



## John Garcia

August 25, 1956 - June 27, 2023

Coach John "Bubba" Garcia, age 66, departed from this world on June 27, 2023 in Huntsville, Texas. He was born in Shreveport, Louisiana to parents Bobby "Chico" Garcia and Elizabeth Garcia on August 25, 1956.

John grew up in Huntsville and was a Hornet at heart. He was a hot shot baseball player when he was in high school. John was a coach at Mance Park Middle School for over 30 years. He coached football and baseball. He loved all sports but was favorable to baseball. John was also an Athletic Director early on in his career at Mance Park. He was always an integral part of the coaching staff at HISD and served through many coaches from Coach Clements to Coach Southern. John affected the lives of thousands of students over the years that he coached and mentored. A huge part of the success of the high school athletics program was due to the solid foundation that he laid at the middle school.

John is preceded in death by his father Bobby "Chico" Garcia and his brother Bobby Layne Garcia. He is survived by his mother Elizabeth H. Garcia; sisters Ginny Mayes and Rebecca Zuniga; brother Larry Garcia and a host of nieces and nephews. He will be missed by many who knew and loved him.

Family and friends will gather for a visitation on Saturday July 1, 2023 at 10:00am, with a funeral service immediately following at 11:00am, at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. He will be laid to rest following services at Adickes Addition of Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial condolences to the family may be made at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr  
Huntsville

## Funeral Service

JUL 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr  
Huntsville

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ Sincere condolences to this wonderful Garcia family!! I am so sorry for your loss, but blessed to have known this whole family my whole life!! From buying furniture for our first home from their dad, "Chico"; working with their loving mom, Libby at Gibbs Elementary; knowing Becky, Ginny & Larry during our high school days. Bubba 🙏 was a great coach and loved by everyone! He will be missed, but never forgotten! Thank you, heavenly Father 🙏 for taking Bubba & freeing him from his pain!! I love you all dearly!!💕💕



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**Jamie Brinegar** - July 01, 2023 at 10:00 PM

JB

“ I was fortunate to have Coach Garcia as a positive Role Model and influence in my life. He was my PE Coach in 4th and 5th grades at Scott Johnson Elementary School. HE would facilitate some epic kickball game and "touch" football games as well. He had a way of making these fun and celebrating the students little successes in these fun PE classes. In Retrospect, i know that Coach Garcia really loved his job because you could tell he really was proud to be a Coach in Huntsville and be a Huntsville Hornet. And that Hornet Pride that he oozed, got instilled in many of the students at that time, including myself. Wearing Green on Fridays was a big deal and Coach Garcia embodied that Hornet Spirit. I later was coached by Coach GARCIA at Mance Park in all sports, Track , Basketball and of course football. I remember him being a positive motivator , but would definetly hit you with a "Cheez & Rice " instead of using the lord name lol. If Coach Garcia used Cheez & Rice followed by your last name, you knew you he though you werent giving full effort. I suspect that if Mance Park Junior High would have had a ice hockey team he would have coached that as well. I would later see Coach Garcia during football 2 a days in the summer. Im not sure he had to be there, but I definetly know he wanted to be there. Giving that positive encouragement to his former junior high players as they transitioned to highschool. I also remember Coach Garcia giving me a ride home a few times when my familys 87 Honda Civic Wagon affectionately known as the "Barnesmobile" crapped out on us. Coach Garcia was a positive influence on my life, and I have no doubt that he was to thousands of others as well. He will be missed, and fondly remembered.



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Jimmy Barnes - July 01, 2023 at 01:59 PM

LA

“ My prayers are for the family at this difficult time.  
It was privilege to work with Mrs. Garcia at Gibbs Elementary. She was my mentor when I started teaching second grade. Then I had the pleasure of working with Coach Garcia.  
I remember in 2018, I had a wreck on Houston Road, when some pulled out in the front of me making a left turn. I got out of my SUV and there Bubba checking to see if I was alright.  
Lockie Archie

Lockie Archie - June 30, 2023 at 05:01 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Garcia.



June 30, 2023 at 11:34 AM

SE

“ Remembering John as an overall nice guy. He was a fun classmate, sharp and witty.  
Condolences to his friends and family.



Susan Eastman - June 29, 2023 at 08:06 PM

JM

The Garcia family were our first friend when we moved to Huntsville. Our children were best friends. Chico gave us furniture, kept our Spanish active. John helped Charlie in school and he was just a great person to know. He will be remembered for a long time! Condolences to all the family .

Joy Manuel - July 02, 2023 at 10:44 PM

LL

“ My children were coached by "Coach Garcia" and he was truly a student advocate that impacted their lives in many positive ways. Beyond the development of their athletic abilities, he taught them that success comes through hard work, dedication to a goal, and teamwork. These skills would be foundational to their walk in life after "athletics". Thank you, Coach, for your impact on my family and thousands of others that followed your guidance.  
Lucy Larrison

Lucy Larrison - June 29, 2023 at 03:05 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Garcia.



June 29, 2023 at 11:30 AM

VP

“ I treasure the years working with Coach Garcia at Mance Park Middle School. He will certainly be missed by many.

Vicki Prentice - June 28, 2023 at 11:05 PM

NL

“ Coach Garcia was one of my favorites!!! So sad to hear of his passing!! He will be greatly missed!!! So sorry for y'all's loss!!! Great man for sure!

Nicole Lindsey - June 28, 2023 at 10:11 PM

LH

“ Coach Garcia was one of my favorite coaches at mance park Middle School. He will truly be missed

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**Lanell Harrison** - June 28, 2023 at 09:21 PM

PH

“ Coach Garcia will definitely be missed by many! What a great human being, he has always been my favorite coach. He helped me through a tough time in my life way back in intermediate school. My condolences to the family.

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**Perla Hernandez** - June 28, 2023 at 09:21 PM

SW

“ To the Garcia family, my deepest condolences. My God heal the void that is left by his passing.  
What a wonderful man, mentor, family friend and coach. So many great stories I share with that man.  
The Class of 2000 and so many more will miss you dearly. God speed coach.

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**Sam Walker** - June 28, 2023 at 09:11 PM

LS

“ Becky, Ginny, Larry, and family.....I'm so sorry to hear of Bubba's passing. So many memories of when we were kids. Just know you all are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Lana Stewart** - June 28, 2023 at 07:16 PM

SR

“ It was so special to work with Libby at Gibbs and then work with Bubba at Mance Park. You raised a fine man Libby. He will be missed. I will keep your family in my prayers. God is welcoming a new baseball coach into Heaven.

Susan Retzlaff - June 28, 2023 at 07:14 PM

KB

My two sons, John Clyde and Cody, were blessed to have Bubba as their coach at Mance Park. We will always remember him fondly, as a special coach who cared about his athletes. Rest in peace, Bubba.

Kay Bayne - June 28, 2023 at 08:58 PM

DS

“ My sincere condolences to John's family. I have many fond memories of him from our time at HHS. He was a great guy. - Debi Doughtie Stephenson

Debra Stephenson - June 28, 2023 at 07:14 PM

MG

“ Libby and family, Larry and I want to offer our deepest condolences to all. Prayers for all. 💕



Martha Grisham - June 28, 2023 at 07:13 PM

JH

“ He was such a sweet man who touched so many peoples life's

Jo Ann Holleman - June 28, 2023 at 07:12 PM

DH

“ *Dianna Holbrook lit a candle in memory of John Garcia*



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**Dianna Holbrook** - June 28, 2023 at 06:31 PM

LH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are for John's family at this sad time. He will be missed by many friends and family.*  
*Lynda Lanier Henry and family*

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**Lynda Henry** - June 28, 2023 at 06:25 PM

DP

“ *My dear friend. Prayers for the family. Lots of great memories. Rest in peace. Love, Donna Sue Robinson Paschall GO HORNETS!*



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**Donna Paschall** - June 28, 2023 at 05:55 PM

TF

“ *Our family has so many wonderful memories with Coach Garcia. Ice cold watermelon, when he got his new car.. I could go on and on!! A true hornet at heart.*  
*We offer our prayers to his family.*  
*We will miss you Bubba!!*

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**The Toney Family** - June 28, 2023 at 05:18 PM

JW

*I knew Bubba through his mother when we taught together at Gibbs Elementary. He always had a bright smile & a hello for everyone. My condolences to the family.*

Julie Woodd - June 28, 2023 at 07:35 PM

TF

“ *The Saldana Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John Garcia.*



The Saldana Family - June 28, 2023 at 05:08 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of John Garcia.*



June 28, 2023 at 05:06 PM

SA

“ *So very sorry to hear of Bubbas death. I will always fondly remember him. Prayers for all the family. he was a hard out!*

steve allbritton - June 28, 2023 at 04:38 PM