



## Michael Garcia

December 4, 1949 - December 13, 2019

Michael Garcia was born December 4th, 1949 in Tulare, California. His parents were Joe J. Garcia and Mary R. Garcia he had three sisters Linda, Ruthie, and Joyce, and also three brothers Tony, George, and Jimmy. He went to Tulare Western High School where he excelled in both basketball and football. He graduated in June 1968 and joined the Marines in July. He had basic training at Camp Pendleton and was then shipped out to Vietnam in January. He was stationed in Quang Tri, Vietnam. He was assigned to Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines, 4th Marine Division. He was promoted to Lance Corporal and his service medals include a Purple Heart, Heroism, Battle Field Commission and Combat Action Ribbon, among numerous others. After returning home from Vietnam he worked for 25 years with the post office. He had three sons: Paul, Christopher, and Mark, and had one daughter: Marissa, and three step daughters: Teri, Whitney, and Michelle. Mike loved spending time with his family, and one of his favorite past times was having big parties in his backyard with all his friends and family. Mike was the life of the party. He was a very kind and giving man. If he wasn't spending time with his friends and family he was giving back to the community. He co-founded the Central Valley Vietnam Veterans, and started the City of Tulare Veterans Day Parade, proceeds of which benefit Toys for Tots, Christmas toys for Foster Kids, Camp Sunshine Dreams for the Leukemia Foundation and the Autism Foundation, his also provided shoes for an entire school in Sutana. He went on to be Board Vice President of A Combat Veteran's Hope, where he continued to

give back to the community. He won Veteran of The Year twice. He also brought the Vietnam Wall to Tulare twice. Mike lived 70 full years and passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on December 13th, 2019.

# Previous Events

## Rosary

DEC **27**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel  
127 E. Caldwell Ave.  
Visalia, CA 93277

## Memorial

DEC **28**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Michael Garcia*



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - December 28, 2019 at 11:52 AM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Garcia*

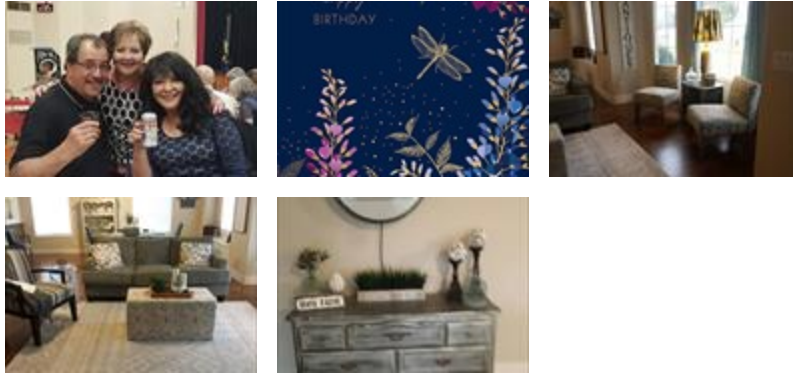


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Carol Garcia Alvarez - January 03, 2020 at 12:49 AM

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“ Mike Thank you for your service 🇺🇸-and for being a person with a giving heart-  
Thank for being the first person to support bringing our 50% VIETNAM Veteran Memorial Wall-You gave our Mission the first \$500- We continue our Mission in securing our Wall permanently at the Dinuba Memorial building.  
Rest In Peace our friend & brother-You will be truely missed ❤️👉🇺🇸  
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Ruth E. Padilla - December 27, 2019 at 12:36 PM

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Carlos Rodriguez - December 16, 2019 at 11:55 PM