Daneri Mortuary

Eliseo Garcia

(February 13, 1931 - June 10, 2013)

Eliseo Garcia, age 82, of Dayton, NV, passed away Monday, June 10, 2013 in Jackson. Eliseo was born in Albequerque, NM on February 13, 1931, a son of the late Flora Mae (Flores) and Juan L Garcia. At age 14 Eliseo with his father's permission joined the US Army, by age 17 he was the most decorated soldier in the Korean Conflict. Eliseo was celebrated for his heroism as the Grand Marshall in the 1951 Armistice Day parade and was awarded the key to the city of Sacramento. A few years later on May 29, 1969 Master Sergeant Eliseo Garcia received a letter from California's then Governor Ronald Reagan acknowledging his commitment and courage during both the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. Throughout his military service Eliseo received the Distinguished Service Cross, 3 Silver Stars, 4 Bronze Stars, 5 Purple Hearts and 2 combat Infantry Badges. Eliseo retired as a Command Sergeant Major from the US Army in 1972. During his time of service he became a Pastor, attended night school taking college courses and correspondence classes earning his degree in Theology and the study of Astronomy.

Eliseo married Peggy Jo April 16, 1955 in Tacoma WA; shortly after marriage he was transferred to Fort Ord CA where they would begin their family. During the next several years Eliseo would transfer within the United States and Germany until 1966 when they moved to Sacramento and Eliseo became the Sergeant Major in charge of the reserves prior to his retirement in 1972. In 1990 the family moved to Klamath because of Eliseo's desire to become a C1 correctional officer at Pelican Bay State Prison, where he was highly respected by his peers and the inmates until his retirement in 2004. Eliseo had written the book, "Youth in War" and was in the process of writing a second book about "Revelations". There were several years when Eliseo taught an afterschool program at Bess Maxwell Elementary. Eliseo spoke seven languages and was most recently learning Hebrew.

Eliseo was a very driven man in his faith in God, work ethic, and his family. He took his family on annual camping trips with a military adventure. It was important to him that his children have the necessary survival skills and camping trips were the best time to teach them.

Eliseo loved playing baseball and basketball with his grandchildren. He was a practical jokester and loved pranking people, he had a tremendous sense of humor.

Eliseo is survived by his wife of 58 years, Peggy Jo Garcia; children, Lee, and his wife, Mary Lou Garcia, of Sultan, WA, Darlene Rose, and her husband, Richard Crider, of Marysville, WA, Shirley Ann, and her husband, Michael Tavares, of Volcano, CA; Linda Christene, and her husband, Paul Garcia-DeMeo, of Cresent City, CA; Nathan Thomas, and his wife Maribel Marie Garcia, of Dayton, NV; brother, Raymond Garcia of Sacramento, CA; grandchildren, Matthew Troy Garcia of Sacramento, David Richard Crider of Marysville, WA, Esther Arlene Crider of Marysville, WA, Michael Ruben Garcia, Stephanie Ann Tavares, Sabrina Madeline Tavares, all of Volcano, CA, Sgt. Rogeilio Eliseo Jaramillo of North Carolina, Monique Christene Hale of Eureka, CA, Melissa Ann Jaramillo of Marysville, WA, Nathan Thomas Garcia II, Gabriel W. Garcia, Justin Lee Garcia, Daniel Raymond Garcia, Elizabeth Marie Garcia; great grandfather of 8 and one on the way.

Friends are invited to attend a graveside service Friday, June 21, 2013, 11:00 AM at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Sacramento. Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Fund, 4899 Belfort Rd Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256.