

Manuel "Manny" Garcia

February 8, 1940 - July 13, 2023

Manuel "Manny" Garcia, age 83, of Manteno, and formerly of Chicago, and Walkerton, IN, passed away Thursday, July 13, 2023 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee.

He was born February 8, 1940 in Cotulla, TX, the son of Frank & Celestina Ybarra Garcia.

Manny was a proud Teamsters Local 705 Union Steward.

He earned numerous safety awards from Teamsters Local 705. He also earned the "Worst Golfer Award" from the Teamsters.

Manny loved all kinds of music. He always had a knack for getting people to open up to him. Manny always had a way of making people laugh. He was famous for his "Manny-isms" and one-liners. His favorite quote: "If music be the food of love, play on." - Shakespeare. He was a huge movie buff.

Manny was a parishioner of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Walkerton, IN.

Surviving are seven children, Peg & Jim Donnellan of Manteno, Sharon & Tom Kuzel of Chalfont, PA, Maureen Rubino of Oak Forest, Anthony Garcia of San Diego, CA, Rick & Alison Garcia of Chicago, Joe Garcia of South Bend, IN, and Tina & Chris Bishop of Niles, MI; eight grandchildren, Lauren, Sarah, Julia, Ry, Marissa, Mike, Killian, and Alicia; three great-grandchildren, Owen, MJ, and Finn; and his life-long partner, Sharon Merigold of Oak Forest.

Manny is preceded in death by his parents; and two sisters, Josephine Callese and Connie Garcia.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 22, 2023 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manteno.

Inurnment will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manteno.

Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Foundation.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

9000 E. Road
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 263-6287

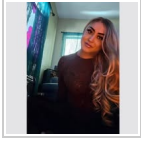
Previous Events

Memorial Mass

JUL **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Church
207 S. Main St.
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 468-3403
<http://www.stjosephmanteno.com>

Tribute Wall



“ I haven't seen my tio Manuel since I was a young kid and just recently found out about his passing. I always remember him taking me swimming and having the best time hanging out with him and my cousin Joey as a young kid. He was my mom's (Josephine Callese/Garcia) brother and from what I remember a really awesome uncle. If any family would like to reach out to me my name is Nadia Da Silva and I can be reached at 480-202-9103 or contacted on Facebook Nadia Nakano Da Silva. You have my sincerest condolences and I will be praying for tio Manny and the rest of the family.

Nadia Da Silva - September 10, 2024 at 09:14 AM

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“ Manny and my Father, Tom Martin were neighbors at assisted living. My Father enjoyed his company so much. He had the best jokes my Father said. They ate lunch together a lot and I had the pleasure of joining them one afternoon. I could see why my Father liked him so much. My deepest sympathy for the loss of such a wonderful man. Rest easy Manny. +

Tammy Billadeau - July 21, 2023 at 03:56 PM

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“ Manny made my mom's last 3 yrs of her life enjoyable in their assisted living environment. I am so grateful they found each other. She said he "makes me laugh" and they truley seemed smitten. Lol. Thank you Manny for being part of her/our journey. May you have eternal peace, and your quick wit will always will always be remembered. Nice looking, nice clothes, my mom admired you so much. As do we. My condolences to his family.

Monica - July 19, 2023 at 02:07 AM