



Mere Contreras

September 17, 1983 - August 22, 2015

Merehildo “Mere” Ray Contreras, 31, passed away on Saturday, August 22, 2015, at his home where he grew up. He was born on September 17, 1983, in Roswell, to Bobby Contreras and Ginnie Salas, who survive him.

As a lifelong resident of Roswell, Mere was a loving, caring, kind, considerate and compassionate person who was a hard worker. He worked for Swann’s Transmissions and was his father-in-law’s right hand man for 13 years. Mere also worked for Ray Castillo’s Roofing.

Mere had a heart of gold, and was the type of person that would give you his last dollar as well as the shirt off his back. He helped out with home care and hospice for his Grandma Ruby, who preceded him in death.

Mere enjoyed sports, fishing, hunting, horseshoes and playing darts. He loved to cook on the disco, listening to all sorts of music, dancing and always smiling, he was the life of the party. Mere was incredibly artistic in many areas and enjoyed crafts. He was a collector of Hot Wheels and an avid fan of the Miami Dolphins.

Preceding Mere in death were his brothers, Bobby Ray Contreras and Robert Bonilla; grandparents, Mere and Flora Contreras, and David and Mary (Baby) Salas; uncles and aunts: Ray Ruby and Joann Contreras, Tony, Jerry Bobby and Ginny Barela; nephew, Eric Robert Contreras and sister-in-law, Melissa; special brothers: Danny Najar Jr, Lil Ricky Salazar, Jerry Joe Vallejos, Ray Garcia, Lucas Serna, Lil Frankie, Robert Vigil, Louis “Smoke” Ochoa, Victor Contreras, “Lil” Tuder Dutchover and Jr Marquez; Chris Padilla, Tabitha and

Geneva Serna, Vanessa Espinoza and Maria Jimenez Fuentes, who were very special friends.

Surviving him are his wife, Audrey; sons, Jacob and Xavian; brother, Eric and wife Chastynee and children, Mariah, Robert Daniel, Diamond, Erica Sole, Innocence Joann and unborn child; sisters, Reina and Magdaleno and children, Isaac and Frankie Ray; Marina and John Herrera; "Lil" brother, David Salas-Silva; nieces, Star Ray and Bobbie Monique; in-laws, Bill Swann and Ranae; brother-in-law, Bill Jr and children, Eli and Eva; sister-in-law, Amanda and children, Austin and Landyn; Aunt Debbie Contreras; Uncle Greg Salas; God parents, Lupe and Dolores Contreras. Also surviving Mere are special grandparents, Bill and Evelyn; cousins and friends.

He's gone on to a better place, but will never be forgotten. Rest in peace and watch over us that are left. You will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved you.

A rosary will be recited on Sunday, August 30, 2015, 7:00 PM, at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home. A funeral is scheduled on Monday, August 31, 2015, 10:00 AM, at St. John's Catholic Church. Burial will follow at South Park Cemetery. Deacon Ernesto Martinez will officiate. Following the burial, a comida will be held at St. John's Hall from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Pallbearers will be Lucia and Lupito Contreras, Lee Miranda, David "Spok" Servantes, Jeremy Garcia, Mathew Little, Fred Luna, Eric Contreras, Bill and Jacob Swann. Honorary pallbearers will be all who loved him, too many to name, but includes Roderick Sedillo and Cruz Silva.

You left me beautiful memories, your love is still my guide and though we cannot see you, you're always at my side.

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free

I am following the path God laid for me.

I took His hand when I heard Him call,

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
if my parting has left a void,
then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Ah yes, these things I, too, will miss.
Be not burdened with time of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times,
a loved one touched.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me.
God wanted me now; He set me free.

A special thanks to each and everyone who supported and donated in our
time of need. May God Bless you all!

"I miss my homies"- Master P

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

Services are under the direction of Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and
Crematory.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mere Contreras*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Brother a yrs. Gone but still u will never be forgotten I miss those days u would come over for lunch an make us laugh even if I was down u always made me laugh. I luv u Mere with all my heart an will be missing u forever. Ur Sis. NAT. Barnhill*

Natalie Barnhill - August 24, 2016 at 02:33 AM



“ *Rentia Luna lit a candle in memory of Mere Contreras*



Rentia Luna - May 11, 2016 at 09:24 PM



“ *Well it's been 25days today that you've been gone an still i cant believe it! Theres not a day that goes by that i dont think bout u brother i miss u especially when my days are not so good u would just have to say sister if u need me call an ill be here an that always brought a happy tear down my face i luv u brother may u rest in peace an ill see u on ur birthday 2morrow always ur sis NAT. CONTRERAS*

natalie contreras - September 15, 2015 at 10:02 PM

LM

“ I miss you so much brother! I love u! Rest in paradise. You will always be in my heart ?



Lil sis Marina - September 08, 2015 at 06:14 PM

RC

“ Rachel Silva Chavez lit a candle in memory of Mere Contreras



Rachel Silva Chavez - August 31, 2015 at 05:23 PM

BA

“ Ginnie and Bobby I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. I humbly pray that the Lord will bring you peace at this difficult time in your lives. I have fond memories of Mere when he was a small boy when we would all get together back in the days... May God bless all of the Contreras family, I love you Ginnie Salas you've always been a great person. Blessings my friend.

Becky Archuleta Aguilar - August 31, 2015 at 10:21 AM

BA

“ Becky Archuleta Aguilar lit a candle in memory of Mere Contreras



Becky Archuleta Aguilar - August 31, 2015 at 10:16 AM

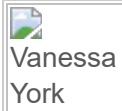


Olympia
Martinez

“ *Olympia Martinez lit a candle in memory of Mere Contreras*



Olympia Martinez - August 31, 2015 at 10:06 AM



Vanessa
York

“ *Mere was one of the sweetest young man, He was always smiling and so full of life. It's hard to believe he is gone, but he will live forever in our hearts. God be with all his family and friends. I am so sorry Ginnie, God Bless you*

Vanessa York - August 30, 2015 at 12:52 PM



JB

“ *U were a true friend like a brother.I know uare in a better place and I will never forget u.we shared alot of great moments that friends do I learned alot from u brother love uwith all my love and redpect.joseph barnhill &Natalie Contreras*

joseph &natalie Barnhill - August 29, 2015 at 10:24 PM



JZ

“ *Jimmy And Toni Zamora lit a candle in memory of Mere Contreras*



Jimmy and Toni Zamora - August 28, 2015 at 10:34 PM

EH

“ Erika Herrera lit a candle in memory of Mere Contreras



erika herrera - August 28, 2015 at 01:42 PM

AF

“ We can't begin to imagine what you are feeling, but let us share our heartfelt condolence. You are in our hearts and prayers.

Alicia Gomez and family - August 28, 2015 at 09:33 AM



“ Stephanie Salazar lit a candle in memory of Mere Contreras



Stephanie Salazar - August 27, 2015 at 07:11 PM

EI

“ R.I.P

eddie iglesias - August 27, 2015 at 04:05 PM

LI

“ R.I.P MERE MISS U HOMIE AND ALWAYS WILL . 2 UR MOM'S AND POPS SO SORRY FOR UR LOSS.

Lil eddie iglesias - August 27, 2015 at 04:05 PM

JL

“ TO THE CONTRERAS FAMILY WE ARE SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH EVERYONE GOD BLESS JULIE LUCERO & FAMILY



jewels lucero - August 27, 2015 at 03:06 PM

SH

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sherry - August 27, 2015 at 03:03 PM



“ Andrea Martinez lit a candle in memory of Mere Contreras



Andrea Martinez - August 27, 2015 at 02:32 PM

VS

“ Vanessa Savedra lit a candle in memory of Mere Contreras

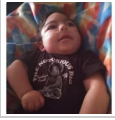


vanessa savedra - August 27, 2015 at 02:05 PM

RC

“ *I love you Guts! I'm sorry brother, I should've stood awake. I love you & I don't know what I'm gonna do without you by my side.*
Little Guts

Reina Contreras - August 26, 2015 at 05:25 PM



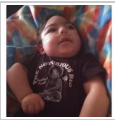
my deepest condolences to you Reina and to the rest of the familia

Andrea Martinez - August 27, 2015 at 04:10 PM

EG

“ *R.I.P. MERE. Gone but will never be forgotten.now your up there so you can shine with your brother*

Ermie gonzales - August 25, 2015 at 02:00 PM



ermie my homeboy, it's good to hear from you, i miss you

Andrea Martinez - August 27, 2015 at 02:36 PM

EG

“ *R.I.P. MERE. Gone but will never be forgotten.now your up there so you can shine with your brother*

Ermie gonzales - August 25, 2015 at 02:00 PM

SH

“ *Sherry lit a candle in memory of Mere Contreras*



sherry - August 25, 2015 at 10:12 AM

SH

My sincere condolences go out to the contreras family. I knew you since you were lil guy back on richardson street. R.I.P. Mere may you rest in paradise my friend!!!

sherry - August 25, 2015 at 10:15 AM