



Michael Daniel Cervantes

November 23, 1974 - May 16, 2013

In Lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made to the Michael Cervantes Fundraiser. The link is provided below on the left hand side.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 27. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (PT)

Memory Garden Memorial Park & Mortuary
455 W. Central Ave.
Brea, CA 92821
(714) 529-3961
info@memorygarden.com
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Rosary

MAY 27. 7:30 PM (PT)

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Mass

MAY 28. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Bartholomew Church
252 Granada Ave.
Long Beach, CA

Tribute Wall



“ My son Michael, there is not a day I don't think about you. I miss you oh! so much. I thank God he chose me to be your mother, I couldn't be more proud. Your dad and brothers seem lost without you as well (Dodgers doing extremely well), it's as if our family was injured and incomplete forever. You were always the one that loved family and functions the most. I remember you being with me the whole time in the hospital when dad had surgery, I remember you helping me plan your dad's 60th birthday party. I also know you worked so hard to organize a 40 anniversary party for dad and I. We were happy just spending the evening with our sons, wives and our wonderful two new grand kids. These are just a few of the many memories I have daily. I pray to our Lord to watch over Mateo and Martha and that he follow your foot steps and be the kind of man you were. I will do my best to stay close to them both for as long as God allows me. Martha has become like a daughter to me. Thank you son, for my Grand Mateo! Please pray for us left behind...

September 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ This is the seventh week since Michael left us. I keep on reliving the moment. It all happened so fast. Every now and then I wonder what just happened, but I know it is God's will. Even though I'm not sure what the future holds for me, I pray everyday for strength to help Mateo and Martha through this. I look forward to seeing Mateo grow and help him learn the impact and legacy his father had for everybody.

George Cervantes - July 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Michael was a part of our Wurster/Cal fam and will be truly missed! I loved his nickname, "Queso". :) It was a blast hiking/camping with him in Yosemite and also white water rafting with him and the crew. After grad, I remember reaching out to Michael when I first joined Team in Training for my first marathon. He had already been involved with Team in Training for a while and he gave me some good and sincere advice on fund raising. I also remember that we ran the Wharf to Wharf together, keeping the same pace for a few minutes. I will remember him as a kind, driven, compassionate,intelligent, and talented man.

May Rafanan - June 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Michael, Thank you for asking me to be Mateo's godmother I promise to watch over him and teach him the importance of faith and to be a great man like you. I will miss you for ever. Love, Nina Terry

Teresa Cervantes - June 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ George, Rose and family, I'm so so sorry about the loss of your son, Michael; I remember him when he was just alittle boy. It sounds like he grew up to be a wonderful man. I'm praying our Lord will give you and your family His strength and comfort.

Cecilia Morales - June 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Cervantes family, The loss of a loved one is always sad. It is an emotional test when you lose someone who was young, vibrant and who, according to the testimonials here was a well loved individual. I know that as a family you are all working to deal with this loss. This is what will help you to honor Michael by remembering the love and making sure his family is well taken care of during these difficult times and in the future. You are all his son, Mateo's touchstone. I know you, as a family will be there for HIM!Lorraine Valenzuela Taylor

June 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I miss MC a lot. When I first met Michael we were living in San Jose and I was lucky enough to be placed on the same project as him and seated next to him. When we would work late nights on the Campus for Jewish Life project things would get silly. For some reason MC and I had a little joke about singing "Moon River." I can't even remember how it all came about, but it was something that always stuck with us. Over the past couple weeks I find myself singing the "moooooonriver la la la la" part over and over, just that one word because, even though we downloaded the song, I don't think either one of us ever learned the rest of the lyrics. It keeps MC in my thoughts.

June 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ It has been difficult for me to express the number of ways that Mike has touched my life. Not just the big things, although there have been plenty of those, but the little things. Like driving to work in my car and thinking about how Mike was always environmentally conscious and would try to walk or bike or ride the train whenever he could. Or at work, we would constantly quote stupid movies to each other and try to imitate the boss in Office Space, “Yeaaah, I'm gonna have to ask you to come in this weekend. Yeaaah.” Or driving home and listening to the radio and hearing U2 or Coldplay, there's Mike. Or watching TV and seeing a Cal football game, or the Dodgers, or the A's, or even the Giants, I would think of Mike. I always had this ridiculous vision of us as old demented patients in the nursing home, hitting each other with our canes, quoting Schwarzenegger movies. But no matter what happens, Mike will always be with me...

June 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I was talking to my Dad today. He had many memories of Michael, but the one he admired the most was when Mateo was born. My mother and Dad went to visit at the hospital and after doing so he walked them to their car to make sure they got there safely. It was the little things that made this man, my son so special. All the stories I'm hearing is making him my new mentor. Miss you my son

June 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Although I am not part of the design build or BIM team, architecture has been a significant driving force in my life. There was an innate passion in Michael when he spoke about his line of work. After attending Michael's BIM presentations, I always left wanting more. The only other times I would hear the passion in Michael's voice was when he would speak about Mateo. My deepest condolences go to his wife and son. Michael was a role model and inspiration to me.

May 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Cervantes Family, This weighs heavy on my heart and I have been praying for you ever since I read the news. You are a strong and loving family and are blessed to have each other to lean on. Although it has been years since we have had contact, i feel connected to you because you were with me during my sorrows. It means a lot just to know you are loved and cared about. I will continue to pray for your family and I think of you often.

Candy (Almeida)Rivera - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Cervantes Family, Please accept my heartfelt condolences...I can't imagine the sadness you are feeling at this time. I also have a son named Michael, and a hole would be left in our family if he was no longer here. Remember, tho, that your Michael will always keep his family in his thoughts and prayers and that one day you Will see him again. Love, Chris Nares Maynor

Chris Maynor - May 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ My dear cousins:I wish to express the sadness I feel deeply for the loss you have experienced. I can't find words enough to express how much love and support I am sending your way. Please feel free to contact me any time for words of love and support. I can't imagine the loss of a child. I have all of you in my prayers for your comfort from the Lord and may his peace that passes all understanding be with you all during this difficult time. It was incredible to be with all of you in the past couple of days. You have such a strong and amazing family. You are truly blessed. Love to all of you,Cousin Julie

Julie Barron Chacon - May 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Everyone has a Gift. I thought my gift was making friends. I realized yesterday that it was Michael who had brought many of the people I consider to be friends in to my life. What a fitting career Architecture was for Michael because his gift was building the world. Starting with his friends and family!

Ken McDaniel - May 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ The last two weeks has been a life changing experience for the Cervantes Family. I am so touched by the thoughts, prayers, condolences and love everyone has given. All the familiar faces of friends , family and acquaintances of Michael brought back fond memories of his 38 years with us. Many people have asked what they can do for us or Martha. I think this website can be used for you to share an experience or story of Michael you had with him. Michael was always curious of the history of both sides of the family. He and the brothers were thinking of visiting Zacatecas, Mexico which was coincidently on both sides of the families beginnings. I'll be calling his places of work, university friends, and latest friends to tell a story about Michael while still in their minds. Someday, Mateo can explore these stories to see what kind of legacy Michael left behind. I feel it can mold him into the person Michael intended. Love and thanks to all of you. George Cervantes proud father of Michael

Geroge Cervantes - May 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Dear Martha, I am saddened to hear the news of your husband. My condolences are with you and your loved ones.

Rafael Diaz - May 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ I just came back from your Rosary. You have a beautiful family. I am especially sad to see your parents suffer the loss of their son. I'm sad for your wife and son. I had to fight back the tears when I hugged your mother. I wish you well Michael. I wish your family peace and love.

Ryan & Carolina Hemming - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Although we did not have the honor to meet Michael, I am sure Rose and George raised an amazing man! There is no words to explain the pain of a mother and father burying their own son but know he is in a better place and is watching over you all. We pray god gives you the strength during this difficult time! We love you!

Mike & Joelle Berni - May 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ My heart is heavy with sadness for our dear, sweet Michael. You left us too soon but GOD called you home. You are in paradise now. You leave behind your wife and your beautiful little boy Mateo, You were a wonderful Dad to him and a wonderful husband to Martha. You were a great and respectful nephew to me. I have so many memories of you as a little boy but what I'm proud of is that you grew to be a great, gentle, caring and respectful man. I am very proud of who you became.!!!Martha, you had Michael as your husband for only a few short years and YES there is a reason for this, he gave you and us a little angel that is Mateo. Michael is now watching over us and what comforts "me" is that he is dancing in heaven with Grandma Hope and Grandpa Jose!Michael had this infectious laugh that will always be heard in my mind. We all have our time here until God calls us home. It breaks our heart at the time but in time we can smile with the great memories left behind. Thru Mateo we will see Michael. Rose and George I am so proud of the son you raised, he was a great man! To lay to rest a child breaks my heart I can't imagine yours, time will heal your hearts and you will see him again , we all will. REST IN PEACE my dear Michael memories will take the tears and sadness away one day. I thank you for asking me to be Mateo's Nina, he means so much to me! Love you Mike, you will be in my heart FOREVER!! Aunt Elsa

Elsa Hernandez - May 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Martha, There are no words to express how we feel about the loss of your husband. Michael was a loving, caring, nephew, dad, husband, son and friend to many people in this world! I have so many beautiful memories of him. He loved you and Mateo so much! The care he showed was very apparent every time we saw you three together! We will all miss Michael! May God Bless You. Love, Uncle Joe & Aunt Gloria*

May 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM