



# Norma Lucia Garcia

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GP

**Greenwood Memorial Park** posted:

Thelma, Our memories we have will be cherished in my heart forever. The laughter; our talks; our drives; our trips. My Family and I are so blessed to have had Dad and you in our lives for so many years. Celebrate your new life! "Louise"

August 12 at 5:00 PM

JS

**James Singer** posted:

Grams- Lub you!

June 19 at 5:00 PM

AM

**Ashley Singer (Mcnally)** posted:

Grandma- You are so special to me. I thought I wouldn't survive without you but I know that's not what you would have wanted. I could hear you saying, " Ashley, don't be silly I am here with you now and we will meet again!" I treasure all our memories from childhood to now into adulthood! I am so glad that you were my grandma I couldn't have asked for anyone better! I love you always, until we meet again...

June 19 at 5:00 PM

PS

**Paityn Singer** posted:

Grams- Thank you for always giving me peanut butter and crackers at your house! I wish you could come back. I love you! So lucky you are my grams!

June 19 at 5:00 PM



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NR

**Norwin Rosner** posted:

Fifty years of friendship with Norma and her family and with my family were years of achievement, adventure and great pleasure. Musically, Norma and I built a very creditable fifth and sixth grade chorus at Paradise Hills Elementary School and later we extended our love of music to several years of attending the San Diego Symphony. Away from school we loved eating out together and also loved playing cards as often as possible. Best of all was our love for traveling, especially trips to Canada, Hawaii and Spain. One memory I will never forget was going to breakfast in Spain one morning. Norma ordered scrambled eggs ? the chef did not know what it was. With her great command of Spanish, she pushed her way into the kitchen and said, ?I'll show you how to scramble eggs.? She did and the cooks cheered. The unexpected was the norm for Norma and she left a huge emptiness in my heart. – ?Uncle? Norwin Rosner

October 22 at 5:00 PM

SB

**Stefanie (Wagstaff) Becker** posted:

Mrs. Garcia was one of the most wonderful teachers – those of us who were her pupils, are so, so fortunate. My prayers go to the Garcia family, and you should know her love and passion for teaching lives on in so many awesome people... Stefanie (Wagstaff) Becker

September 23 at 5:00 PM

CB

**Carly Baldwin** posted:

I have so many great memories with Norma!! I have had the pleasure of growing up with her grand daughters (whom I adore) and being raised by a second Mom and friend Norma' s daughter Sylvia, who has always treated me as her own. So many times I have been invited to, dinner, movie nights, game nights, Christmas cookie making parties, birthdays, celebrations, and so many more fun things, where I got to spend quality time with Norma. We had so many great conversations and laughs. I could really talk to her about anything, and I knew she was always gonna give it to me straight! One of my all time favorite things to do with Norma, was play Head and foot which is probably my favorite card game ever (thanks to the teachings of Norma, Sylvia ,Tash and Ash). We could sit and play for hours. Just enjoying each others company as the time past without a care. It will not be easy with Norma gone, but one thing I know for sure, is that her beautiful legacy will live on in her children and granddaughters, because they are all just as beautiful as she was. Love and miss you Norma, May you rest in peace!!! Xoxo Carly!!

September 18 at 5:00 PM



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**Tasha Daluperit** posted:

Grandma i love you from the bottom of my heart! I miss you more every day. I think about you in my daily activities and wish you were still with us to go on our fun adventures that we used to go on. Your spirit will always be in my heart and you and grandpa and lita and poppa will be watching over us all. I love you grandma!

September 17 at 5:00 PM



**Jeremiah Daluperit** posted:

Well Grandma you will be deeply missed we had a lot of good times. Your grandson in law

September 17 at 5:00 PM



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JL

**Judie Levenson** posted:

The day Norma & family moved in next door to me, I brought over a homemade banana bread. That was the beginning of a beautiful and long lasting friendship we enjoyed since they moved in at 9121 Brier Road La Mesa in the early 1970's. We had a lot in common. We both worked for San Diego Unified School District as teachers. We both loved music: she was a pianist, and I loved to sing. We both loved animals. When they moved next to me, they brought with them 4-5 pekinese dogs . Her favorite was Sable which had a very loud shrill cry. We enjoyed being with her family, and celebrated holidays, birthdays, and other events that are part of life. We were close to her family, and extended family as well. We were Jewish, and they were of Mexican American decent and of the Catholic faith. We were so close, that we were like family. We enjoyed our traditions, along with theirs. Our mothers became very close friends as well. Through all of what life has to offer, we shared together. One of the fun things we enjoyed was the July fourth celebration on Brier Road. We all participated in the parade with our playing an instrument, singing, whatever our talents were. Our picnic afterward was the celebration all our neighbors shared together. I remember when Norma worked all day long, and then went to San Diego State University at night for advanced degrees. I remember her musical gifts helped her to be in charge of many school programs. I remember during political elections discussing the issues to get her opinion of it all. Our discussions proved very invaluable to me. I remember Norma sitting down at her piano playing Christmas carols, and accompanying whomever wanted to participate. Likewise, we celebrated Chanukah making and eating Latkes (potato pancakes). We learned to appreciate each other's culture. It made me a better person. Norma loved going to a book club on Brier Road. That was so important to her. She also made me aware of The San Diego Tax payer's Association related to proposition 13, and keeping it in tact. Norma had such a beautiful personality. She was intelligent, a loving mother, wonderful friend, the best of teachers, loyal wife, a great mentor, a kind person, accepting of other people of all kinds, a great investor buying real estate, high minded, and a loyal friend that I will love forever. I will always love her husband Louis, and their children. I will miss speaking with her, and being with her as a dear friend. She was the essence of all that was good, and she loved the hispanic culture that she was raised in. I hope that I can be as strong as she was, and be a good example to my family as she was to hers. May you rest in peace my dear friend.

August 18 at 5:00 PM

LM

**Lucille Mansfield** posted:

Dear Garcia Family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Your mom was a wonderful person and I know she will be missed. Love and prayers for all of you, Lucille

September 13 at 5:00 PM



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IS

**Ilana Schoonover** posted:

Heartfelt condolences to the family. Mrs. Garcia was a truly wonderful person who I was lucky enough to have as my 6th grade teacher. I can't even think about her without smiling.

September 5 at 5:00 PM

MM

**Megan Mcallister** posted:

Mrs Garcia will truly be missed! My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time. Mrs Garcia was an inspiration to many and I will never forget 6th grade and going to the magnet schools that year. She always motivated me to do my best and to succeed in all that I did.

September 5 at 5:00 PM

GP

**Greenwood Memorial Park** posted:

Norma was always so kind and gentle and caring that all the staff and students at Gage loved her. I worked with her for about 15 years and each of my speech students that had her as a teacher loved her and learned and matured so much in her class influence. Norma had the ability to make everyone she knew feel special. She will be missed and remembered well. Love to her family, Gaetana Patton, Speech Pathologist

September 4 at 5:00 PM

MD

**Margaret O'brien Dilloway** posted:

Mrs. Garcia was one of my all-time favorite teachers. I had her for 5th and 6th grade at Gage, and I'd often go back and chat with her after finishing there. She encouraged me to become a novelist. I will never forget her.

September 4 at 5:00 PM

GP

**Greenwood Memorial Park** posted:

I loved Norma. She was one of the greatest, so inspiring. We used to exchange books. Our grand-daughters took tap dancing together. My heart goes out to the Garcia family. Katherine Cagan

September 3 at 5:00 PM



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**Greenwood Memorial Park** posted:

What I remember most of Norma is how she seemed to have the utmost regard, indeed a special regard for my daughter in her class. I suspect many other parents felt the same way. She will be sorely missed by all of those that felt that they were her special one. Rich Quinlan

September 3 at 5:00 PM

EA

**Eric Ackerman** posted:

Mrs. Garcia was truly one of the most inspirational teachers and one of the most caring persons I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. As a testament, there are a few of us here I noticed from from the class of 1979 who are deeply saddened as well, 34 years ago! Hi D(A)C & K(K)C...

September 2 at 5:00 PM

DC

**Deb (Abel) Crossland** posted:

Mrs. Garcia was one of my all time favorite teachers! She is still my inspiration as I teach my own class. She truly impacted my life. My condolences to her family.

August 31 at 5:00 PM



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**Greenwood Memorial Park** posted:

Dearest Garcia Family: Norma was not a good teacher... she was amongst the very best. I taught with her at Gage for many years and it did not take me long when I arrived to recognize her as a master teacher. Her calm demeanor, clear thinking, practical approach to all things, was a relief at staff meetings. Most importantly, Norma consistently strived to create a classroom where all students thrived. When my own two daughters were each able to learn with her for their 6th grade year, our family knew we had struck gold! In reminiscing with my youngest daughter, Rosalind (now 34) earlier this week, she recalled the notorious Garcia anatomy & dissection unit. She fondly described how Norma got a cow's heart, sauteed it, and offered adventurous students the opportunity to have a taste. My eldest daughter, Katie (now 38) was equally impressed and influenced by this same dissection unit. One time, Katie brought a friend from the class up to our Palomar cabin. The girls just happened to have along their dissection tools. I watched with delight as they skillfully dissected a mouse! Norma was a master at hands on learning, the doing part that kids don't forget. I marveled at how both girls learned an impressive amount of Greek mythology in their 6th grade year, and when they had the opportunity to visit the great art museums in Europe in the years to follow, they had an excellent handle on the stories behind so much of the art. There's more... Norma individualized instruction the Garcia way. If the math, or the reading or any area of the curriculum didn't match the student, Norma created special work suited to the student. Norma's students loved school, they loved learning, and I'll wager that most of them still do. I give my most heartfelt thanks to Norma. She was a grand lady!!!

August 31 at 5:00 PM

SB

**Sandra B** posted:

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I was very blessed that Mrs Garcia was my 6th grade teacher in the mid 70's. She was not only an amazing teacher, but my first mentor. I can honestly say that I would not be the person I am today, if she had not been in my life. She inspired me to work for many years helping youth discover their own potential. I'm sending great sympathy to those who loved her. She will be missed.

August 30 at 5:00 PM

ZG

**Ziva Gottesman** posted:

I had Mrs. Garcia for various topics in the 5th grade back in 1982 at Gage. I'll always remember her as one of my favorite teachers. I'm so sorry for your loss.

August 29 at 5:00 PM



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GP

**Greenwood Memorial Park** posted:

I have been blessed to have many great memories with Norma (and Lou) Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.Love you allRich and Cari Wilson

August 29 at 5:00 PM

KC

**Kristine (Klagge) Collins** posted:

I was blessed to be one of her students in 5th/6th grade at Gage (1978-1979). She's one of my all-time favorite teachers! She had a fabulous sense of humor and was very caring.

August 28 at 5:00 PM

LS

**Laura Scrimsher** posted:

My deepest heartfelt condolences to the family. Mrs. Garcia was a wonderful, caring and supportive teacher and I have many fond memories from my 6th grade year. She called me 'LauraBelle' even though my middle name is Kay. :-)Such a sweet lady, she will be missed.

August 28 at 5:00 PM

DF

**Danielle Gutierrez Fermental** posted:

I had the good fortune to have Mrs. Garcia in the 5th grade at Gage Elementary. She was an incredible teacher, and never forgot a former student's name. She will be missed. My sympathies are with her family.

August 28 at 5:00 PM

KT

**Kathy Courter-Turner** posted:

Our condolences to the family. I remember her from Gage. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.

August 27 at 5:00 PM

YC

**Yvonne Casares** posted:

Anna Marie,Sylvia and Michael,I am so sorry to hear about Tia Norma.May she rest now in Peace.I wish I could be there with you.Please know that if I could I would be.Love to you all,Yvonne Casares

August 27 at 5:00 PM



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TR

**Tammy Roberts** posted:

I worked with Mrs. Garcia as a classroom aide back in the mid 1990s. I remember her as such a caring and inspiring teacher. There is a very special place in heaven for teachers like her!

August 27 at 5:00 PM

SJ

**Sandra Johnson** posted:

I will never forget the warmth, humor and caring of Mrs. Garcia. I a mother of 2 students, Russell and Amy, whom she taught at Gage over 30 years ago. I will never forget her. I was in school at the time to become a social worker and I thought to myself that I wanted to be like her, seeing, enjoying and developing the strengths of each person, children and parents alike. She stood out. She could laugh at herself. My condolences to her family. A great loss. Her spirit carries on in others who learned from her.

August 27 at 5:00 PM

SQ

**Sheila Quinlan** posted:

Sorry for your loss. Mrs. Garcia was by far one of my favorite teachers and I was fortunate to have her for two years in a combo 5th/6th class at Gage. She is a teacher I remember often and think of her as an amazing role model still today at age 39! She will be missed by many for sure.

August 27 at 5:00 PM

SB

**Shirley And Steve Brownell** posted:

Both of our children had the good fortune of being in Mrs Garcia's sixth grade class at Gage. She was a wonderful teacher and mentor to all her students. She inspired so many students to pursue their dreams and aspirations. Our family really enjoyed our time together. We offer our sincere sympathy to her family.

August 27 at 5:00 PM

GW

**Greg Weeks** posted:

My condolences. I heard this from Gayle, who keeps up with some of us old Gage alums. Gage was a special place and Mrs. Garcia (even in my 40s, I can still barely call my teachers by first name) was a major part of that. She touched many people.

August 26 at 5:00 PM



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RL

**Rolanda Lynch** posted:

Dearest Sylvia and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you all were the apples of her eye and what she will watch over until you are with her again. Stick together, and love each other, as you wade through your sorrow. Hugs to you all.

August 26 at 5:00 PM

TL

**Tom And Gayle Lopes** posted:

Dear Anna Marie, Sylvia, Michael and Families, You are in our hearts and prayers. Love, Tom and Gayle

August 26 at 5:00 PM

GP

**Greenwood Memorial Park** posted:

Dear Garcia Family ~ Our sincere condolences on the passing of your mother. We both enjoyed her friendship throughout our years with her at Gage Elementary. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Dick & Kathy Gray

August 26 at 5:00 PM

JM

**Johnny Margolin** posted:

Dear Sylvia, Tasha, Ashley and family. Having been through this recently ourselves, we give our very deepest sympathies. Our only regret was not having met your mother, only hearing some wonderful stories, and about the great fight for her survival. Please let us know if we can be of any help. Love, Johnny, Preston & Connor Margolin – BBQRANCH

August 20 at 5:00 PM

GL

**George/Anna Marie Linder** posted:

You will ALWAYS be in our Hearts & Thoughts each day..... Luv you Mucho, George and Anna Marie

August 18 at 5:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

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