



Mr. Saul "Sal" Garcia

February 17, 1966 - June 20, 2016

Mr. Saul "Sal" Garcia, age 50, of Utica, passed away on Monday, June 20, 2016 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with his loving family at his side.

Born in Wareham, Massachusetts on February 17, 1966, Saul was the son of Juan Nieves Garcia and Maria Sustacha. He was raised and educated in Bronx, NY where he attended Grace H. Dodge Vocational High School. After high school, he continued his education at Poricua College where he earned an Associate degree in Health Care Service. A proud veteran, Sal entered the United States Navy Reserve and honorably served for 8 years. He returned to college where he trained in the specialized area of EMT/Field Medical Response. On Christmas Day, December 25, 1999, Sal married the former Naomi Garay with whom he shared 16 years in a loving and balanced union focused on family. In July of 2011, the couple relocated to Utica to be closer to family.

Sal worked as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) with the NYFD/Battalion 17 in the Bronx in conjunction with Lincoln Hospital. Sal was well-suited for his job, and he earned numerous accolades and awards for his life-saving skills and for helping others. He was a courageous man who was a 1st Responder during the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, and his valiant efforts saved countless lives that day.

Sal was a great provider to his family. A loving patriarch, he was smart, humorous, and he truly cared for everyone in his circle of life. He carried

himself with dignity and confidence. He had a straightforward style but balanced it with his warm heart. Sal excelled in every endeavor, and he gave his all — every time. He was a member of the Missionary Church of Christ, 726 Elizabeth Street in Utica.

Sal is survived by his wife Naomi and their children, Ariana, Daisy, Elijah, and Logan; his children and their families, Manny Garcia, Christine Garcia, and Bianca Garcia; his 3 grandchildren; and his parents, Juan and Maria. Sal was also a brother to 11 siblings. He leaves many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and his 12 brothers and sisters-in-law. He was predeceased by many family members, with special mention of his mother-in-law, Carmen Garay.

Visitation will be held on Saturday at 3:00-5:00 with a service at 5:00 and Sunday at 2:00-5:00 with a service at 5:00, all at the Missionary Church of Christ, 726 Elizabeth Street officiated by Rev. Oscar Dones. Interment will take place in Forest Hill Cemetery with Military Honors.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

2201 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2701

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **25**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Missionary Church of Christ
726 Elizabeth St.
Utica, NY 13501

Service

JUN **25**. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

JUN **26**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Utica, NY 13501

Service

JUN **26**. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *My dear Dad, not a day goes by without missing you. So much has happened and I wish you were here to witness it. You have a new son in law named Cristian and a beautiful granddaughter named Monserrat. Save our seats in heaven. I love you so much*

Ariana Garcia-Zapata - January 30 at 09:56 AM