



Anthony Garcia

October 28, 1956 - January 29, 2021

Anthony Garcia died of a sudden, unexpected heart attack on January 29, 2021. He is sincerely mourned by his large extended family and friends. He is survived by his wife, Nan, who is completely bereft by his death.

Anthony was a gifted architect, his life's work was specialized in the healthcare realm. He recently retired from UCSD Healthcare. Prior to UCSD, he worked for Kaiser Permanente Regional Office in Los Angeles. Anthony was proud to work in healthcare where he felt honored to work on projects and facilities that would make a difference in so many people's lives.

Anthony was the pride of his parents, Ted and Ramona (now deceased). He worked his way through college, graduating from University of Southern California with his Architectural degree and he remained a passionate Trojan. Later in life, he received a Master of Arts in Management from the University of Redlands.

Anthony never stopped creating, he was an artist in his soul, embracing life to the fullest. He had a passion for photography and travel, both at home and abroad. He loved exploring different cultures, particularly learning about new foods, and meeting new friends from all over. He had a sparkling wit and a kind word for everyone he met, a raconteur of the first order.

A lifelong Catholic, Anthony had a deep and abiding faith and a strong feeling to help the less fortunate among us. In lieu of flowers, the family requests masses for the repose of Anthony's soul or contributions to Father Joe's Village, San Diego.

His funeral liturgy will be held at El Camino Memorial in Sorrento Valley in the Garden of the Resurrection at noon on Saturday, February 20, 2021. The service will be outdoors. There will be limited seating available; attendees are welcome to bring chairs. An effort will be made to broadcast the services by Zoom for those unable to attend. Please contact Nan (ntmgarcia@gmail.com) if you would like to participate in that way.

Comments



“ Cathy and John Allen purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Anthony Garcia.



Cathy and John Allen - February 20 at 05:50 PM



“ I will always remember our special outings going to the Charger and Aztec football games and the fun tailgate times we shared. I will especially recall our animated discussions about world events and travel while enjoying our beers. May you rest in peace.

Your friend and football buddy,

Kent McConnell

Kent McConnell - February 20 at 10:38 AM



“ Even though we are living in Germany, I saw Anthony last , just a couple of months ago,during our stay in California. One high light of the trip for me was our celebration of Thanksgigncg at Nan and Anthony’s home.

About a week before the holiday meal, I had a special experience with Anthony. Already before coming to the States, he had invited me for a hike through the canyon ,by his childhood home. He had told me he wanted to find the exact borders of this property which extends into a wilderness ot this canyon.

While we were hiking the real reason for this excursion revealed itself. It seeemd I was there for him as a companion rrevisiting the nooks and crannies where he played as a child. During the walk together he shared a lot of stories and memories: ie. "We hung a net in this big tree as a hammock for us".. "here we were shootintg the neighbor’s gun from above".

Close to his property,he discovered an old ball ,"Oh this is a balll that belonged to my sister ".

I could see and feel how vividly these memories touched him emotinoally. It seems that every inch of the property held a story waiting to be told from him.

When we returned to Nan and Anthony’s home, I ws exhausted, from the hike and all my impressions but Anthony I heard,as I was slumped on a patio chair, was talking to a neighbor excited and brimming over with what he had discovered and his further plans for his parents house and property.

This is how I will remember Anthony: a person who had retained curiosity and wonder, a man who lived to plan and planed to live.

Friedhelm (brother-in-law)-husband of Judy

Judith - February 19 at 12:57 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Anthony Garcia.



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“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Anthony Garcia.



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“ yes ,we live our lives often thinking they will never end---Anthony leaves us facing the mystery of life and death enveloped in a solemn silence ,grieving what we knew and what we still had hoped to know better--a man whose life vessel overflowed with stories,ideas. and razor sharp observations about the world he participated in, as fully as possible ! and then again ,there was the Anthony whose sparkling eyes embodied a childlike wonder and joy that was irresistibly contagious.

Anthony had a "special friend"-the archangel Michael - maybe he was his guardian angel... I could believe that and so I offer this Celtic verse in remembrance of this unique relationship:

dear angel of my birth
all of my life's loss
red-golden of fallen flowers,
shells after ebbing waves,
gathered on lonely shores
within the secret toils of love
Deathless in memory save
the treasures of my grave.

yes, we are left to sieve through memories with the questions and longings of our hearts,
May Anthony's life and death assist us in the lifelong task of (as the Irish say)
"ag fillead ar do du'càs"-
rediscovering and living fully who we are called to be in this world.
May we hear eternal echoes in the absence we now experience,
and sense around us the secret "Elsewhere", which holds the presences that are no longer visible to us.

in gratitude and love,
(sister-in-law)
Judy

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