



# Benjamin Garcia

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## In loving memory of Benjamin Garcia

Benjamin Rivera Garcia, of Cornelius, born January 29, 1944, in Puerto Rico, went to be with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on January 29, 2026, his 82nd birthday. He passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, after a long battle with dementia.

Ben grew up in New York City and moved to Long Island in 1978, where he and Millie raised their family. He earned an associate's degree and was a proud veteran of the US Navy, where he served on the USS Enterprise from 1963 to 1965, followed by two years in the reserves.

Ben devoted 25 years to the FDNY, serving the people of New York City as a brave firefighter and retiring as a decorated Lieutenant in 1998. During his career, he had the honor and privilege of serving with Engine 82, recognized as the busiest firehouse in the world. He loved the excitement, the camaraderie, and the opportunity to save lives. After retiring, he and his wife moved to Cornelius, NC in 2001.

Above all else, Ben was a loving husband, devoted father, and adoring grandfather. He was always encouraging, playful, and full of joy. He loved the Lord deeply, studying and teaching God's Word, sharing his faith with family and friends, and faithfully leading his family spiritually. He was a sweet and kind man, known for his warm smile, quick laugh, down-to-earth nature, and trademark dimples.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin and Inez; his brother Hector; his son Michael Garcia (Shelia), and his grandchildren Hannah and Sean.

Ben is survived by his devoted wife of 55 years, Millie; their loving children, Joanne Findley (Kelly), Ben Garcia (Christina), and Priscilla McConnell (Brandon); and his son Eric; 19



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grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; and his brothers Julio, Eddie, and Carlos.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Samaritan's Purse. <https://www.samaritanspurse.org>

Services will be held at James Funeral Home, located at 10520 Arahova Drive, Huntersville, NC, on Sunday, February 15th at 1PM. The service will be available to watch via Livestream. A reception will follow in the James Funeral Home Community Room.

James Funeral Home of Huntersville is serving the family.




# Events


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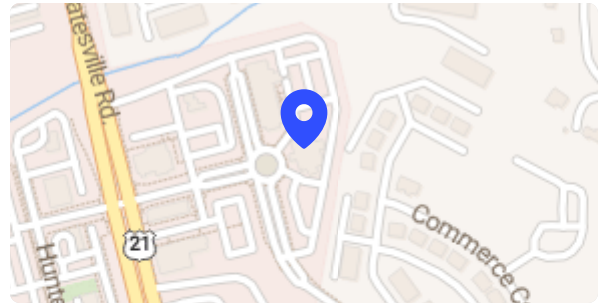
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## Memorial Service

 **Sunday**, February 15, 2026

 1:00 PM ET

 **James Funeral Home**  
10520 Arahova Dr, Huntersville NC 28078





# Tribute Wall

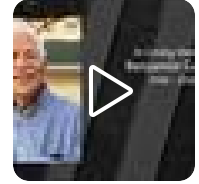
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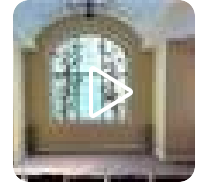
**James Funeral Home** shared a **Video**.

February 15 at 1:51 PM



**James Funeral Home** shared a **Webcast Video**.

February 14 at 3:47 PM



**Carlos G. Jr.** lit a candle in honor of Benjamin.

To my Uncle Benny, I was truly sorry that I couldn't attend in person and missed your beautiful tribute. Even from afar, it was clear how deeply you were loved, and how much love and care you gave to your family throughout your life. Thank you for being part of my life as I grew up. I will always cherish that. I know how much you meant to my father, and I am grateful for what you meant not only to him, but to me as well. And yes — I truly did always brag to my high school classmates in the Bronx and even to my coworkers at 277 Park Avenue that I had an uncle who was the very best firefighter in New York City. I am still so proud of you. Thank you for your life, your service, and your legacy. With love, Carlos Carlos Jr.



February 17 at 12:05 PM



**Rick Martinez** posted:

I will always remember us watching dumb and dumber as a family in the living room. A funny part in the movie just had happened and the next scene had started. The room was silent and out of nowhere uncle Ben started laughing. The sound of his laughter filled the room. Every time I think of that day I smile.

February 17 at 10:15 AM



**Ronnie A** lit a candle in honor of Benjamin.

To my Uncle Benny, May God continue to bless you as you enter the kingdom of God, and reunite with your family. I love you! Your niece, Lissy Garcia



February 15 at 3:04 PM



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**Carlos Garcia** shared 4 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My brother lived a full life and I was lucky enough to share many memories with him. We also had a good time together and I will always be grateful for the time we had. He wasn't just my brother, he was my friend. I love and miss you.

January 30 at 8:42 PM



**Carlos G.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Benjamin.

February 15 at 12:09 PM



**Nancy Negrón** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

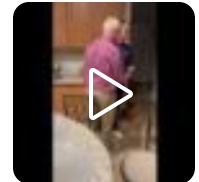
Tio Benny was always ready for a good laugh. Here we are cracking up, not sure we knew about what. We just laughed and enjoyed time together. David Negrón

February 15 at 12:04 PM



**Nancy Negrón** shared a video to the **Nice dance moves.** album.

February 14 at 5:14 PM



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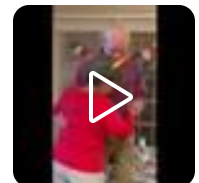
Benny, a good guy who will surely be missed. Cuco

February 14 at 5:12 PM



**Nancy Negrón** shared an album called **Nice dance moves..**

February 14 at 4:19 PM





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**Terri Broome** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Garcia family.



February 14 at 10:51 AM



**Tina Hopkins** posted:

When me and my husband moved to Cornelius in 2003, Millie and Ben welcomed us with open hearts to the neighborhood. I have always loved and admired Ben's calming and caring spirit and I know he is now blessed with ever-lasting peace (along with my husband). - Your Forever Friend - Tina Hopkins

February 7 at 11:03 AM



**Nancy Negron** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Benny was there to support me as I began my walk with Jesus, through baptism, and I knew I could count on him to guide me throughout my transformative Christian faith journey, because he walked the talk and led by example.

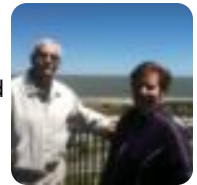


February 5 at 9:03 PM



**Nancy Negron** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Tio Benny, as we lovingly called him, was my spiritual father. He led me to my Lord and Savior Jesus. He shared about God's unconditional love for me, not just with his words, but with his way of life. He stressed that God's redemption was free and there was nothing I could do to earn that immense gift of salvation. It truly transformed my life and I'm forever grateful!!



February 5 at 8:25 PM



**Nancy Negron** shared an album called **Sweet memories.**



January 30 at 8:42 PM



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**Dominic Garcia** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



I'll always remember the summers going to North Carolina growing up for our Garcia family get together. Abuelo was always cracking jokes and messing with everyone, always had a smile on his face making people laugh. The cherry on top was getting to ride that lawn-mower around the yard haha. Love you Abuelo ❤️, I know you and dad are cracking each other up in heaven.

February 5 at 12:49 PM



**Jacqueline Morales** posted:

The fondest memory I have of my Uncle Benny (and the one I will carry forever) is his wonderful sense of humor. Always wearing that warm smile on his face, just like in this picture, is how I will always remember him. He was an incredible human being and a devoted servant of the Lord. As a little girl, I spent time in Long Island with him and his beautiful family; memories I now treasure more than ever. I can still picture the sound of the organ in the house and Uncle Benny reading scriptures to my sister, Lissy and me, planting seeds of faith and love so gently. He was a firefighter, and for a time the firehouse he served was in the same district where I worked. Every so often, he would stop by my office just to check on me and make sure everything was good with the family. If an elevator alarm went off in the building, he would make a point to come up to my floor just to say hello. Seeing him walk in wearing his full uniform always caught everyone's attention, but what filled my heart most was the pride I felt in my uncle and the selfless life he lived. That was simply who he was: selfless, giving, and deeply spiritual. I love you dearly, Uncle Ben. I find peace knowing you are in a better place, and I will carry your love, faith, and joy in my heart always. ☐☐

February 4 at 3:39 PM



**Shelia G.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Benjamin.



January 31 at 2:04 PM



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**Eduardo Portocarrero** posted:

Familia querida Dios les bendiga y les de la fortaleza para estas momentos de la perdida de TIO BENJAMIN, Diana y yo Eduardo ( esposo) me recuerdo mucho la visita de los dos bellos esposos Benjamín y Millie nos visitaron en NY ( El bronx ) y Tio Ben me dio las gracias por hacerla Feliz a su sobrina Diana y q la queria como su hija y q sobre y q sobretodo q yo era un hombre de Dios Y la ultima ves fue en su casa en Las Carolinas paseando por el Lago en fam . Todos sentimos una tristeza y mas la fam PERO ES UNA ALEGRIA EN CIELO PARA SUS ANGELES POR Q HAY FIESTA EN LOS CIELOS POR SU LLEGADA . Solo agarremonos de Dios EL ES FIEL !! Y volveremos a verlo a Tio Benjamín. Abrazos y nuestras mas sentidas condolencias familia querida. Les Amamos. Eduardo y Diana . 🙏🙏❤️👍

January 31 at 1:52 PM

DP

**Diana Portocarrero** posted:

I remember when I was a little girl and he would take me to his home and I would play with Joann and Micheal. When my dad die he was with me, I will miss him

January 30 at 9:14 PM

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**Stephen Findley** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



January 30 at 8:42 PM



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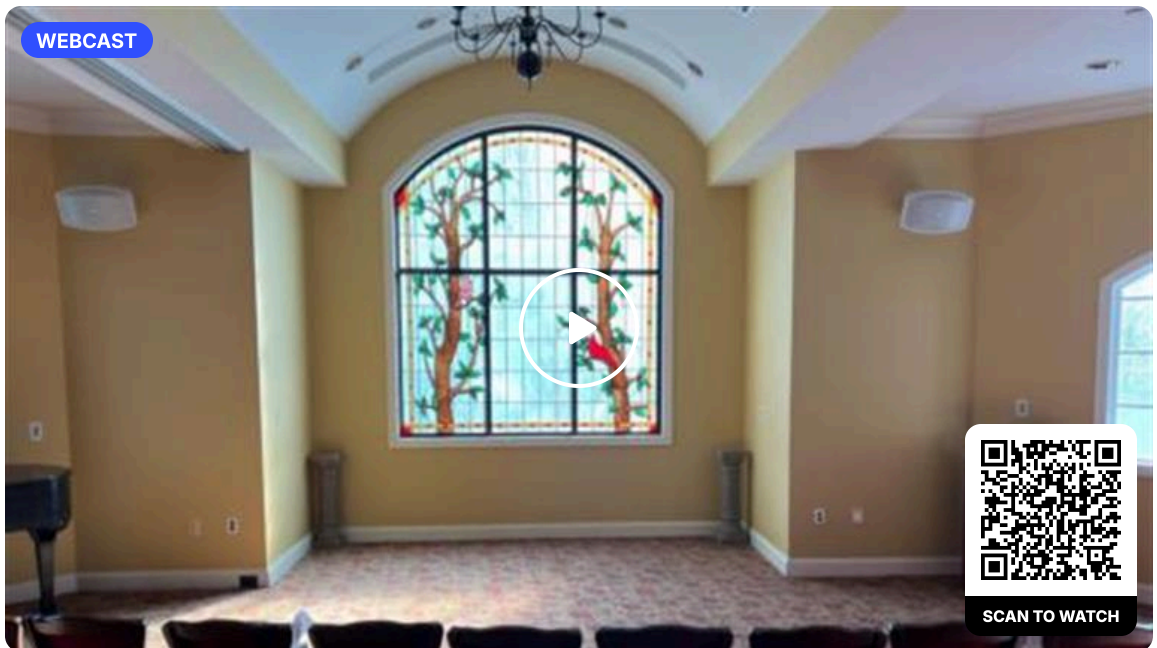
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Nancy Negron shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

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Nancy Negron shared a video to the **Nice dance moves.** album.

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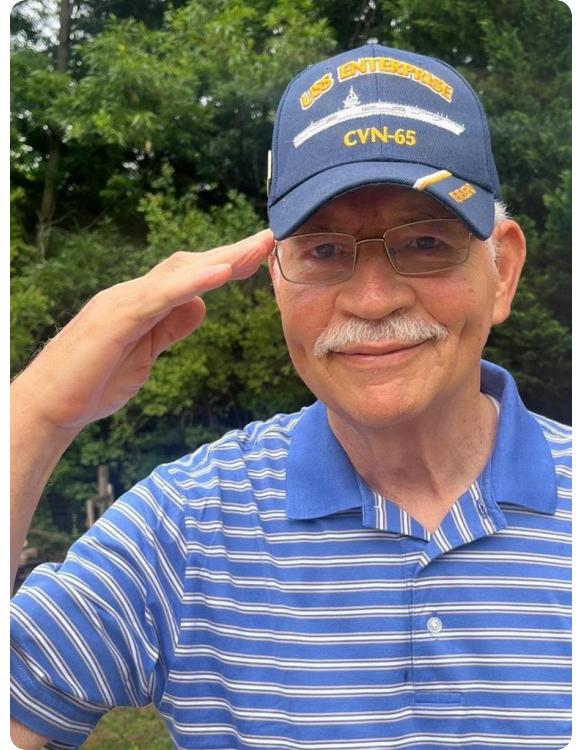
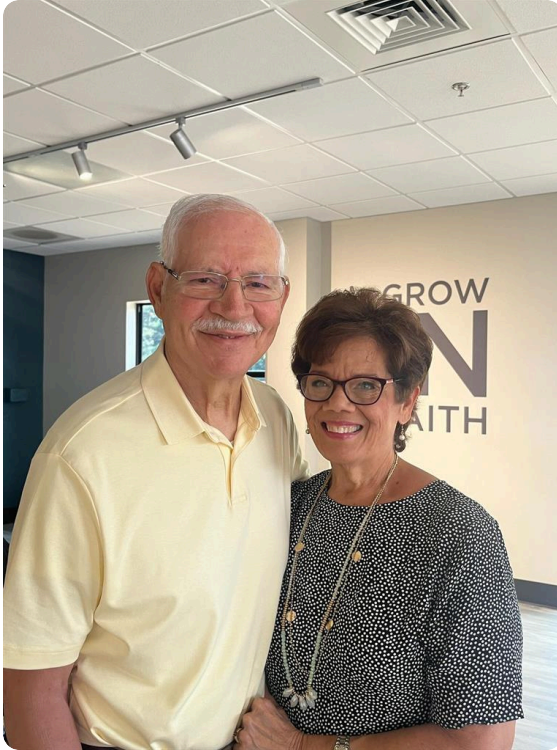
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Nancy Negron shared 18 photos to the **Sweet memories** album.

February 5 at 7:42 PM



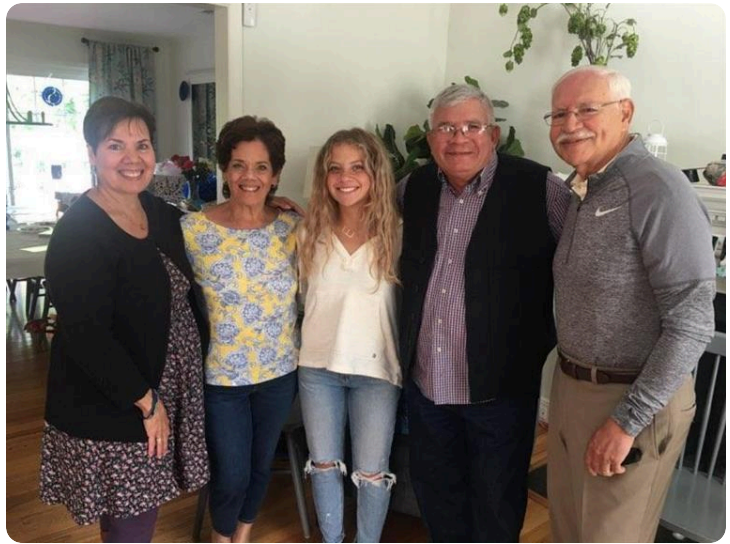




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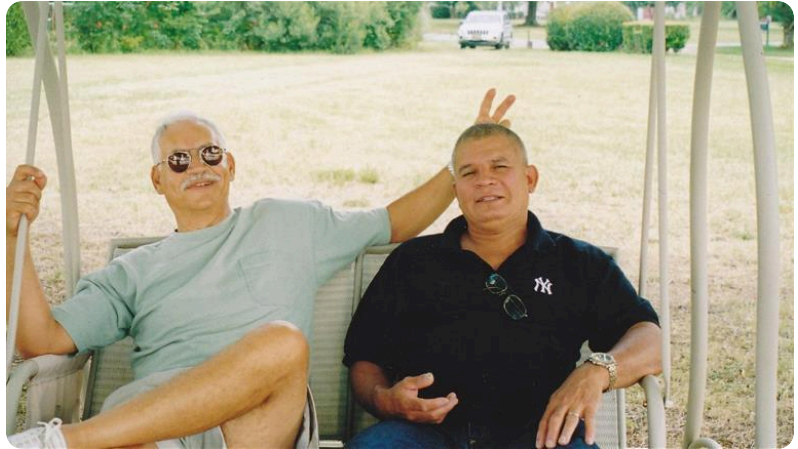




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# Memories only last if you share them

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



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