



## Abelardo Bartolome Garcia

August 24, 1943 - March 17, 2023

Abelardo Bartolome Garcia, "Al", 79, of Lawrenceville, Georgia, and a native of Sage La

Grande, Las Villas, Cuba, passed away peacefully at his home after a brief illness, surrounded by family, on March 17, 2023.

Born on August 24, 1943, in Cuba, Al was the only child of Dagoberto and Carmen Garcia.

Al grew up in Cuba without much money, but developed his lifelong love of going to the movies,

visiting museums, and attending live music concerts, especially jazz. He lived in Cuba until he

was 18 years old and fled as the country was taken over by Communism.

Upon leaving Cuba, Al relocated to Jamaica for several months before moving to New York City

to be with family. While in Jamaica, Al befriended a young, amateur reggae musician named

Bob Marley, who eventually became the famous lead singer of Bob Marley and the Whalers.

It was in New York City that Al took a job as a stock boy in a department store and fell in love

with men's fashion. He quickly worked his way up to becoming a salesperson and remained an

expert in that profession his entire life.

In 1966, Al moved to Miami, Florida, and met and fell in love-at-first-sight with Angela

Hernandez. They were both attending a play at a Catholic school. A year after they met,

Abelardo and Angela were married on August 25, 1967, and would have celebrated their 56th

wedding anniversary later this year.

Al and Angie welcomed their only child, Abelardo Garcia, Jr., in 1968, and they lived in Miami

until relocating to the Atlanta, Georgia, area in 1980.

During the course of his career in men's fashion, Al worked at Nordstrom, Zachry, Parisian and

most recently, Dillard's, until October 2022. A highlight of his career was fitting the president of

the Coca-Cola corporation, Roberto Crispulo Goizueta. Al took pride in his work, and his clients

loved him. Many remained loyal customers for years, returning to see Al whenever they needed

a new suit for a special occasion.

In addition to being an accomplished men's clothing sales professional, Al also became a

successful licensed real estate agent. He made many lifelong friends as a result of both careers

and his passion for getting to know people and making friends wherever he went.

In his spare time, Al loved to take classes and learn about wine. He and Angie traveled all of the

Caribbean, to Napa Valley, Tuscany, Alaska, and went on many cruises together. Al enjoyed

drinking Pinot Noir and recommending different wines to friends and family.

He never met a dessert he didn't like, and his laugh and perpetually cheerful disposition were pure joy to be around.

Abelardo is survived by his wife, Angela Garcia, and son, Abelardo "Albie" Garcia, Jr., both of Lawrenceville, GA; his two granddaughters, Emma Laney Garcia, a junior at University of Georgia, Athens, GA; and Genevieve Louella White, of Auburn, GA; Genevieve's husband, Blake White, and their young son, Al's great-grandson, Everest White. Al is also survived by several sisters- and brothers-in-law, and nieces, nephews, and cousins. Preceding Al in death are his parents, Dagoberto and Carmen Garcia. A Celebration of Life will take place Sunday, April 23, 2023, at Carl House, 1176 Atlanta Highway, Auburn, GA. If you plan to attend, please email [albiegarcia@icloud.com](mailto:albiegarcia@icloud.com) for details.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR 23 (ET)

Carl House  
1176 Atlanta Hwy  
Auburn, GA 30011

# Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with Al back in the real estate days working for my father. He was probably the kindest person I've ever known, and certainly one of the best humans I've ever encountered. He loved to tell stories of his sweet baby granddaughter and he would laugh in delight while telling them. He and Angela would send us a beautiful Christmas card every year, even after I stopped being organized enough to do the same. They also sent us precious matching baby outfits after the twins were born. I will miss him very much, and am sending my love today, and always for his wonderful family.

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**Shannon Terrell** - April 23, 2023 at 11:48 AM

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“ I worked with Al in David Liles real estate business until it ended. Al was a gentleman, a professional and a good friend.  
*Bill Rapp*

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**Salah Hyder** - April 03, 2023 at 10:37 PM