



Robert Wayne Garza

January 6, 1946 - September 28, 2024

Robert Wayne Garza was born in Kansas City, Kansas on January 6, 1946. He passed away peacefully on September 28, 2024 at his home in Madera, California.

In his early years, Robert lived in Kansas. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1965 during the Viet Nam War and was assigned to the U.S.S. Enterprise. After serving four years in the Navy, Robert relocated to California where he became a Journeyman Cement Mason and worked for various local companies. He became self-employed establishing Garza's Concrete.

Robert enjoyed road trips, casinos near and far and traveled many times to visit family residing in the Midwest and Florida. Part of Robert's heart always remained in Kansas City and he was an avid Kansas City Chiefs fan. He loved collecting coins, playing backgammon and always had a puzzle going on his puzzle table. It was often noted of Robert that he never met a stranger. He could meet for the first time and have an hours-long conversation as if catching up with an old friend.

Robert was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

He is preceded in death by parents Joseph and Margaret Garza; his sister Maryjane Ware; his brother Edward Garza.

He is survived by his beloved wife of forty years Gloria Garza; sons Robert Garza, Jr. and his wife Michelle, Stephen Garza, Michael Martinez and his wife Tanya; daughters Diana Martinez Cano and her husband Gilbert, Gloria Martinez; brother Joe Garza; sisters Maria Campbell and Margaret Uzelac; eight grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at Holy Spirit Catholic Church on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. A Committal Service with U.S. Navy Honors will follow at Saint Peters Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Saint Peter's Cemetery

264 N. Blythe Avenue
Fresno, CA 93706

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

OCT **15**. 9:30 AM (PT)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church
355 E. Champlain
Fresno, CA 93730

Tribute Wall

TG

“ Teresa & Richard Gomez purchased the *Treasured Lilies Spray* for the family of Robert Wayne Garza.



Teresa & Richard Gomez - October 13, 2024 at 06:09 PM

MR

“ Maggie & Chuck, Maria & Smoky & Joe & Ro planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Wayne Garza.

Maggie & Chuck, Maria & Smoky & Joe & Ro - October 08, 2024 at 01:35 PM

MR

“ Maggie & Chuck, Maria & Smoky & Joe & Ro purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Robert Wayne Garza.



Maggie & Chuck, Maria & Smoky & Joe & Ro - October 08, 2024 at 01:35 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Robert Wayne Garza.



October 06, 2024 at 04:34 PM

DC

“ I was about 6 or 7 and mom loaded Cheri and I up to go to grampa Joe's. Uncle Robert and uncle Ed were out front of grampas working on a old car. They both were wearing black T shirts,skinny black pants,black leather shoes with pointy toes. Hair was greased back and their cigs were rolled up in the sleeve's.They were laughing and horsing around. I thought they were cool tough guys. When I saw the movie The Lord's of Flatbush that memory came back.So cool. I miss them both.

David Campbell - October 06, 2024 at 02:21 PM

CC

“ All of my memories of Uncle Robert bring a smile to my face. He was fun, full of life, and a great dancer. I will always think of him fondly.

Colleen Campbell - October 06, 2024 at 01:15 PM

JG

“ Robert was a Very Unique, Funny, and Happy Guy!!!
When he was 19 or 20 we took him Water skiing with us for the Very First time ever for him, we told him to hang on tight to the rope, so he did
and went completely under the water and then came up Smiling and skied around the Lake, His Very First Time Ever. UNBELIEVABLE!!!
He was always a fun Guy and will Sadly Missed by Many
Brother Joe

Joe & Ro Garza - October 05, 2024 at 03:07 PM

JG

“ Uncle Robert was such a hoot! This guy could walk up, have you laughing . He was a one of a kind ❤️ he will be known for his laughter & jokes .

Jamie Garza - October 04, 2024 at 07:10 PM

KC

“ *Meant in loving memory, I always knew no matter what the topic Robert was going to have a witty reply.*
Smoky Campbell

Kenneth R Campbell - October 04, 2024 at 11:18 AM