



Roel Garcia

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Roel Garcia, beloved husband, father, brother, teacher, author, and friend, passed away surrounded by family. He was born in McAllen, Texas, into a loving family of nine children.

A proud 1976 graduate of McAllen High School, Roel went on to attend the University of Texas at Austin, where he graduated in 1979. He later earned his master's degree from the University of Massachusetts Amherst

Roel dedicated 26 years of his life to education, serving as a schoolteacher and administrator who touched countless lives. Twice named "Bilingual Teacher of the Year," he was admired for his dedication, humor, and compassion. Beyond the classroom, Roel was a natural coach, mentoring and encouraging children in the community for decades. Many of his former students went on to become successful professionals and never hesitated to thank him for the inspiration he provided along the way. Roel truly lived as a people's person, always giving of himself to lift others up.

After his retirement from teaching, Roel became an accomplished author, publishing three well-loved books: *Quetzal and Butterfly*, *Sacred Earth Border Skies: Voices of the Rio Grande Valley*, and *Injustice in the Field*. His writing reflected both his creativity and his deep care for his community, earning appreciation from readers near and far.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Eufemia and Refugio Garcia, as well as siblings Rosa Elia Garcia, Rafael Garcia, Rene Garcia, and Israel Garcia.

Roel is survived by his devoted wife, Junrui Garcia; his son, Roel Garcia; his daughter, Rocio Salinas; his grandchildren Jaime Salinas, Neza Garcia, and Eleni Salinas; and his siblings Irma Garcia, Rogelio Garcia, Bella Diaz, and Ludivina Ortiz. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Roel Garcia's life will be celebrated for the love he gave, the knowledge he shared, the



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books he penned, and the many lives he inspired. His legacy will live on through his family, his students, his readers, and the countless people whose paths he touched.

Viewing

Tuesday, September 23rd, 2025 05:00 PM to 08:00 PM (CST)

South Park Funeral Home 1310 North Main Street Pearland, TX 77581

Funeral Service Wednesday, September 24th, 2025 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM (CST) South Park

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Committal Service

Wednesday, September 24th, 2025 12:00 PM to 12:20 PM (CST)

South Park Cemetery 1310 North Main Street Pearland, TX 77581



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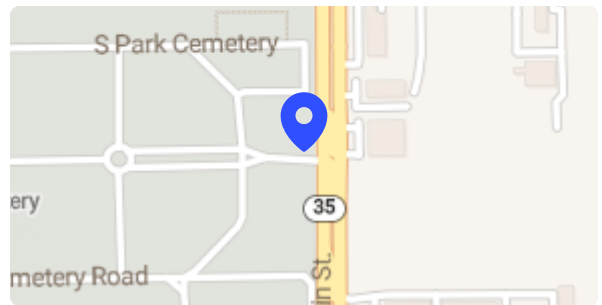


Committal Service

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

12:00 PM - 12:20 PM CT

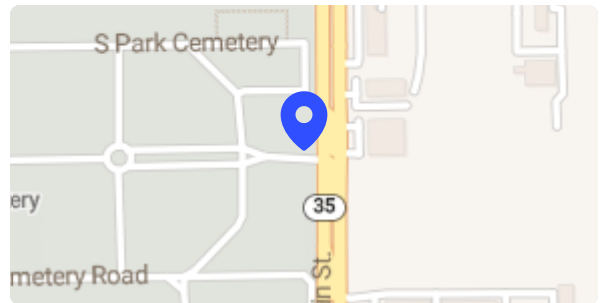
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Cemetery Details

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(281) 509-9228





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William D. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Roel.



October 22 at 2:04 PM



William D. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Roel.



October 22 at 2:03 PM



William D. planted a grove of 5 Memorial Trees in honor of Roel.



October 22 at 2:02 PM



Zonia Trevino shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

From God we come and to God we return. 🕊️ You will be missed, Brother. Love, ZWE ARE MCHI 💜💛



September 23 at 4:17 PM



Love, Irma sent a Forever Our Angel Bouquet to the Garcia family.



September 23 at 11:38 AM



Anonymous sent a Your Light Shines to the Garcia family.



September 23 at 7:52 AM



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Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Garcia family.

September 22 at 3:45 PM



Pablo Rodriguez sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Garcia family.

September 22 at 2:40 PM



Elizabeth Mata shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

"Mr. Garcia was like a brother to me. I will never forget his kindness and the sweet way he treated students, friends, and family. He was truly one of a kind and didn't deserve such a short life — but only God knows how much time we have. The fun conversations and the visits we shared will forever stay in my heart. Thank you, Mrs. Garcia, for reaching out and giving us the chance to see him. Witnessing his positivity during his final days was something I'll never forget. He will truly be missed. ❤️"



September 22 at 2:00 PM



T.H. Rogers School, Pto, And Families sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Garcia family.

September 21 at 9:08 PM



Ludi Ortiz And Family sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Garcia family.

September 21 at 2:26 PM



Ludi Ortiz And Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Roel.

September 21 at 2:26 PM





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Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Garcia family.



September 20 at 11:35 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Roel.



September 20 at 11:35 PM



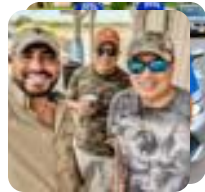
Rogelio Garcia shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



September 19 at 5:25 AM



Rogelio Garcia shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.



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September 19 at 5:17 AM



Varela Family sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Garcia family.



September 18 at 11:48 PM



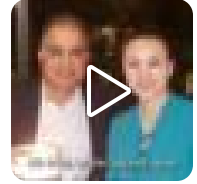
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Junrui Garcia shared a video to the **Tribute Wall** album.



September 18 at 8:03 PM



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September 18 at 7:54 PM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Roel by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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