



Juan Garcia

June 27, 1954 - March 6, 2026

Juan Garcia, age 72, of Merrillville, Indiana, passed away Friday, March 6, 2026. He was born in June 1954 in Mexico City, Mexico, the son of Ramon and Esperanza Garcia. Juan grew up in Gary and graduated from Horace Mann High School. He worked for U.S. Steel and most recently at Oil Technologies where he retired. Juan was a very talented artist and photographer. His love of art was shown in all his paintings and photographs. He loved to go to thrift stores and find the most unusual items. Juan was a master griller, loved reading, music, working with his plants and watching movies. He is preceded in death by the love of his life, Donna Garcia. After losing Donna, his heart never fully healed and he slipped away, finding peace by her side again. Surviving are his sons, Chris (Angie) Rodriguez, Brian (Tracy) Rodriguez; siblings, Maria (Tom) Strimbu, Rosemary (Robert) Hooker, Rachel (Mike) Bridgewaters, Maria (del Pilar) Garcia and Gloria (Robert) Dacey; several nieces and nephews; sisters in law, Helen Garcia and Mary Beth Garcia; and great nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Oscar Garcia and Benjamin Garcia. A memorial visitation will be held at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, Indiana on Monday, March 16, 2026, from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. We will miss Juan dearly and he will be in our hearts forever. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Please visit Juan's online obituary and guestbook at www.burnsfuneral.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAR **16**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (cst)

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Tribute Wall

SD

“ I have many happy memories of Uncle Juan when I was a small child.

When I was younger I was not used to being around so many of my mother's brothers and sisters all in one house for Christmas, it felt overwhelming at first. However I looked forward to Uncle Juan being there, never failing to make me smile and camera ready to capture family memories every year.

I will always remember Uncle Juan for being a joyful and fun person in my family.

Uncle Juan you will be missed dearly by all of us.

Shannon Dacey - March 26 at 01:15 PM

GD

“ Juan you will be missed. You and Donna were inseparable and it seemed to me you both were made for each other. Always a hard worker, a workaholic but always a great artist and collector of things. I'll always treasure the water color painting you made for me. So cool. I'll miss texting you about collecting treasures and Sci-Fi shows. You may be gone from our sight but never from our hearts.

Gloria Dacey - March 16 at 04:25 PM

AB

“ On March 6th, my family lost a beloved man.

An uncle.

A brother.

A loving stepfather

A friend.

Words cannot fully express the pain of losing someone who meant so much to so many, far too soon.

Juan opened his heart and his home to me and my brother, and helped shape values in us that we still carry with us today.

He loved his wife with a depth and sincerity that anyone would hope to know in their lifetime.

I will always remember him as the fun-loving goof he always was, someone who brought warmth, laughter, and heart wherever he went.

Rest now, Juan.

And say hi to her up there for me.

We all miss her too.

Alex Bridgewaters - March 15 at 02:01 PM

RB

“ Juan was truly one of the coolest people you could ever meet — without a doubt my grooviest uncle.

He had a deep love for art and photography, and he was always excited to share his latest thrift store treasure with me and my brother. There was always something interesting he had discovered, and he loved showing it off with that unmistakable enthusiasm that made being around him so fun.

While he will be deeply missed, there is comfort in knowing he is now reunited with his beloved wife Donna.

Rest easy, Uncle Juan. Thanks for the memories, the laughs, and for always being unapologetically cool. ❤️

Robert Bridgewaters - March 15 at 12:37 PM

RB

“ Juan, you will be forever in our hearts. Thank you for the time here on earth. Until the day we are all reunited with all the Garcia family in Heaven, we will keep your memory alive. Love you and will miss you.

Rachel Garcia Bridgewaters - March 15 at 12:34 PM

HF

“ Hooker Family purchased the Simply Elegant Sp
athiphyllum for the family of Juan Garcia.



Hooker Family - March 13 at 10:59 AM

PR

“ † *Descanse en paz, Juan. Preciosas memorias por siempre en nuestros corazones. †*

♥ *Matthew 5:4, Psalms 147:3, 2Corinthians 5:8, John 14:×* ♥



Paquin Rodriguez - March 10 at 07:38 PM

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Robert Bridgewaters - March 15 at 11:15 AM