



Daniel Rivera

February 7, 1997 - June 16, 2016

Daniel Markus Rivera, 19, passed away on June 16, 2016, in Roswell, NM. He was born February 7, 1997, in Roswell, NM, to Alfred Rivera and Irene Montoya.

A high school graduate and student, there are many memories to share of Daniel. His free spirit, love of listening to music, and talent to make others laugh with his different sense of humor, are a few to mention. Daniel was service oriented and a very hard worker, who spent his free-time volunteering at the Unity Center. He was a math whiz, with a love for art. Time with family and friends was something Daniel couldn't get enough of, and everyone loved him for that. Daniel was a good son, brother and grandson. It was said, that he was 'Gram's' most handsome grandson. He loved his girlfriend, Margo.

There are so many lives that have been touched by Daniel. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Preceding him in death are his grandmother, Guadalupe Rivera; great grandparents: Eva Vega and Abaristo Montoya, Albertha and Rafael Rivera, Santiago and Amelia Sifunetes; and aunt, Sylvia Wilson

Those left to cherish the memory of Daniel are his mother, Irene Montoya of

Roswell, NM; father, Alfred Rivera and wife, Gabriella of Rio Rancho, NM; father, Daniel Muñoz, Jr. of Roswell, NM; sisters: Alexis Muñoz of Albuquerque, NM, and Gabriella Ruiz of Roswell, NM; brothers: Nikolas Rivera and significant other, Domi of Heidelberg, Germany, and Dominic Muñoz of Roswell, NM; 'grams', Aurora Cecelia Vela of Lubbock, TX; grandmothers: Margarita Sufuentes-Páiz of Kansas City, MO, and Darlene Caudill of Roswell, NM; grandfather, Gilbert Rivera, Sr. of Farmington, NM; and 'papu', Daniel Muñoz, Sr. of Roswell, NM. Also surviving Daniel are numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and too many friends to list.

Viewing will be Monday, June 20, 2016, 5:00 to 8:00 PM at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home. A funeral service will be Tuesday, June 21, 2016, 10:00 AM at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home, with burial to follow at South Park Cemetery. Services will be officiated by Bishop Phil Davis, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Following the burial family will receive guests at the National Guard Armory, located at 1 W. Earl Cummings Loop in Roswell, NM.

Honorary pallbearers are his brothers and all of his friends.

Pallbearers are Dominic Dunlap, Nikolas Rivera, Lucas Montoya, Ermando Carrillo, Matthew Rivera, Keaton Sharp, Oliver Cortinas, and Leroy Gonzales, Jr.

A MESSAGE FROM MOM

"This has been the worst 24 hours of my life. Literally my darkest time. I want to thank everyone who has taken time out to contact me and the kids, or my mom, just everyone that has reached out to our family. I miss my baby so much. Dan was just so great. Everyone knows he was hilarious, fun-loving, and a free spirit. He had such a great heart. He was a great brother to his

brothers and sisters. He loved both of his dads. He tried to help take care of Uncle because Auntie and Uncle meant so much to him. He loved his little brother so much. He didn't want anyone else to make him do things, but he had no problem getting him up and putting him in the shower with all of his clothes on. There are so many great memories of him. Thank you to everyone who has called, texted, sent messages and come over."

Please take a moment to share your thoughts and memories of Daniel with his family in the online register at andersonbethany.com.

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory is honored to serve the Rivera family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Nik Rivera lit a candle in memory of Daniel Rivera*



Nik Rivera - May 11, 2023 at 10:33 AM



“ *Daniel Rivera*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Melissa Vegara lit a candle in memory of Daniel Rivera*



Melissa Vegara - August 24, 2016 at 03:33 PM

AS

“ I have tried to keep track of all the good things "my cub scouts" are doing in their lives, but never did I think about needing to write a death date for one of them. This news was really a shock to me. I have so many good memories of little Daniel as a cub scout and of trying to get him to say hi to me when I would go to Berrendo Middle School to help with lunch duty. He was very talented, but didn't like to be up in front. I wish I could have been to the funeral and could see all of your family again. Cindy, too, wanted to be there. (She is in Florida on a mission.) We both send our love and prayers your way.

Love always, Asena and Cindy Smith

Asena Smith - June 22, 2016 at 07:55 PM

TS

“ So very sorry to hear of Daniel's passing. I wish to extend my deepest condolences our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family during this difficult time.

From the entire Salinas & Smith Families. Tommy Curtis Smith

Tommy Curtis Smith - June 21, 2016 at 01:47 PM

AS

“ Our deepest condolences to all your family Irene and Daniel for such a sad tragic loss of your beautiful child. Our hearts go out to you all, we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers during this sad time. We will never forget all the times we would get together to eat, play poker and just visit and laugh, All the kids would have such a good time playing with my grandkids. My heart aches for you all and I pray that God brings you comfort in the coming days. God bless you all. Love Anita and David Salas Jr.

Anita Salas - June 21, 2016 at 11:56 AM

FM

“ *My deepest condolences goes out to the family for this huge loss. I am so sorry that I could not attend the services, but you guys have been on my mind and in my heart ever since I heard about the tragedy. I wish that things were different for me especially at a time like this, and hope that you realize that my heart goes out to each and every one of you. Nothing but Love for you! God Bless*

Frank N. Montoya - June 21, 2016 at 10:34 AM

LG

“ *Lisa Garza lit a candle in memory of Daniel Rivera*



Lisa garza - June 18, 2016 at 08:02 PM

PG

“ *A lot of memories of Daniel Brother. Family gatherings and Easter Egg hunts. My favorite is him coming over to my house with Margo and my neighbor Abby.... Searching for knowledge of how to make homemade tortillas and eating them all up.*

Fly with the Angels Daniel Brother..... Into the arms of Jesus.... Until we meet again. ❤️

Pat Guajaca-Kuemmerle - June 18, 2016 at 07:42 PM



“ Oh man there are too many too remember but one that sticks out most is when he came to milos grad party and he wouldn't go up to do any karaoke until milo did that ungrateful dead song and then he got up there and sang and danced and it was so funny and entertaining

Katrina Montoya - June 18, 2016 at 06:02 PM



Awe I remember that ha ha

Becky Montoya - June 18, 2016 at 06:22 PM



“ Paula McKeegan Fife lit a candle in memory of Daniel Rivera



Paula McKeegan Fife - June 18, 2016 at 04:54 PM



“ Going to the bottomless lakes is a regular thing with my family but there was a this one time me, Daniel Brother, Nik, and Gab got a paddle boat. We made Gab paddle is decently far out because she has the best legs we all jumped off to swim.....except Dan he got in and paddled away leaving us to catch up....needles to say all of us made it back to the deck except Dan we pushed him off then left him to swim all the way back !

Becky Montoya - June 18, 2016 at 04:32 PM