



## Eric J. Garcia

April 4, 1979 - March 20, 2019

Eric Jay Garcia was welcomed into this world on April 4, 1979, in Weslaco Texas. He is the only beloved son of Jose Jaime “aka” Coach J.J./Rambo and Yolanda Franco Garcia.

On March 20, 2019, Eric Jay Garcia was drafted by our Heavenly Father to play with the “Angels in the Outfield.” To cherish his memories, he leaves behind his beloved parents, two beautiful daughters who were his pride and joy, Bryssa Jaye (14 yrs. old) and Jaylin Brya (11 yrs. old). Eric was the youngest of four siblings and he is survived by his three older sisters, Monica Garcia (Adam) Sonia Closner (James) and Jamie Bartlett (Brandon) and nieces and nephews: Victoria, Matthew, Cora, Jack, Olivia and Collin and a great niece Adalyn Rose.

Eric was born with a “baseball glove in one hand and a football in the other. “ He was tossing and catching a ball before he could walk. He played t-ball, minors and majors, high school and collegiate baseball. Eric also played flag football, and went on to be quarterback on the 1995 and 1996 Weslaco Panthers Football Team. At the end of the 1996-1997 football season, Eric was named to the All-Area Football Team as an Honorable Mention Quarterback.

Eric attended Mercedes ISD in his primary and middle school grade years,

then transferred to and graduated from Weslaco High School in 1997. After graduation, he spent two years at Tarleton State University where he was a pitcher in the baseball program. He returned to the University of Texas Pan American where he played with the Broncos Baseball Team. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitative Services and received an Associate Degree in Special Education in 2006, Eric began a career as a special education teacher and coach in Weslaco ISD, Edcouch Elsa ISD, and San Benito CISD. He left teaching in 2018 to work for Gisler Brothers Logging Co. Inc., Runge, TX.

Eric was a devoted and loving daddy to his girls, and the “Pied Piper” to his nieces and nephews. He had a passion for music, sports, and quoting dialogues from his favorite movies, and songs. Eric was a poet philosopher who could string words together with ease and eloquence. He had the heart of a warrior, and the beautiful soul of an angel. Eric was our beloved. He was “Face”, “Superman”, and the guy with the “Dimples” too many.

Eric Jay we loved you yesterday. We love you today and we will love you forever. Until we are all together again, you will be forever in our hearts. Visitation will be held on Saturday March 23,2019 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm and Sunday March 24,2019 from 1:00pm to 9:00pm; with a Prayer Service at 7:00 pm. Followed by eulogy to celebrate Eric's life. Funeral Services will be held Monday March 25,2019 every one will meet at Church Of The Living Word in Weslaco,Texas for a 9:00am Service. Interment will then follow at Highland Memorial Park in Weslaco Texas. Funeral Services are under the direction and care of Rudy Garza Funeral Home in Mercedes, Texas.

Church of the Living Word  
4015 Camino De Verdad  
Weslaco, Texas



# Tribute Wall

DR

“ JJ, found out a few minutes ago about Eric. Very sorry to hear of your tremendous loss. May God grant you and the family His strength and peace. David Rudy Rivera

David Rudy Rivera - April 01, 2019 at 07:34 PM

LG

“ Love, Jason, Heather, and Grant purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Eric J. Garcia.



Love, Jason, Heather, and Grant - March 25, 2019 at 12:37 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Eric J. Garcia.



March 24, 2019 at 08:14 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Eric J. Garcia.



March 24, 2019 at 06:52 PM



“ *My condolences for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.* ”



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**Patricia Sanchez** - March 24, 2019 at 05:01 PM



“ *Your Gamestop family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Eric J. Garcia.* ”



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**Your Gamestop family** - March 23, 2019 at 12:54 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Eric J. Garcia.* ”



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March 23, 2019 at 10:53 AM



“ *Robert&Stella Cortez Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Eric J. Garcia.* ”



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**Robert&Stella Cortez Family** - March 23, 2019 at 10:52 AM

BG

“ *Bambi Gallegos lit a candle in memory of Eric J. Garcia*



**Bambi Gallegos** - March 23, 2019 at 09:44 AM



“ *Sonia Closner lit a candle in memory of Eric J. Garcia*



**Sonia Closner** - March 23, 2019 at 04:34 AM

LF

“ *Sending the Garcia family our condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May Eric fly high with God's Angels.*



**Longoria Family** - March 23, 2019 at 12:07 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eric J. Garcia.*



March 22, 2019 at 11:48 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Eric J. Garcia.



March 22, 2019 at 11:35 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Eric J. Garcia.



March 22, 2019 at 11:05 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Eric J. Garcia.



March 22, 2019 at 10:31 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Eric J. Garcia.



March 22, 2019 at 09:38 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eric J. Garcia.* ”



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March 22, 2019 at 07:21 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Eric J. Garcia.* ”



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March 22, 2019 at 05:24 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eric J. Garcia.* ”



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March 22, 2019 at 04:27 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Eric J. Garcia.* ”



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March 22, 2019 at 03:54 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Eric J. Garcia.*



March 22, 2019 at 03:52 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Eric J. Garcia.*



March 22, 2019 at 03:25 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Eric J. Garcia.*



March 22, 2019 at 01:10 PM



“ *Jaime and Yolanda, our sincerest condolences to you and your family at this difficult time, and I wish we pray for your comfort as we know that the good Lord has your son under his wing.*

**John Perez** - March 22, 2019 at 12:47 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eric J. Garcia.* ”



March 22, 2019 at 11:57 AM



“ *Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Eric J. Garcia.* ”



March 22, 2019 at 08:58 AM



“ *Thoughts and prayers to the family of Eric Garcia.* ”

**Roman Nieto** - March 21, 2019 at 10:38 PM



“ *LILLY SALINAS lit a candle in memory of Eric J. Garcia* ”



**LILLY SALINAS** - March 21, 2019 at 12:40 PM



*OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU*

**LILLY SALINAS** - March 21, 2019 at 12:41 PM

ET

*Our prayers are with You and Your Family  
Eddie and Mary Torres*

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**Eddie and Mary Torres** - March 21, 2019 at 04:32 PM

VC

*Sending love and prayers. My sincerest condolences on the loss of your son, brother, father, and uncle. Eternal rest grant unto Eric, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.  
Velda Correa*

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**Velda Correa** - March 25, 2019 at 09:07 AM