



In Memory of José Ángel Garibay
(August 4, 1981 – March 23, 2003)

This honor full of blessings, love and peace,
is for you, José Garibay, because you deserve this and more,
“Honor to whom Honor is Due”, is always said of those who earn it
and you were always proof of this, and thus we will always remember and yearn for you.

Wherever you are, receive this honor with love,
great soldier that you were, your fight was always worthy of love and courage,
bringing peace to humankind was your mission, spearheading a battalion
José Garibay, your name will be remembered throughout the nation.

We thank you, for offering your life to this nation,
because although this was your adopted land you defended it with love,
To each roll-call you answered “Present”, you left no one alone,
an example you were to many, a hero you will be for All.

And thus you will be remembered, José, our unforgettable hero,
we'll always have you in our hearts as an inseparable friend.
You merited a star for going to war,
You earned it, and so we'll add it to your new flag.

Your effort was not in vain, your name will forever be engraved,
and for a few moments two flags, your body embraced.
You paid the ultimate sacrifice José Garibay, "our Mexican soldier"
you risked your life for peace, and today are remembered by two sides.

This award is for you, but I'd only wish you could have received it in life
to find you and joyfully shake your hand,
and to say Thank You "my brother" and perhaps you could've been our guide
if only for a day, but today, today I can only say to you, “May God bless you José”.

1982 – 2003

(Nicolás Zavala R.)



Semper Fi !

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