Adam García, American Hero

Irving soldier, killed in Iraq, a protector to the end

Recently I saw someone on television talking about her late husband. She looked out on the audience and told them how sorry she was that they did not know her husband. As I watched, I completely understood her emotion. That is the way I feel about the loss of my friend's son, Adam García. I am sad that such a wonderful young man is gone and I feel bad for all who will never know him.

Adam was shot in Iraq on May 22 and was moved to Germany where he died on May 27 with his family at his side. He was born on July 5, 1985 and died Memorial Day weekend.

J. Adán "Adam" García was born in El Paso, Texas and moved to the Valley Ranch area of Irving in 1996. As a child, he loved being outside, playing or riding his bike. "He loved being outdoors, getting messy—all the boy things. It was kind of exhausting for me, because I'm kind of prissy," his mother, Cynthia García, recalled.

His father's business prompted the move to this area just as Adam was about to enter sixth grade. "He was scared, but excited," his mother said. "I told him that it was a good time to start a new school because the school would be new to everyone and that he would make friends soon—and he did. He made friends very quickly."

He started playing trombone at that time. When he started, he was too little for his arms to be able to stretch out to get to the last note, but he grew into the instrument, playing all through middle school and high school, winning several awards and developing an abiding love for music. He played in the band at the Rose Bowl in 2001.

Adam was also a good friend, maintaining strong emotional ties with his school friends even though they were miles apart. And he was a romantic. He once took 11 roses to his girlfriend's home and propped them against her mirror. Then he told her to look at her reflection in the mirror and she would see a dozen roses—she would be the twelfth.

His warmth, dependability and faith were also enjoyed by his squad in Iraq. In a letter written to the family, Staff Sergeant Wiegrefe told them how Adam "brought so much energy, enthusiasm and personality to the team and was just fun to be around. Everyone here loved him...[He] was one of the soldiers who frequently volunteered to lead us in saying a prayer."

Adam was a protector, a trait that grew stronger as he grew older. His little sister Danielle said, "I always knew Adam would take care of me. I feel like he is still taking care of me." His desire to protect others and be of service was demonstrated when he was very young. His two goals were to enter the army after high school and eventually become a police officer, preferably a S.W.A.T. officer. Adam's father, Joe García, was a police officer and remembered how much Adam "loved coming to the police station with his mother to see me when he was little."

He was a brave protector to the end. Wiegrefe's letter described Adam's last actions: "I want you to know that Specialist Garcia demonstrated extreme bravery that day. One of his fellow soldiers in another vehicle was taking fire. Your son could have taken cover inside our vehicle, but he didn’t like that. Instead, without hesitation, he manned his weapon and prepared to defend that soldier. When our vehicle started taking fire, I immediately turned and grabbed him to pull him into the vehicle but it was already too late."

When Adam died, his mother told me that she just did not want...
Corporal J. Adan "Adam" Garcia

1985 to 2006 - In Memoriam

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http://www.j-adam-garcia.com/
On May 27, 2006, Cpl. J. Adan "Adam" Garcia, 20, died from a gunshot wound he sustained on the battlefield in Iraq while serving with the United States Army.

This website is dedicated to Adam's fellow soldiers of the Army's 10th Mountain Division and all who have served and continue to serve our country in Iraq.

Adam was proud to be a soldier and wholeheartedly believed in his mission. He displayed great courage and bravery on the day that he was shot. He is a true American Hero.

Adam was born in El Paso, Texas and moved to Irving, Texas when he was 10 years old. He attended Coppell High School, where he played the trombone in the marching band. He graduated in 2003.

The events of 9/11 stoked his desire to do something for his country. While still in high school, he signed up for the U. S. Army under the Delayed Entry Program, and chose to pursue his military training as a Combat Engineer, or "Sapper."

He completed his basic and advanced training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He was subsequently assigned to the 10th Mountain Division in Fort Drum, New York. His unit was deployed to Iraq in August of 2005.

http://www.j-adam-garcia.com/
Adam Garcia - Soldier

Adam was laid to rest on Friday, June 2, 2006 at the Dallas - Fort Worth National Cemetery with full military honors.

Adam leaves behind family and friends who loved him dearly:

- Parents Joe E. & Cynthia L. Garcia of Irving, Texas
- Little sister, Dani, also of Irving, Texas
- Paternal grandparents Emilio and Estella Garcia of Grapevine, Texas
- Maternal grandparents T. J. and Grace Stewart of Harker Heights, Texas
- Robert & Amy Garcia, Armando & Patsy Romero, John Garcia, Laura Jones (aunts & uncles)
- Ricardo & Irma Areu and Hector & Judy Areu (aunts & uncles)
- 11 cousins and 3 second cousins
- Girlfriend: Emily Seeman
- High school buddies: Chandler Alstrin, Chris Flowers, and Brian Hecht

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Obituary, Notices
GARZA, JAVIER, ADRIAN (BUBBA) Our Angel, 23, came to us on 2-7-1983 and went home to the Lord on 6-27-2006. He was brought to life with the physical challenges of being crippled, blind, and having cerebral palsy. He is survived by grand-parents Roman P. & Alicia Garza of Lancaster who were his primary caregivers; mother Nina Hansen; father Hans C. Hansen; brothers Jaimes Hansen & Adrian Williams; aunts Melinda Major & husband Michael, Irene Garza; uncle Roman Garza Jr.; cousins Rick & Ashton Garza, Rebekah Garza, Michael, Matthew, Jagger & Hunter Major Special thanks to Scottish Rite Hospital, Childrens Medical Center, American & Samaritan Hospice, Kela Brown, CNA, and Medical Center at Lancaster for their special care throughout the years. Now in Heaven with the Lord by his side, Bubba can live full and happy - running, seeing, playing, & smiling down on us. Prayer vigil at 2 PM on Wednesday & Mass at 7:30 PM Wednesday at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Lancaster with Rev. Art Mallinson celebrant. Byrum Funeral Home 425 North Dallas Avenue Lancaster (972) 227-2121

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Jacinta Silva Garcia

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Garcia Sr., Jesus J.

GARCIA, JESUS J. SR., He was born October 12, 1917 in Ballinger, TX and passed away October 3, 2006 in Irving, TX. He is preceded in death by his Son, Joe Alejandro Garcia & Sister, Isia G. Medrano. He is survived by his Loving Wife of 61 years, Paula Gonzalez Garcia; Daughters, Aurora G. Guzman, Esmeralda G. Garcia; Sons, Jerome G. Garcia, Jesse J. Garcia Jr.; Daughter-in-law, Mary Selvera Garcia; and 3 grandchildren and 1 sister. He served his country proudly during WW II. As a member of the 101st Screaming Eagles Paratroopers Airborne Division he was part of the D-DAY Invasion on June 6, 1944. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge in Bastonia Belgium. He was the Last Hispanic Paratrooper in the area from his Division. He also served in the US National Guard. Visitation will be held Thursday October 5, 2006 from 10:00AM until 9:00PM with a rosary scheduled for 7:00PM at Gonzalez Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Procession will depart at 9:15AM Friday October 6, 2006 for 10:00AM Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church 5605 Bernal Dr. Dallas, TX 75212. Interment will follow at Calvary Hill Cemetery. Gonzalez Funeral Home and Crematory Stemmons Frwy Near Inwood Rd. (214) 630-5341 www.gonzalezfuneralhome.com

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Gardner, Donald

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GREGG, Donald Gardner

Funeral home: Colonial Funeral Home. Service 12 noon, Monday, November 20, 2006 at Colonial Funeral Home, 8340 Broadway, Fort Worth, Texas. Visitation: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Sunday at Colonial Funeral Home.

IN THE MATTER OF
DONALD GARDNER, Deceased

On June 8, 1927, in Russell, Kansas, Donald Gardner, age 79, married Prairie Evans. They had two children, Robert and Myra. Donald was a member of McKinney Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas, where he was a member of the choir. Donald was buried at Brookside Cemetery, Fort Worth, Texas.

Donald Gardner, age 79, a resident of Irving, Texas, for 51 years, died Thursday, November 16, 2006 in a Dallas hospital. Born

DONALD GARDNER

1927 - 2006
Charles "Charlie" Garrett, Jr., age 81, a lifelong resident of Irving, Texas, died Thursday, November 30, 1925 - 2006.

Dallas, Texas 75247-4228.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 7610 Stemmons Freeway, Suite 600, December 2, 2006 at Donald J. Colonial Funeral Home Chapel, until December 3, 10:00 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Service 11:00 a.m. Saturday, Colonial. A viewing will be held 10:00 to 9:00 p.m. Thursday. Muriel, a life-long member of Colonial Church, eldest daughter of Charley and Rebecca Willmott, was preceded in death by his wife, Ethel Garrett, in 1994. Survivors include daughter, Donna Marie and husband Mike of Colonial, daughter-in-law Linda Garrett and husband Dan of Spring, brother, Kenneth Garrett of Louisiana, and granddaughter, Lindsey Garrett. Daughter Edith Garrett, 81, and husband, Charles P. Garrett, Sr., preceded in death. He was survived by his wife, Ethel Garrett, and daughter, Shari Garrett. He was raised in the Baptist faith. He retired from Texas Instruments and was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. He was a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. He was a veteran of the United States Army.
Garrett, Jeana Renee'

GARRETT, JEANA RENEE' Born April 27, 1961, in Dallas, Texas to James Ray & Bettie Jane Varnon Garrett. Renee' grew up in Dallas, graduated from Samuel High School. She attended East Texas Baptist College, East Texas State University finishing at North Texas State University in Denton. Renee' was employed with Cingular Wireless. She resided in Lewisville, Texas. Renee' was a member of Bethany Baptist Church where she enjoyed the Bible teachings of great Sunday School teachers. She was active in choir and in GA's. Renee' served as GA counselor at Mt. Lebanon affording her a new appreciation of the great teachings she received. Renee' spread sunshine, joy, happiness and a zeal for life wherever she was. She leaves a host of cousins, uncles, aunts and friends. Renee' is survived by her parents, sister: Raylene McKinnon and husband, Robert from Baton Rouge, La.; Brother: Rick Garrett and wife, Lori of Anna, Texas; nieces: Morgan, Lindzi & Lorann; nephews: Garrett & Brannon. She was a devoted daughter, sister and aunt. Funeral services will be at 10:00 A.M. Thursday, May 18, 2006, at Lakeside Baptist Church, 9150 Garland Rd., Dallas, Tx. 75218. Burial will be at 2:30 P.M. in the Miller Grove Cemetery in Hopkins County, with Rev. Gene Jorgenson officiating and Don Jackson directing the music. Pallbearers will be cousins; honorary pallbearers will be the W. W. Samuel High School Class of 1979. , Dignity Memorial

Grove Hill 3920 Samuell Blvd. Dallas (214) 388-8887

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Gates, James A.
GATES, JAMES A. , 69, of Irving, died Friday, June 16, 2006. A Memorial Service will be 10 am, Monday., June 19th at Donnellys Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. For full obituary, please see donnellyscolonial.com.
Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home 606 W. Airport Frwy. Irving TX (972) 579-1313 www.donnellyscolonial.com

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Published in the Dallas Morning News on 6/18/2006.
Gaught, Floyd Wayne

GAUGHT, FLOYD WAYNE, GRAND PRAIRIE-- Floyd Wayne Gaught, 55, a retired transportation operator went to join his mom, dad and the Lord on Monday, May 22, 2006. Funeral services will be held at 10am. Friday; May 26, 2006 at Sonrise Fellowship Church, 625 S. Briery St. in Irving, TX. Burial will follow at Leesburg Cemetery near Pittsburg, Texas. He is survived by his children, Joe Hoffpauir, Lisa Wilson, Marie Garcia and Neill Taylor; (12) grandchildren, (2) great-grandchildren; (1) sister and (6) brothers. Guardian Funeral Home 5704 James Avenue Fort Worth, Texas 76134 (817) 293-8477

Obituaries, Notices
Published in the Dallas Morning News on 5/24/2006.
GIBSON, RAMON, JAMES ALLEN Ramon James Allen Gibson, aka The Silver Fox, took his final flight Wednesday, January 11, 2006, departing Irving, Texas for the Lord's Airport. Ramon was born on December 19, 1923, in Argentina to Raleigh Augustus Gibson and Lucille Snell Gibson, "Rolly" and "Muddie". The family spent many years in Mexico, Central and South America while Raleigh served in the Diplomatic Service of the United States. From an early age Ramon became interested in aviation, meeting and getting to know Anne Morrow, daughter of then United States ambassador to Mexico, and an aviatrix in her own right. She was better known as Mrs. Charles Lindburgh. As Ramon grew up he experienced historical events in Mexico of that time, e.g., the assassination of Leon Troskey, the Russian expatriate; and Mexico's last armed revolution. His interest in aviation grew while he was a cadet at Texas Military Institute in San Antonio, Texas. He decided to pursue an aeronautical engineering degree at the University of Alabama Tuscaloosa where he played freshman basketball. While there he enlisted in the Navy's V-5 program, a precursor to his becoming a naval aviator. He received his Navy Wings, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U. S. Marine Corps in 1944. Ramon served as a reserve flying officer from 1944 to 1974, through three wars - WWII, Korea and Vietnam. He retired with the rank of Colonel as the Commanding Officer of VMF-112. His civilian pursuits led to his work for Chance Vought and to being a test pilot for the Federal Aviation Administration. He tested and certified everything from single engine crop dusters, multi-engine aircraft, both prop and jets, military and civilian, and finally helicopters. Ramon survived his first wife Roslyn, and is survived by his wife Dora Ochoa Gibson. He was a long-time resident of Irving, Texas. Ramon was a man of many talents and artistic skills from painting to writing. In 2004, he authored an autobiographical book, THE WAY I SAW IT, From Fighter Pilot To Test Pilot. Ramon was recognized by his peers for his many professional accomplishments. He was awarded the American Helicopter Society's Feinberg Award in 1977. He was made a Fellow of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots at their Annual Awards Banquet in Los Angeles in September of 2004. Ramon will be deeply missed by his family, friends and neighbors, and former colleagues. Interment with full military honors will be held 1:00 PM Monday, January 23, 2006 at DFW National Cemetery, 2001 Mountain Creek Pkwy, Dallas. Ben F. Brown's Memorial Family Owned Since 1963 707 N. MacArthur Blvd. Irving (972) 254-4242

Obituaries, Notices
Published in the Dallas Morning News on 1/22/2006.
LOUIS GILBERT

Louise Gilbert, of Lewisville, passed away August 17, 2006. She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Jack in 1997. Louise was born on May 21, 1912 in Croweburg, KS.

She is survived by her son Michael Conner and wife Susan of The Colony; brother Gus Hacin of Arma, KS; sister Mary Denny of Pittsburg, KS; four grandchildren; three great grandchildren and also one more on the way.

A memorial service was held Aug. 22 at Brown's Memorial Chapel. There will be an inurnment service at DFW National Cemetery at a later date.
ROY GINN, age 94, a lifelong resident of Dallas, Texas, died Wednesday, December 6, 2006 in Dallas. Roy was born January 22, 1912 in El Paso, Texas. He is survived by his mother, Eva M. de Celas, his father, Roy Lee Ginn Sr., of Chickasha, OK; his older sister, Valarie Hannah; his brother, Eustace; and several nieces and cousins. Memorial contributions may be made to the Brain Injury Association of Texas, 316 West 12th Street, No. 405, Austin, TX 78701.

ROY GINN
Bonnie Mae Grover

GROVER, BONNIE MAE, Born Oct. 24, 1918 to Jessie & Floyd Grover at Wellston, Ok. and passed away Aug. 27, 2006. She is survived by a sister Leanna Fender, Irving; niece and husband Sharon & Shorty Lambright, Irving; great nephew and wife Eugene & Cheryl Lambright, North Richland Hills; a great niece and husband Leanna Lynn & Danny Gammill, Irving; two great great nephews Daniel & Trevor Gammill, Irving. Bonnie graduated from Wellston Ok. High School; Ok. Baptist University in Shawnee, Ok; Blackwood Davis Business College in Ok. City, Ok; and worked on her masters at Ok. A&M. She retired from Government Service in 1977 having worked for the Federal Aviation Administration for most of the time. In 1977, she moved to Irving, to live nearer to her sister and husband Bill Fender, and became a member of First Baptist Church. She was a S.S. teacher, attended Bible Study, Fellowship, and was a WMU worker in Champs, Evergreen, and teacher of English as a second language to people of the countries who cannot speak English. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 29, 2006 at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home from 7-8 PM. Graveside services will be at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, August 30, 2006 at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving with Pastor John Durham officiating. Ben F. Brown's Memorial Family Owned For Over 50 Years 707 N. MacArthur Blvd. Irving (972) 254-4242 www.Brownmem.com

Gonzalez, Jose Elizandro

GONZALEZ,, JOSE ELIZANDRO Beloved Husband, Father, Son, Grandfather and Uncle was born March 23, 1956. He passed away January 15, 2006 in Irving, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Karolina Rico-Gonzalez; sons, Francisco Gonzalez, Jaila Gonzalez, Jose Gonzalez and Maria Martinez; step-daughter, Kristy Fullerton; grandchildren, Adalyn, Alexis and Juliana; brothers, Rolando and Miguel Gonzalez; sisters, Bertha, Rosa, Luz Elena, and Morayma Gonzalez and many other relatives who will all miss him. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 5:00 P.M. Tuesday, January 17, 2006 at the St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church, 5819 W. Pleasant Ridge Rd, Arlington, TX 76016. Interment will be in Cuauhtemoc, Mexico.

Published in the Dallas Morning News on 1/17/2006.
JAMES H. "JIM" GOODMAN


He was born Feb. 26, 1925 in Royse City, TX. He is survived by his wife Nadene Goodman; son Joe Goodman of Virginia Beach, VA; Daughter Virginia Hallmark of Irving; brother Ray Goodman of Garland; sisters Willie Myrtle Stewart of Dallas and Bonnie Lawless of Arlington; 2 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Feb. 7 at Brown's Memorial Chapel. Visitation was Monday. Interment followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens, Irving.
GOODMAN, JAMES H. "JIM", Of Irving, passed away Saturday, February 4, 2006. He was born February 26, 1925 in Royse City, TX. He is survived by his wife Nadene Goodman; son Joe Goodman of Virginia Beach, VA; Daughter Virginia Hallmark of Irving; Brother Ray Goodman of Garland; Sisters Willie Myrtle Stewart of Dallas and Bonnie Lawless of Arlington; 2 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at Browns Memorial Chapel. Visitations will be Monday 7-9 PM. Interment to follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens, Irving, TX. **Ben F. Brown's Memorial Family Owned Since 1963 707 N. MacArthur Blvd. Irving (972) 254-4242**

**Obituary, Notices**
Published in the Dallas Morning News on 2/6/2006.
WILLIAM “WILLIE” E. GOWAN

William

“Willie” E. Gowan, age 72, a resident of Irving for 47 years, died July 18, 2006 in Irving.

Born March 8, 1934 in Heart Butte, Montana, he married Ina Jean Franks on March 9, 1954 in Lake Charles, LA. Preceded in death by his parents, William and Laura Salois Gowan; sister, June Gowan and brother, Bob Gowan, he is survived by his wife Jean; sons, William Gowan, III of Irving and James Gowan and wife Janie of Grand Prairie; daughter, Laura Butcher of Irving, and two grandchildren, Melissa and Daniel Butcher.

Visitation was Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial service was July 21st at Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Dana Norton officiating. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.
MARTIN GREEN
1928 - 2006

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Guess, Leslie Anne

ESS,  LESLIE ANNE (FOWLER) Age 49, a life long resident of Irving, Texas, passed away at her home on Sunday, April 30, 2006. She was born on May 9, 1956 to Clarence and Dorothy Fowler. Leslie graduated from McArthur High School in 1974, and married Michael Guess in 1979. Leslie has been a dedicated letter carrier for the US Postal Service for 20 years serving Mesquite and numerous neighborhoods in South Irving. Survivors include husband Michael Guess; daughter, Jennifer Guess and son Travis Guess of Irving; father Clarence Fowler, uncle Franklin Fowler uncle Winifred Belcher and wife Bobbie all of Terrell; aunt Jewel Fox of Irving; uncle Bill Bevan and wife Betty of Essex, CT; sisters Barbara Radunsky and husband David of Dallas, Susan Oatis and husband Lloyd of Seattle, WA; brother James Fowler and wife Carol of Trophy Club. Visitation will be Wed., May 3rd from 6-8 pm at the Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be 11:00 on Thurs., May 4th at the First Christian Church of Irving. Interment will follow at 2:30 at the Rader Cemetery in Kaufman County. Chism & Smith 129 S. O'Connor Irving (972) 259-7644

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