUL
WONDERFUL CHILDREN"
"FATHER IN-LAW OF 2 LOYAL & DEDICATED SPECIAL
JOSEEEE & RUTHEEEE"
"GRANDFATHER OF 2 AWESOME STEP-SONS"
"1 LEOPARD GECKO & 1 CALICO KITTY"
"JOHNNY I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU"
"YOUR JACKIE"*



Jackie Garcia - October 21, 2021 at 12:25 AM

TA



tammie - October 21, 2021 at 12:32 PM

“ I would like to say goodbye to my father by honoring the friendship that he shared with my mother. I absolutely loved my father's facial expressions when he would humble himself and reminisce on how much fun he used to have with my mother when they would participate as a pair in all of the Rancho Seco Car Club games and all of the Car Show events that they would host and attend. 1978 was a wonderful year and their wedding created a 43-year union. It wasn't just love, it wasn't just friendship, and it wasn't just a marriage... it was an unbreakable bond of all 3 of those things combined. It literally transcended everything. All of the hills, all of the challenges, and all of the rocky roads could not break the bond that the two of them created together.

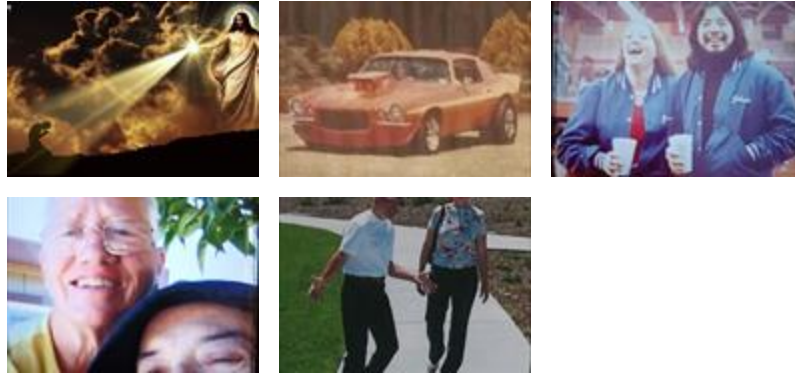
In April of 2016, my mother was diagnosed with cancer, and without showing any symptoms she had already made it to stage 4 so my father said that he almost lost his best friend. Even very recently when all of my father's doctors, nurses and staff would mention his wife to him , he would accurately correct them by saying "you mean my best friend" ?? So by the end of 2016 with pure strength she had beat that cancer and finally the two of them were able to enjoy their retirement together by having the most meaningful times going to parks, festivals, car shows, golden coral, hometown buffet and sizzler.

Unfortunately by 2018, my father's health had faded and he had never fully recovered 100%, so in his eyes, he was still alive, but he wasn't LIVING, And according to my father, if you're not popping a cold beer on the front porch in between two stop signs, then that's not living the "Mayberry" way of life.

SO, These past few years have been one big difficult challenge for my mother and father, but their bond was never broken, and he still got to enjoy his best friend. I am confident that my father will be at peace as per his request, he will be laid to rest right next to where him and my mother would catch a glimpse of the classic cars making their way down the hill from Hot August Nights.

Thank you dad for being a talented hometown local who provided knowledge and enrichment to Rocklin and you will always be remembered....

Bernadette Prima Marie Garcia



Prima Garcia - October 20, 2021 at 03:33 AM

TV



Tammie Vaquero - October 20, 2021 at 12:30 PM

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Beautiful Bernadette 💖

Tammie Vaquero - October 20, 2021 at 12:31 PM

JW

Bernadette, I have such affection for you and your family. Your dad was a good man.

Julie Wright - October 20, 2021 at 05:37 PM

JA

This is BEAUTIFUL! Thank you for sharing this! Prayers for you & your family during this time. Your father will be greatly missed. We got to be their neighbors for a few years and love them! ❤️ He was always working away outside, had a beautiful place and I loved watching them on the porch in the evenings:)

Jackie - October 21, 2021 at 12:15 AM

VV

“ I will always remember my uncle Johnny , he was always filled with joy and ALWAYS had a smile on his face , it was nice growing up and always going to my aunt Jackie and uncle Johnny’s house rather it be to jump on the trampoline , go look at Xmas lights or just to stop by and say hello and he always had the biggest hugs. This deeply saddens my heart but I’m very happy he had such a successful life. He was very well known & touched anyones heart. I will always miss you I love you ,
Your niece Venessa 🧡

venessa vaquero - October 19, 2021 at 08:46 PM

TV

“ Johnnie Garcia my brother I have a lot of great memories to many to write when I was the flower girl in their wedding he played at a sockhop at roller king he djed my 30th bday all the family get togethers he was the life of the party I'm gonna miss you bro rest in peace love your lil sis Tammie Vaquero

Tammie Vaquero - October 19, 2021 at 08:11 PM