



## Leonardo Guillermo Garcia

February 10, 1965 - April 23, 2025

Leonardo (Leo) Guillermo Garcia, 60, of Northern Virginia, passed away on April 23, 2025,

leaving behind a legacy of love, service, and devotion to his family, his faith, and his community.

Born on February 10th, 1965 in Havana, Cuba, to Leonardo and Angela Garcia, Leo was the

youngest of two children, and leaves behind his older sister, Caridad Rodriguez. At the age of

two, Leo and his family immigrated to the United States, settling in Northern Virginia, where he

would build a life defined by loyalty, humor, and an unwavering commitment to helping others.

Leo attended Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic School, Bishop O'Connell Catholic High School,

and graduated from Oakton High School in 1983. His desire to serve led him to pursue a degree

in Criminal Justice at Northern Virginia Community College, setting the stage for his 30-year

career in law enforcement.

Leo's professional journey began on August 12, 1990, with the Arlington County Police

Department. Leo's dedication to public service was evident in every aspect of his career—from responding to the 9/11 Pentagon attacks to earning three Life Saving Awards. He also served as an instructor at the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Academy, where he mentored future generations of officers. After retiring as a Corporal in 2020, Leo continued to serve his community through his work with the Prince William County Sheriff's Department as a Deputy Sheriff; a position he held until his passing.

But it was his faith, family, and community that truly defined Leo. A devout Catholic, Leo was an active and engaged parishioner at All Saints Catholic Church since 1992. He was a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus and a dedicated participant in the church's Hispanic Ministries. He also served as a Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion and Usher, faithfully supporting his church with humility and dedication.

On September 5th, 1992, Leo married his beloved Zonia Elizabeth Leon-Garcia at Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. Their love story spanned 33 years, marked by laughter, mutual respect, and an unshakable bond. To Zonia, Leo was not just a husband, but her best friend, confidant, and protector. Their relationship was rooted in faith, shared passions, an undying devotion to their children, their family, their many friends, and the

community. Leo often bragged about his wife's strength and kindness, and he took great joy in their shared adventures, including their pilgrimages to the Holy Land and Rome.

Leo is survived by his wife, Zonia; their three children, Andres, Victoria Garcia-Nicoud (and her husband, William Nicoud), and Miguel; and his cherished grandson. Leo's family meant everything to him. Whether it was on vacations to Myrtle Beach, Hilton Head, or Aruba, smoking the Thanksgiving turkey, or simply enjoying a quiet evening together over a bottle of good wine with his beloved wife, Leo was happiest when surrounded by those he loved. He was never able to resist sharing a sweet treat or word of wisdom with his children and would make great efforts to see them smile. He was the family car connoisseur, a die hard-Patriots fan, and movie expert who somehow knew a little bit about everything. Leo's humor was infectious, and his loud laugh and quick jokes brought light and joy to any room. Whether talking about his family history or honoring his parents, Leo was proud of where he came from and the legacy he was building with the family who he loved so deeply.

A visitation will be held at Pierce Funeral Home on May 6th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on May 7th at 11:00 a.m. at All Saints Catholic Church in

Manassas.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Jude  
Children's Research

Hospital or Catholic Charities in Leo's memory.

Isaiah 55:8-9: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my  
ways- oracle of the

Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher  
than your ways, my

thoughts higher than your thoughts.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
pfh@piercefh.com  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

All Saints Catholic Church  
9300 Stonewall Rd  
Manassas, VA 20110-2566  
(703) 368-4500

# Tribute Wall

DD

“ I met Leo through his parents 30 years ago, and it was always my blessing to know him. Honorable, attentive, loyal, respectful, dependable, inspiring and always willing to lend a hand, never an unkind word against anybody. It will be an honor to see him again to compare notes about our sojourn on earth.

Dylan DEARDORFF - May 07, 2025 at 05:51 PM

RF

“ Ramírez Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Leonardo Guillermo Garcia.



Ramírez Family - May 06, 2025 at 02:39 PM

LM

“ Love you, Ann Addison Mengucci purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Leonardo Guillermo Garcia.



Love you, Ann Addison Mengucci - May 06, 2025 at 11:54 AM

MP

“ You are the greatest "brother" Godfather, Uncle and friend we could have ever asked for. We treasure every single moment we got to share with you in your 55 year friendship with Jim and each relationship you had with Marilyn, Michelle, Andrew and Angie. We will miss you immensely and we're better people for having you in our lives! Love you Leo- Marilyn Jim Angie Procaccini and Michelle Andrew and Lainey Yost - until we meet again - rest easy. We love you. To Zonia, Andy, Miguel, Vic and Will- we will hold you in our hearts and prayers forever and we will carry Leo's light with you and always keep his legacy and life with each of us. Love each of you

Marilyn Procaccini - May 06, 2025 at 09:56 AM

BM

“ Leo was always a joy to work with, a great officer and a great friend, and he taught me so much. I'm so sorry for your loss.



Bridget Meyer - May 05, 2025 at 04:56 PM

LT

“ Love Josh and Mary Thompson purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Leonardo Guillermo Garcia.



Love Josh and Mary Thompson - May 05, 2025 at 01:34 PM

AF

“ Arlington Co. PD Friends & Family Fund purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Leonardo Guillermo Garcia.



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**Arlington Co. PD Friends & Family Fund** - May 05, 2025 at 01:04 PM

CM

“ Chris & Jessica Murphy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Leonardo Guillermo Garcia.



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**Chris & Jessica Murphy** - May 05, 2025 at 12:29 PM

CC

“ Chris and Liz Corry purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Leonardo Guillermo Garcia.



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**Chris and Liz Corry** - May 05, 2025 at 10:53 AM

SM

“ Secretariado de MCC purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Leonardo Guillermo Garcia.



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**Secretariado de MCC** - May 05, 2025 at 08:59 AM

TS

“ Love you Leo!will miss you till we meet again Brother!!



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**Tim Smith** - May 04, 2025 at 11:48 PM

MR

“ Michael and Christine Reynolds purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Leonardo Guillermo Garcia.



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**Michael and Christine Reynolds** - May 04, 2025 at 11:09 PM

CE

“ I will forever miss you, Leo (E250/E350). Words can hardly express what you meant to me and the profound impact you had on my life and career with ACPD. You were so much more than an FTO, co-worker, or friend—you were a father figure away from home.

*You led with compassion, integrity, and a quiet strength that lifted those around you. The way you spoke with pride and love about your wife and children showed just how deeply you cared for your family—and how deeply you cared for all of us. Your presence was grounding, your wisdom unmatched, and your laughter unforgettable.*

*I'll always carry with me the lessons you taught, the advice you offered, and the light-hearted moments we shared. You were an earth angel in every sense, and I'm forever grateful to have had you in my life.*

*Rest easy, E250/E350 #955. You are deeply loved and will never be forgotten. ❤️❤️💙❤️❤️*



Cpl. Detra Bozeman ACPD#1553/ E150 - May 04, 2025 at 07:56 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Leonardo Guillermo Garcia.



May 04, 2025 at 09:59 AM

PD

“ Sincere condolences for your very profound loss! I wish you and your family peace and a way forward! Patrick Darrow, Dale Edwards

Patrick Darrow - May 03, 2025 at 01:55 AM

SC

Leo, So many warm memories of our youth. Afternoons after school in Culmore apts at your parents house with Cary , Angellita your mom, Esther and your grandma Finita. Reunited with them now at our heavenly destination. Condolences to Zonia, Andres , Victoria , Miguel , Cary and family. Thank you for you service to our community! May God give your family his Peace. Silvia y Jorge Campana

Silvia Campana - May 06, 2025 at 10:33 AM

BR

“ I was so sorry to hear of Leo’s passing. He was truly one of the nicest people I know. I enjoyed our time working together on the CBPOP team, he was the epitome of a community police officer.

Bonnie Regan - May 02, 2025 at 07:43 PM

JR

“ John Wood and RTG purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Leonardo Guillermo Garcia.



John Wood and RTG - May 01, 2025 at 10:02 PM

KA

“ Very sad to hear of Leo’s passing. From running at the W&L track after evening shift to many conversation about family, he was always kind with everyone he came across. My prayers are with the family and may he rest in peace.

Kamran Afzal - May 01, 2025 at 08:02 PM

LR

“ Lisa, Barb and Ric purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Leonardo Guillermo Garcia.



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**Lisa, Barb and Ric** - May 01, 2025 at 06:02 PM

MT

“ Zonia, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Was so sorry to hear of your loss.

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**Mary Thomas** - May 01, 2025 at 05:07 PM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Leonardo Guillermo Garcia.



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May 01, 2025 at 04:33 PM

MR

“ I feel so sad to know that Leo passed away. I remember him laughing all the time when we worked together at Fresh Value Supermarket back in 1986 and 1987, where he started dating his beloved wife. May he rest in peace.

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**Mary Rodriguez** - May 01, 2025 at 04:09 PM

JW

“ Jess W purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Leonardo Guillermo Garcia.



Jess W - May 01, 2025 at 03:32 PM

JF

“ I was very saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Leo. He was one of those rare folks who consistently saw the positive and brought joy to his squad. He was a supervisor's model employee, a highly motivated and dedicated team member who brought joy to all he met.

Jay Farr - May 01, 2025 at 02:53 PM

RH

“ Zonia and family. I'm so very sorry for your loss. Keeping all of you in prayer

Rob Heltzel - May 01, 2025 at 02:12 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Leonardo Guillermo Garcia.



May 01, 2025 at 01:50 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Tribute wall



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**Matt Spinosa** - May 01, 2025 at 12:38 PM



“ Jeff T. purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Leonardo Guillermo Garcia.



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**Jeff T.** - May 01, 2025 at 10:05 AM



“ Mitch and Colleen Auerbach purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Leonardo Guillermo Garcia.



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**Mitch and Colleen Auerbach** - May 01, 2025 at 08:52 AM

MA

“ Sorry to hear the news of your passing old friend. I have fond memories of going to the movies, hanging out with you and the guys, playing football, playing video games, just being kids. Rest in peace. The Auerbachs (Mitch)

Mitch Auerbach - May 01, 2025 at 08:46 AM

LG

“ Love, The Guertins purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Leonardo Guillermo Garcia.



Love, The Guertins - April 30, 2025 at 09:31 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leonardo Guillermo Garcia.



April 30, 2025 at 03:49 PM

JP

“ Leo was a great person. Always had a smile, enjoyed a good joke and didn't become flustered with things at work. He was a pleasure to work with, and I will miss him greatly.

Janice Peacemaker - April 30, 2025 at 03:32 PM

VB

*Leo was like a fine bourdon/wine! Something you always appreciate and remember forever! Never judgmental but filled with love and laughter. The Lord is truly blessed to be with his child. Leo, you are in our hearts always! Love Chuck and Vanessa Braun*

**Vanessa Vega Braun** - April 30, 2025 at 06:43 PM

LB

*Zonia and Family, Leo was such an amazing person. He loved his family fiercely and his friends. He was such a joy to be around. He had so much knowledge about so many things. I remember walking down the streets of New Orleans and he is telling story after story about the history. My youngest son was listening to every word. He will be missed by all who knew him. 🙏🙏💔💔*

**Lisa Babin** - May 01, 2025 at 06:08 PM