



# Richard Garcia

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**G**arcia, Richard "Dickie" 71 of Tampa Fl. Passed away peacefully on June 24, 2013. He is survived by his sister Sofia Valles and her husband Frank; 4 daughters, Tami Garcia, Kimberly Valdes, Alisha Garcia, Christine Salinero; 2 sons, Mark Garcia, Jorge Morano and 5 grandchildren, Jeffrey, Amanda, Taw, Kaleb, Alicianna. and many cousin, nieces and nephews. He will be missed by all his friends and family. He was a graduate of J.H.S in 1960 and a veteran of the US Army Reserves. The family will receive friends on Saturday July the 6th from 3-5 pm at Boza & Roel Funeral Home located at 4730 N Armenia Avenue. Tampa 813-8777676.



## Tribute Wall

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MA

**Michael Allen** posted:

May Peace be with you Mr. Garcia. Michael Allen and Kevin Andrews (The Burners)

July 16 at 1:47 PM

CG

**Candy Lopez Galas** posted:

We go way back my old friend... I feel like I had just found you again and now you're gone... I wish you peace in heaven

July 11 at 10:35 PM

BF

**Bill Ward And Family.** posted:

Dickie we will miss you so much. Every one in our family will miss forever. You were a great friend. I just talked to Betty and she is very sad to hear the news. You will never be forgotten. I love you buddy. Billy Ward and family. Betty and Jason at the beach are gonna miss you as well.

July 10 at 5:39 PM

TA

**The Jefferson High Alumni** posted:

To the family our deepest sympathies are with you during this time of loss. We hope you can find reassurance in the care of your friends, and allow the loving memories you have of Richard "Dickie" to help you through this time. The Jefferson High Alumni

July 8 at 12:00 PM

RF

**Robert Foret Jr** posted:

Many good times together my friend, you will be missed .much love.

July 6 at 7:48 AM

JL

**Jennifer Lutz** posted:

I don't know what to say. You're gone & I didn't get to say goodbye. I miss you so much. I hope you knew how much you meant to me. I love you so much. You have always been there for me as if I was your own. Thank you. I bet Uncle Jack & you are sitting up there having a cigar living good & healthy now. I love you. Always will!!! Your girl, Jen

July 3 at 5:00 AM



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SP

**Sandra And John Palmeri** posted:

Kindly accept our deepest condolences and please know that our thoughts and prayers are with Dickie and his entire family. It is amazing how all of Dickie's buddies from Washington Jr. High, Jefferson High School, Ybor City, West Tampa and all over Tampa loved and appreciated Dickie's warmth and friendship. Dickie will be truly missed by all. With love, Sandra and John Palmeri

July 2 at 6:28 AM

SA

**Sharon Alamo** posted:

Forevermore In My Heart and My Memories. Soar With The Angels My Friend. Until We Meet Again. Love Sharon

July 1 at 2:08 PM

MM

**Melinda Menendez** posted:

My condolences to your family. I had spoke to Dickie before he passed, he called me to wish me my condolences for my brother Carlos Menendez who passed May 23rd which I was very grateful. Dickie was in my wedding in 1962 when I married Peter Lala. I still have the wedding album with him and my brother in it. I know how hard it is when you lose someone you love, my brother was only 66 yrs old and I was very close to him. Lucy Capitano Hastings does not have a computer and asked me to send her condolences and my sister Judy Rivero who also does not have a computer sends her condolences. I am sorry I couldn't attend last nights benefit, the weather was horrible. I will try to make it this Saturday

July 1 at 7:29 AM

MM

**Marlene Menendez** posted:

So sad to hear of your passing wish I could of seen you one more time, you always were so caring and concerned. You will truly be missed but never forgotten. My thoughts and prayers to your family Love you always Marlene, Ricky, Mindi & Vinny

June 30 at 8:22 AM



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RO

**Rosie** posted:

You have been part of my life for so many years and I am very grateful to have all those memories to comfort me now that you are gone. You will always be in my heart - I love you & just miss you so much already... Thank-you for always being there for my family & I. My heart & prayers are with your family .Rosie

June 30 at 12:08 AM

VG

**Vicki Griffin** posted:

Dickie ~ Well what can I say I miss you so much you were very special to me. You put me in my place you showed me love, you were there for me everyday without a doubt. You called me three times a day to make sure everything was ok. We laughed we shed lots for tears and a whole lot of secrets that you went to your grave with ... You came into my life when I needed you the most and treated me like I was your daughter..you never judged me but always gave me the best advise a friend could ask for. My life will never be the same without you.. Until me meet again .... I love you and miss you very much .. xoxox

June 29 at 4:42 PM

RC

**Rita Rodriguez Fna Rita Cueto** posted:

Dickie, you were known as the Master Blaster, but you were also The Dance Master. I was a lucky girl, because I danced with you. I am so sorry for your passing, but now.....you are pain free. I can almost see you dancing among the clouds. RIP my friend, save a dance for me when we meet again. Your sweet Mom (Lola) wanted to be there when you arrived. My deepest sympathy for your family.

June 29 at 4:10 PM

CA

**Carlotta Chenard Arias** posted:

I am truly sorry for your loss. Dickie as an icon at Jefferson High School and made many friends. He will be sorely missed.

June 29 at 12:43 PM

GB

**George Borges** posted:

Sorry I couldn't be there more oftin, but you'll always be in my heart.

June 29 at 9:01 AM



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MM

**Michelle Mendez** posted:

My heart and prayers go out to Dickie and all of his family and friends. He was a good man and will be missed. Sorry I'm unable to attend the service. I will light a candle at church here in Spain for all.

June 29 at 7:42 AM

NH

**Nancy Haines** posted:

May G-d grant comfort to all mourners of Zion and Jerusalem. Dickie you always made me smile, your humor and honesty was contagious. I know you will be sorely missed by family and friends. May G-d embrace you in His kingdom and give you happiness to walk with family and friends that has past before you. Love, Nancy

June 29 at 6:26 AM

WR

**Wendy Reynolds** posted:

A great man in every way I will miss you dearly Master Blaster.

June 29 at 5:06 AM

GJ

**Gayle Johnson** posted:

I will never forget the last time I saw Dickie. Although he was fighting the cancer in every way, he had a peace about him that was both comforting and inspiring. He told me that he wanted to see his dad and couldn't wait to see his grandmother. And though I'm sure it was so hard for all of his family to lose Dickie's mom as well, I believe they are all happy together. Dickie also told me that he and the "Big Guy" were getting closer and I rejoice in that as assurance that his passing was truly a home-going. of his heart. God Bless his family left to mourn, especially Tami, who showed what a daughter can be by her care and love. RIP and love, Mr. Garcia.

June 29 at 4:56 AM



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JC

**Julie Cipolla** posted:

Dickie, first I want to tell you what an awesome father figure you have been to me. You came into my life when I really didn't know what life was about. You were my mentor, my friend and someone I loved to argue with. I will always cherish that. I have always looked up to you and you never gave up on me and for that I thank you very much. You made me laugh, cry and put me in my place when needed. I want you to know you will always be on my mind and look forward to joining you so we can "ROCK" heaven!! Until then rest in peace my friend. I love you! Julie :

June 29 at 2:11 AM

JL

**Janet Lopez** posted:

Dickie, knowing that you're no longer in this world makes my heart hurt. Knowing you and being your friend makes it all worthwhile. I love you. I love the big heart that you had, always trying to help people who were in need. I feel very blessed to have known you. I'll see you again when it's my time to sit at Gods feet. I miss you already, Janet

June 28 at 10:49 PM

RS

**Reinaldo Suarez** posted:

The Suarez Family always remember you. Rest in Peace.

June 28 at 8:13 PM

DB

**Donald Betancourt** posted:

i always saw you as a good friend and my cousin. we both lived in YBOR CITY you saw me when i came home home on leave in my Dress Blues. and what made me happy was that you was proud of me for doing what i did. i will miss you very much. the angels have a very special person!!!

June 28 at 7:56 PM

RC

**Ree Cherie** posted:

I have so many fond memories but the most recent was when I went to see him 2 days before his passing. I came to visit and he was asleep. When I awoke him and said "Dickie it's Scarey Cherie...Boo" he looked up at me and said "Boo". I love him and will never forget him. His legacy will live on in his daughter, my sister from another mother, and my daughter's Godmother Tami.

June 28 at 6:53 PM



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RC

**Ree Cherie** posted:

So many good memories with The Master Blaster of all time. He is so loved by so many and his legacy will live on through his DAUGHTER, my sister from another mother and my daughter's Godmother, Tami Garcia. Forever in my heart. I love you Dickie

June 28 at 6:46 PM

VP

**Veronica Perez** posted:

I will miss you.

June 28 at 6:35 PM

TG

**Tami Garcia** posted:

Dear Daddy, I knew this would be hard losing you. But what I didn't realize is how lonely and heart broken I am without you. You were my best friend and mentor, not just my daddy. I don't think a father and daughter could have been any closer than you and I were in these last months. I was blessed by God to have you as my dad. I'm very proud of that. The mold was broke when you were born. And I believe many will agree. In this last year, I watched you fight cancer tooth and nail and I found strength in myself that I never knew was there before. Thank you daddy for showing me what a true fighter is. "It's the strength you find within yourself" right daddy? I'm so glad we fought your battle together. I would have never change a thing. Except to selfishly keep you here with me. I know God has called you home to take care of all your friends and family, like you always have. But this time standing next to our Lord himself and without any pain nor worries. I'm gonna miss Daddy. Until we meet again..I Love you! Tami

June 28 at 6:06 PM

WR

**William S. Reed** posted:

On behalf of the entire staff of Boza & Roel Funeral Home please accept our sincere condolences.

June 28 at 10:20 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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