



Ernesto "Ernie" Garcia

October 13, 1931 - June 9, 2019

SGM Ernesto M. Garcia, U.S. Army (Retired), resident of Christian City, passed away June 9, 2019 at the age of 87. Born in Puerto Rico in 1931, he moved to New York City in his early teens, enlisted in the U.S. Army and was sworn in the day after his 18th birthday. He served almost 30 years, including two tours in Korea, one each in Vietnam and Germany, and various stateside stations. Highly regarded by his superiors and respected by his peers and subordinates, he was known as a soldier's soldier. He received numerous commendations and awards, to include The Legion of Merit and The Bronze Star Medal for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performing outstanding service.

He married Shirley Sims of Clay County, Alabama in 1957 and they raised three loving daughters. He was extremely proud of each of his girls. He loved his family, always taking special care to remember birthdays and special occasions of each child, grandchild and great grandchild.

His love for and knowledge of baseball, especially the Atlanta Braves, was legendary. He was a lifelong reader and completed crossword puzzles in ink. He was also noted for his badminton and croquet skills, was an avid bowler, and loved to dance (the jitterbug was a favorite).

He retired to Tampa, FL in 1978, later relocated to Columbus, GA where he

lived for over 20 years, and recently moved to Christian City.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Sims Garcia; mother, Edelmira Garcia, father, Ernesto Borrero, and sister, Miriam Rodriguez. He is survived by his daughters, Lisa (Steve) Roush of Mountain City, TN, Rita (Donny) Thomas of Fairburn, GA, Gina (Scott) Winslett of Douglasville, GA; sister, Luz Garcia of Tampa, FL; grandchildren, Dana (Mark) Ward of Mountain City, TN, Michael (Rachel) Roush of Hopkins, SC, Joseph Winslett, Katie Winslett, Jacob Winslett, Carmen Winslett of Douglasville, GA; great-grandchildren, Mark Ward, Ryder Toadvine, Natalie Ward, Roxanna Winslett; nephew, Bartolo Ramirez of Tampa, FL, who was like a brother; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 15, 2019 at 3 o'clock at the Chapel of Parrott Funeral Home with Rev. Evan Hill and Rev. Donny Thomas officiating. Those wishing may sign the online guestbook at www.parrottfuneralhome.com. He was faithful to generously support many diverse charities. You may choose in lieu of flowers to donate to your favorite charity. The family will receive friends Saturday afternoon from 2:00 until the time of service at Parrott Funeral Home and Crematory, 770-964-4800.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **15**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Parrott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ernesto "Ernie" Garcia



Parrott Funeral Home - June 13, 2019 at 12:00 PM



“ 51 files added to the album Life Tributes



Parrott Funeral Home - June 13, 2019 at 10:36 AM

AH

“ So sorry Lisa, Rita, and Gina—warm memories of Garcia, I will always remember him
As being a beloved and respected man. He and Shirley were very helpful and kind
to Bob and me in our early married years. May you have comfort in your loving memory
of your dad ❤️❤️❤️❤️
Ann Hughes.

Ann Hughes - June 13, 2019 at 10:12 AM

DS

“ I have only good memories of Uncle Ernie from the earliest recalled get-togethers at the old farm house to the later men's trips that he participated in. A kaleidoscope of memories and impressions: soft spoken with a unique perspective on things, quick wit, dry and droll humor, just fun to be around and talk to. His reunion with other dads, granddads, uncles, and cousins who have gone on ahead of him should be a "heavenly" get-together. I'll miss him now but look forward to seeing them all again in the not too distant future. God bless his family and friends during this time. David (Carolyn) Sims

David Sims - June 12, 2019 at 11:31 AM

DF

“ David and Carolyn Sims and family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Ernesto "Ernie" Garcia.



David and Carolyn Sims and family - June 12, 2019 at 11:17 AM

FF

“ from your Georgia Power Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ernesto "Ernie" Garcia.



from your Georgia Power Family - June 12, 2019 at 11:14 AM

BT

“ We welcomed Ernie into the "Harper Valley" community at Christian City. He was often at our monthly breakfast meetings and a valued member of the neighborhood. Our condolences to his family as he left us for his eternal home. Bob Tyler, neighbor.

Bob Tyler - June 12, 2019 at 10:59 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Ernesto "Ernie" Garcia.



June 11, 2019 at 08:11 PM

LN

“ Lee & Pat Norton lit a candle in memory of Ernesto "Ernie" Garcia



Lee & Pat Norton - June 11, 2019 at 04:18 PM

NG

“ I have so many fond memories of spending time as a kid with Uncle Garcia, Aunt Shirley and my three cousins. Rest in peace, Uncle Garcia.

Nancy Gratzner - June 11, 2019 at 01:45 PM



“ I will never forget getting Ernie a Chick-Fil-A sandwich and asking him if he wanted me to cut it in half. He said, “No...cut it in thirds”. I thought, “cut it in thirds?” Ever tried to cut a round sandwich into three equal parts? Really am thankful for the time I was able to spend with him since moving him up from Columbus. Go rest high on that Mountain. Your work on earth is done.

Donny Thomas - June 10, 2019 at 05:46 PM