



Lathan W. Garcia

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Lathan W. “Skip” Garcia passed away peacefully on March 13, 2013 with his family at his side. Skip was born in Tampa, Florida to Pearl Alvarez and Augusto Garcia on January 7, 1934. He grew up in Tampa with an older brother, August, and attended Jesuit High School in New Orleans. After graduation, Skip came to Loyola University Dental School in New Orleans. While he was at Loyola, he was inducted into the Tennis Hall of Fame. After graduation, he and Johanna Maisano were married in 1957 and traveled to Sidi Slimane, Morocco where he completed a two year commitment in the Air Force as a Captain. He returned to Kenner, Louisiana to begin his dental practice and to begin his family with Johanna. Skip was an avid tennis player, fisherman, and golfer. But the most important things in his life were his family and his faith. Over a 50 year period, Skip maintained close friends with those that he had met during the annual Manresa Retreat. Skip is survived by his wife Johanna and his children Jana Phillippi, Lisa GGarcia, Michael Garcia (now deceased), Kevin (Laurie) Garcia. He is also survived by his grandchildren Garrett Phillipi, Katie Phillippi, Nicholas and Matthew Garcia, and his brother-in-law Joseph (Gloria) Maisano.

Skippy’s happy disposition and personality were like a magnet for all of the friends that he has made over a lifetime. He will be missed by all of his friends in Louisiana and Tampa, Florida.

A funeral mass will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday March 23, 2013 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 13396 River Road, Destrehan, LA 70047. Visitation will be at church from 10:00 AM until service time. Interment will follow mass at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, prayers for the family will be greatly appreciated.



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SB

Sandra Burch posted:

To the Garcia family, I am saddened to hear about Skippy's passing. I did not know he was so sick. I just learned today as someone told me. He was such a happy person. My prayers are with you and yours. Sandra and Henry Burch

March 22 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Johanna and family, Joe and I are sorry to hear about Skip. We had some good fun football seasons and bets. He was a great inspiration to us. We love you both Donna and Joe Brocato

March 22 at 7:00 PM

DW

Diane Wood posted:

Johanna, We will always have wonderful memories of visiting with you & Skippy down in Sarasota. Thinking of you and your family. Fondly, Diane & Brian Wood

March 22 at 7:00 PM

BC

Barbara Cassara posted:

Johanna, Oh, the laughs we had! Skippy spread sunshine wherever he went. George and I send hugs and prayers.

March 21 at 7:00 PM

TM

Tommy Murphy posted:

Dear Johanna and family, my family and the entire Metairie Dental Centre family sends it's condolences. Having worked with Skippy for years I can say without hesitation that his smile, laughter and wonderful personality will be missed by everyone who knew him.

March 21 at 7:00 PM



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Rudy La Russa posted:

Dear Johanna, Skippy was a good and loving person who was always kind and caring to all. He was a great friend and he will be greatly missed. My prayers and condolences go out to you and your family. Rudy La RUSSA

March 21 at 7:00 PM



Norm posted:

JOHANNA & FAMILY: we were sorry to hear of Skip's passing. Many good memories from Paradise Manor and how well our kids got along. Sorrow is a fleeting emotion, but love is infinite.

March 21 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Johanna, Mary Ann and I, Tommy and Jean are saddened by the news of our dear friend Skippy. He will be missed by all of us. You have our prayers and sympathy. The Valenti brothers.

March 21 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Dad, I love and miss you tremendously. You were always there for me as a father and great friend. I know you're cracking jokes in heaven with your family and friends. Be sure to tell those who've gone before us hello - especially Michael.

March 21 at 7:00 PM



Chuck And Jane White posted:

I was terribly saddened to get the news of Dr Garcia's passing. He was a positive influence and a mentor in both my personal and professional life. I cherish the short time I got to spend with him. He taught me a lot about dentistry and life, in general. Mrs Johanna, please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

March 20 at 7:00 PM



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CW

Carlton Welch posted:

Dear Skippy and Family, You were a great father and friend. Thank's for all of the great time's you shared with me, (Irene's) and then some. See you in heaven, if I make the list. We will go play some golf!

March 20 at 7:00 PM

DL

David Lacour posted:

Deepest sympathy. David and Shirley Lacour

March 20 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am in shock, Johanna ! I had no idea Skippy was so ill. My sympathy to you and the children. Skippy was always such a vivacious and happy man. He loved his family so much, and his tennis. He was a dedicated dentist who treated his patients as a family. What a loss ! He loved his family so much. He will be deeply missed , but not forgotten. sincerely, Vivian W. Guarisco

March 19 at 7:00 PM

PB

Pris Bernard posted:

Dear Skippy: Can't imagine never seeing you again, but hope you get the chance to jiggle everyone's chain up there, MOSF, just as you always did mine, and pray that all of us will be there with you rather than somewhere else ~ ;) Much love to you and your family.

March 19 at 7:00 PM

DD

Darleen Danenhower posted:

Dear Johanna and family, I'll have Masses said for Skippy and all of you. So sorry for your loss so soon after losing LeLa. With condolences, Darleen Danenhower and family

March 19 at 7:00 PM



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MC

Mark And Lori Cristina posted:

Garcia family, we are sorry to hear the news of Skippy's passing. I will always remember Skippy coming by to get a cup of coffee in the tire shop. He always had a joke, comment, or gesture to make us smile or laugh. Johanna would have to come remind him he had a patient waiting for him. He had charisma, and everyone responded to him. Our prayers are with you.

March 19 at 7:00 PM

KE

Kent posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all, we are so sorry for your loss but he is in paradise now with Jesus. He was a very special person to our children Kent Jr. and Kelsey. Hold tight to your wonderful memories. Love: Kent, Cathy, Kenyon, Kent Jr. and Kelsey Heap

March 19 at 7:00 PM

LD

Linda Dumaine posted:

Dear Johanna, I was so sorry to hear of the passing of Skippy. May I offer you my deepest sympathy, and my prayers are with you & yours as well.

March 19 at 7:00 PM

DI

Dick posted:

Skippy was a fun guy to be with. We enjoyed many a social event with Skippy and Johanna and his presence will be missed by all. Also, he and I had many memorable discussions concerning whether Billy Kilmer was a good quarterback during his Saints era. After Kilmer left the Saints, Kilmer had many productive seasons with Washington, I finally had to fess up and humbly confessed to Skippy that he was right and I was wrong! Our sincerest condolences go out to Johanna and their entire family.

March 19 at 7:00 PM

SS

Sierra Stairs posted:

Uncle skippy was a crazy and funny guy he was so sweet to everybody. He will surely be missed. Prayers going out to everybody

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Anonymous posted:

I love you daddy! Peace be with you in heaven with our heavenly father and all of our friends and family that have gone before us. I miss you but find comfort in knowing that you are exactly where you want to be in heaven! Please tell Michael Hi for me! Love you forever! Your daughter, Jana

March 19 at 7:00 PM



Augie Garcia posted:

Garcia Family, We wanted to give our most sincere condolences. You all have always been great to us as far back as I can remember. Skippy was a great uncle & friend & will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. Our prayers & thoughts are with you! Mindy & Augie Garcia

March 19 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Skippy was the greatest inspiration in my life. He was the most caring person, with the biggest heart that anyone could ever come across. He was my grandfather, father, and most importantly one of my best friends. I will always aspire to live life in the same joyfull and loving manner that he did.

March 19 at 7:00 PM



Carl Marshall Sr posted:

To Joannal will miss my buddy at breakfast at Coffee Rani on those Mondays and Fridays. I always enjoyed my mornings with Skippy we would always laugh and joke. Skippy was a breath of fresh air. I will always remember my friend Skippy as that warm soul that always had a kind word and that great smile. With heartfelt condolences to Joanna and the Garcia family in this difficult time.

March 19 at 7:00 PM



Barbara Bornstein posted:

The Bornstein family will miss a great loving funny guy.

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LN

Louise Nash posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief. May your memories bring you comfort.

March 18 at 7:00 PM

ME

Michael Enright posted:

Dear Johanna,Cindy and I wish to offer our deepest condolences to you and your family on the passing our friend Skippy.His Franco friends will miss his cheerful presence as well.Mike and Cindy Enright

March 18 at 7:00 PM

LM

Lou Monteleone posted:

All of Tampa is sad today. You were the best .

March 17 at 7:00 PM

JD

John D posted:

With deepest sympathy from me personally and on behalf of all of Skip's fellow classmates of Loyola Dental School 1957.

March 17 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Skippy was always a favorite in our family....such a great, happy smile! He will be greatly missed...Love and prayers go to all the family! Henry and Lorna

March 17 at 7:00 PM

DR

Dr posted:

Our prayers and sympathy are with you. Thanks for allowing us to be called your friends.June (The Queen) and Ben Legett

March 17 at 7:00 PM



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SI

Shannon Ibert posted:

I am so very sorry for your loss. Prayers for you all during this time. Shannon Ibert

March 14 at 7:00 PM

JS

Joan And Joe Spoto posted:

Johanna, Joe and I were so sad to learn of Skippy's death. To know him was to love him and his infectious laughter and cheerful nature will always be remembered. We ask God's blessings on you and your family. Hold tight to memories for comfort, lean on friends for strength, and always remember how much you are cared about. Sending our prayers and sympathy. Joan and Joe Spoto

March 14 at 7:00 PM

TO

The Staff Of E posted:

Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.

March 13 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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