



## Christopher Garcia

October 15, 1973 - April 12, 2013

Age 39, a lifelong resident of Albuquerque and Sandia Park, New Mexico passed away April 12, 2013. Chris was born and raised in Sandia Park where he owned the family home on Valle Escondido Road. He attended Albuquerque Academy and University of New Mexico. Chris was an IT specialist for Intuit in Rio Rancho/Tucson, Lucent Technologies and Avaya Corp. in Tucson and Denver. He also worked for Blackrock Network in Los Alamos, the US Forrest Service and Presbyterian Health in Albuquerque. He is survived by his mother, Carol Garcia of Albuquerque; daughters Marrin Smythe of Phoenix, Arizona, Lyla Garcia of Denver, Colorado; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, Sifredo Marcos Garcia and his brother, Michael David Garcia. A Rosary will be recited on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 7:00 pm at FRENCH - Lomas. Mass will be celebrated with Father Granito, Celebrant, at San Antonito Catholic Church, North Highway 14, Sandia Park, on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at 10:00 am. Interment will follow at San Antonito Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

NIKKI REYES (AMEDIO) - April 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *My deepest sympathies for Chris' family and other loved ones. He and I went to academy together. In thinking about Chris and his passing over the past couple of days, the image that keeps popping in my head is his impish grin... Not that thousand-watt smile captured so well in the picture here, but that quieter, bemused, knowing smile. He was gentle hearted. I don't remember him ever making a slicing comment or disparaging remark about anyone. We didn't have many classes together but we shared a senior-year free period and I tagged along for some off-campus hijinks from time to time. Besides good taste in music, bad taste in drive-up food, and a penchant for black clothing, I remember sharing little adventures like exploring some of the storm drain tunnels under the northeast heights-for twenty some years hence he pops into my head when i drive by a particular culvert next to the Blake's on San Mateo. And I remember Chris' warmth, his welcoming nature, his curiosity. And that impish grin.*

Aly Sanchez - April 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *I was saddened to hear of Chris' passing. Holly and I send our deepest condolences to Aunt Carol and the rest of the family.*

martin garcia - April 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SM

“Chris Garcia is well respected amongst his peers as being highly intelligent, perhaps even a little too smart for his own good. Chris had high standards when it came to friendship and loyalty, and he held himself to the highest ideals of "family." He is cherished by his friends, many of them who consider him like a brother, and his mother Carol our "other mother." Chris is known to all the women in his life as the love of their life. They all describe him as a "beautiful man," and unanimously claim that he was the most passionate, romantic, sensitive and loving man they have known. And that he absolutely broke their heart. Chris was a heartbreaker, a lover and a stalwart companion. Chris was an individual, and he had a very rare, very unique mind. He was an extremely talented writer and poet, but his intellect was outweighed only by his heart. Chris never judged, never diminished, never excluded his friends. He always saw the best in people, their highest expression of themselves. Who they were. He gave more to his relationships than he ever got out, and he had no expectation of return. He was always there for a friend in their darkest hour, no matter how unpleasant, or how difficult their circumstances may be. He gave to each of us the security of unconditional love. Of knowing that we not only had a friend, but a brother in arms. It is a testament to Chris's character, that many of us attending are lifelong friends. Chris keeps his friends for a reason. Our hearts go out to Carol, who many of us know as "Mom" and have known since childhood. Carol - thank you for sharing the wonder and beauty and rareness of your son with the rest of us. You raised a beautiful man. And you are doing a fine job of laying to him rest. Nobody else could have done it with the dignity owed to him, but you. Chris was a restless spirit, who could not be tied to this world. He had an insatiable quest for knowledge, and a spiritual drive and ambition. As much as he did not want to leave us, especially his Mom, Chris had places to go. It was always his nature and his dream to explore new worlds, to live up to the highest of ideals, to go on new adventures, to continue his quest. He would not want to grieve, but to notice his absence, to hear his voice, to appreciate the many gifts and surprises he has left behind, but most of all - to remember him as the highest expression of

*himself, and try to incorporate those ideals and standards into ourselves.*

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**Seana Miracle** - April 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *So sorry to hear of our neighbor's untimely passing. Our prayers are with the family and friends mourning this loss.*

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**Jim & Jacque Devenport** - April 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of my cousin Chris. It seems we all just attended not only his father's funeral but also his brother's. He will be missed. Cherish his brief life and all of ours. May he rest in peace and especially look over his mother. Love, Cousin David*

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**David Baldwin** - April 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *On behalf of the French Family of Companies we express our deepest condolences.*

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**Francisco Delgado** - April 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM