



## Jose M. Garcia Jr.

October 7, 1956 - August 11, 2021

José M. Garcia Jr., of Sanford, FL, passed away peacefully in the arms of his wife in the late afternoon of Wednesday, August 11, 2021, succumbing to a long battle with health issues. He was 64.

José was born in Niagara Falls, NY on October 7, 1956 and was the eldest son of his late parents, Anne May Garcia and José M. Garcia Sr. He is survived by his loving wife Jolee Stone, sons Joe Garcia and Fernando Maldonado, daughter Lorena Maldonado, sister Cara Kryzanowski (Kevin, Kelly, and Kevin Jr.), brother Victor Garcia (Jason and David) and an extensive, extended family that he looked forward to visiting with at the annual family reunion whenever he was able to return 'back home'.

José graduated from Lewiston Porter High School in 1974, studied at Niagara County Community College and within a few years, after the 'Blizzard of 1977', moved to Los Angeles, CA. There he began his lifelong profession working as a network/communications engineer in the technology industry which was in its infancy. He also lived in Denver, CO and moved to Central Florida in 1987 where he continued working as 'techie-dude extraordinaire' at Systeme and Fiserv software companies.

José was fascinated with music and at a very early age began to learn to play the guitar as he sat on his father's knees and Papa José held the guitar so he

could reach the strings. José's passion was music. He was an accomplished multi-instrumentalist, was a well-respected and gifted guitar player and songwriter. He belonged to various bands over his lifetime, the last being 3 Bucksworth, as lead guitarist and vocals. Fanatic of the Beatles, José could play every instrumental part of every song they composed, even those that didn't go mainstream. The Beatles also turned him onto classical Indian music to the likes of Ravi Shankar and José was well versed in the 'raga' and valued the nuances of the sitar and tabla.

José was an independent thinker and eager to expand his knowledge and explore life's possibilities. He was a 'Trekkie', 'Star Wars Geek', 'Potterhead', 'Ringer' and enjoyed all things science fiction and high fantasy. He loved fast cars and motorcycles. Traveling and experiencing new sights and sounds (music) was at the top of his list. He was a non-fussy 'foodie' and appreciated street foods as well as the finest in dining. He was an excellent chef and excited to try new recipes and watch as family and friends savored his creations.

He was also a very caring and compassionate man with a tender heart. He would help anyone in any way so he could to make their lives a little easier and put a smile on their face. He loved it when he was able to make someone happy with his music, technical skills, a smile or hugs! He was an animal lover too and creatures knew it as they were drawn to him like magic to receive a pat or a good scratch.

Forever Loved. Forever Missed. Forever Remembered.

If love could have saved you José, you would have lived forever.

A Celebration of Life will be held on the evening of Friday, October 8, 2021 at 520 On the Water (event venue on Lake Monroe), 520 N. Palmetto Ave,

Sanford, FL 32771 from 5:00 – 9:00 P.M.

In lieu of flowers, please donate in José's memory to the American Heart Association; [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org)

Also please visit [www.degusipefuneralhome.com](http://www.degusipefuneralhome.com)

The family of José "Hoser" M. Garcia, Jr. invites you to leave a message on his Tribute Wall.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT 8. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

520 ON THE WATER  
520 N. Palmetto Ave  
SANFORD, FL 32771  
(407) 325-1376

# Tribute Wall



“ From one Lew-Port Media Center geek to another Jose: I will always remember you as the skinny junior member of us geeks...always cobbling together or breadboarding some piece of ancient tech so we could preserve the things our generation did in high school! I'm sure you're doing the same stuff (and more) on The Other Side. The rest of us will be along to hang out with you in a bit.

Ken Hindersinn - October 08, 2022 at 10:37 AM

BW

“ Countless memories and countdowns til when we would see you again. Any time with you was always full of laughter, whether at reunions, speedways or hanging in the kitchen playing card games. You always put a smile on our faces. Your random calls were always great to hear your voices and when you always gave me big bear hugs and said I Love you little sis number 2 ( Cara will always be # 1 ) you were always part of my family and I (we) will miss you and love you.



Barbara Woolson - October 08, 2021 at 02:43 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jose M. Garcia Jr..*



October 08, 2021 at 02:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jose M. Garcia Jr..*



October 07, 2021 at 09:50 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Jose M. Garcia Jr..*



October 04, 2021 at 08:46 PM



“ *Rest peacefully Jose. A wonderful classmate and friend from Lewiston Porter Central School. Class of 1974. You will be sorely missed by many. God be with you always.*



**Charlene Siracuse Slowik** - August 31, 2021 at 07:05 AM

JH

“ Jose was so kind and had so much personality! I loved getting to know him as we worked at Fiserv together. My condolences on the loss of this magnificent man.

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**Jill House** - August 30, 2021 at 10:07 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**John Douce** - August 30, 2021 at 09:40 PM

DW

“ It is nice to read how he never changed. Always loved music and was one of the nicest guy. Grew up on the same street, even though we lived two blocks away in the country that was probably three miles. May he Rest In Peace.

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**Dorothy Chamberlain Wedge** - August 30, 2021 at 09:01 PM



“ 4 files added to the album *Memories Album*



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**DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory** - August 30, 2021 at 06:26 PM