



## John Paul McKinley

February 22, 1979 - July 4, 2022

John Paul McKinley passed away peacefully at home in Roswell, NM on July 4, 2022. After two battles with cancer John went to be with God. John was born on February 22, 1979, to Jack and Elia McKinley in El Paso, TX.

John was the first-born son and the second child to Jack and Elia McKinley.

John had a talent for drawing which he inherited from his grandfather Richard

Jack McKinley and uncles Junior Saenz and Oscar Saenz. Growing up as a

child John, Gary and Liz spent many days playing outside riding bikes,

swimming, and just laughing. Jack made sure to take all the kids on

adventures outdoors. Target practice, learning to drive the truck when the

boys were barely old enough to touch the peddles. Camping, fishing, and

hiking were some of the many things done as children. Elia was the boys

scout leader for cub scouts with Jack as her helper to keep the boys engaged

in many new activities. John's most precious accomplishment was becoming a

father to Amethyst Rose. She would make him smile from ear to ear and

laugh from deep down with her crazy antics. She will always know her daddy

loved her with everything in him. If John would have been able to join the

military, he would have been a sniper, he had that eagle eye when it came to

target practice. John had a love of music in many genres and loved to dance.

John is now dancing in heaven and free from illness.

John is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents Richard Jack

McKinley and Aurelia "Lela" Manuz McKinley, his maternal grandparents

Fadrique Saenz and Severa Fuentes Saenz, many aunts, uncles, and

cousins.

John is survived by his parents Jack and Elia McKinley of Roswell NM, sister Liz McKinley and her son Myles Alexander McKinley of Roswell NM, brother Gary McKinley of Denver CO, Aunt Carla Gonzales and husband Manny Gonzales of Alamogordo NM, daughter Amethyst Rose McKinley and her mother Ann Woodrome of Roswell, NM. Also, many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Services will be July 21, 2022, at Church On The Move at 10:30 am with a reception to follow at the Fraternal Order of Eagles 3201 S Sunset Ave.

John's tribute was written in his honor by his family.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL **21**. 10:30 AM (MT)

Church on the Move  
901 W Brasher Rd  
Roswell, New Mexico 88203  
(575) 622-7011

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Paul McKinley*

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December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM

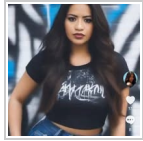


“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Paul McKinley.*



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July 20, 2022 at 05:26 PM

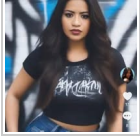


“ *Amanda Garcia lit a candle in memory of John Paul McKinley*



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**Amanda Garcia** - July 10, 2022 at 01:37 PM



“ My condolences to John's mom and dad brother and sister. John meant a lot to me at one time we used to hang out all the time I called him my brother John because he was like a brother to me my kid called him Uncle John, we were so close I remember always driving around in his blue car then when he no longer had his car we would walk and he always had his backpack with his pencils and sketchbook and his knife and sharpening stone because he loved to sharpen knives and enjoyed drawing he was supposed to draw us a picture of a monster which he said was him and a clown which was me he always wrote monster and payasa friends for life .til he met Ann and he told me I like her Amanda I want to hook up and I told him go for it brother who would ever know that Ann would make him choose that in order for him to be with her he would have to stay away from me he told me and I told him I'm a friend brother and I respect your feelings and that if he wanted to be with that then I would stay away but for him to know I'll always be here for him no matter what because that's what a true friend would do still be there because of a jealous person but I wanted him to be happy so we stayed away from each other but every now and then when he would be away from her or she leave he would talk with me .but just because he had to stop hanging out with me doesn't mean I stop caring for him I worried all the time and wonder if he was happy .But John knows that I loved him as my brother and Noone could ever change that he will be missed and John we love you and one day we will see each other again and I thank him for all the times he was there for me we had a lot of fun and good memories til the day we meet again John always know you will always be brother John rest in peace brother

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**Amanda Garcia** - July 09, 2022 at 07:29 AM