



John Michael Gamboa

March 8, 1995 - August 18, 2018

“Remember I was different, let me be different”

John Michael Gamboa 23, of Roswell, NM, passed away on Saturday, August 18, 2018. He was born on March 8, 1995, in Roswell, NM, the son of Miguel and Jennifer Cabral. Memorial Services will be held at Grace Community Church, 935 W Mescalero Rd, Roswell, NM 88201, on Saturday, August 25, 2018, at 10:00 AM. Celebrate John’s life by visiting www.andersonbethany.com to offer a memory or expression of sympathy for his family.

John Michael was a perfect example of genuine, authentic love. His world revolved around his family and friends. He truly cared about others and put everyone else’s needs ahead of himself. As a fiancé, Kayla says, “He was everything I could think of” and “always made me confident that everything was going to be ok”. As a father, John’s love for Avian was beyond measure. His world revolved around being the best provider possible for his son.

For the rest of us, we knew John Michael for his quiet confidence and sense of humor. Someone who, in his own way, was both soft-spoken and at the same time, larger than life. John was bigger than any room he entered and would light up the place with his smile, his laugh, or his moves on the dance floor. His smile always communicated a confident “I got this,” whatever the situation. There was never a dull moment with John. With his love for music, whether he was teaching us how to Dougie or the lyrics to a new song about riding “...a bike with no handlebars,” he always kept us laughing.

John’s spirit was very deep and complex. In one aspect, he was almost

childlike as the picture of pure love, joy and hope in his pursuit of new adventures. On the other side, John was restless, driven, and determined to succeed in everything he tried. He was always pushing for more.

He would want to say to you all that he loves you, and to let him “..be different”, and he would ask “What are ya’ll crying for?”

Surviving to cherish John’s memory are his son, Avian Michael Gamboa; fiancé, Kayla McDonald; parents: Miguel and Jennifer Cabral; sister, Marissa Gamboa; nieces, Elianna and Rozalee; nephew, Sal; sister, Stephanie; brother, Donovan; maternal great-grandmother, Cerilia Soliz; grandfather and best friend, Johnny “Pompo” and Yolanda “Nani” Gamboa; close friends: Juan Saenz, Caleb Perlingos, Jose Sifuentes, Jose Hermosillo, David Rivera, Andy Campos, Alonzo Zamarripa, Carlos Hernandez and Marco Lupercio; aunts: Cynthia Dearnbarger, Susie Aguilar; uncles: David Aguilar and Jack Dearnbarger; cousins: Breanna, Victoria, Ryan, Alex Reed; and extended family: Joe and Ester Soliz, Gene and Rose Soliz, Mary Solis, John McDonald, Christina Urban, Cedric and Samantha Gonzales, Cecilia Urban, Yesi Salas and Yolanda Aragon.

Special thanks to Theresa Boykin for your love and support for our family.

Friends and family are welcome to attend the Celebration of Life Service at Grace Community Church, 935 W Mescalero Rd, Roswell, NM, on Saturday, August 25, 2018, at 10:00 followed by a gathering at his mother’s home 1408 S. Kentucky Avenue, Roswell, NM.

In lieu of flowers, John’s family asks to consider making donations that are available through GoFundMe at <https://www.gofundme.com/john-michael-gamboa-memorial>.

John’s tribute was lovingly written in his honor by his family.

Tribute Wall



“ *John Michael Gamboa*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *I had got the opportunity to work with John these last couple months and let me tell you he was an amazing worker and was also a great listener and had a great vision on life and what he truly wanted and who he loved! He had a lot of pride and passion in his work and i liked that about him! I had some funny times with John at work that I will never forget , In a short period of time we got real close and I'm glad I got to be a part of his life and be that boss and friend when he really needed one! He made him self know at TankLogix for his hard work his honesty and his sense of humor! I'm still in disbelief with this but I know your in gods hands now and your journey has just started, you are now at Peace Bud :(God Bless you and your family "Mr. Troutman" ... it's never a good by, it's just a see you later. Amor Brother Man!*

Pedro Trujillo Jr - August 23, 2018 at 04:57 PM

HC

“ I met John Michael 8 or 9 years ago at his aunt & uncles house, He was a very polite young man and from that day on no matter where we met up, in a store, wedding, Grandparents, BBQ's he always came up and shook hands and asked, How are you doing, big smile, sincere, Fine young man.

I remember at his aunt Susie's wedding when he took her to the dance floor and the two of them started bustin some moves, All eyes were on them, everyone was smiling watching these two Takein it down. Man that dude could move.

I will always remember him for who he was, One cool kid, Thank You John Michael.

May God be with all of you

Sincerely H. E. Curtis

H.E. CURTIS - August 23, 2018 at 08:31 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Michael Gamboa.



August 22, 2018 at 12:29 PM

MS

“ Mary Soiz sent a virtual gift in memory of John Michael Gamboa



Mary Soiz - August 22, 2018 at 11:35 AM

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“ *May your journey be pleasant Johnny Michael. God in the name of Jesus give the Gamboa family the strength and comfort they need at this time.*



Mary Soiz - August 22, 2018 at 11:34 AM

SS

“ *This just breaks my heart to hear this, Jennifer, Avian, kids, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, grandparents, my sincerest condolences and prayers for you all. I pray God gives you the strength to get thru this. Love you all.*



Sarah Sanchez - August 20, 2018 at 02:31 PM