



James Joseph Flores

February 4, 1986 - January 26, 2024

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James Joseph Flores (AKA “JJ”) born February 4, 1986, in Albuquerque, NM, passed away unexpectedly in Los Lunas on January 26, 2024 just 10 days short of his 38th birthday.

JJ is survived by his mother, Lisa Jourden and husband, Rick; his father, James Flores and Joan Halsell; maternal grandparents, Bobby and Irene Martinez, and paternal grandmother, Sadie Kleinstiver. Also surviving him is his auntie, Debra Martinez-Edeal, special goddaughter & cousin, Jewelles Edeal, uncle, Robert Martinez, and cousin Chris Martinez. JJ leaves behind numerous other aunts, uncles, cousins and countless friends from near and far.

He was preceded in death by grandfather, Herman Flores; grandmother, Susie Flores; grandfather, Harv Kleinstiver;

As a youngster, JJ, who most referred to as “J,” attended Assembly of God School in Bosque Farms, liked to play sports, spend nights and have fun with grandma and grandpa Martinez, going to Elephant Butte lake for part of each summer for fishing and boating with his grandpa Harv and grandma Sadie, horseback riding around the neighborhood, playing with his friends, and just being a kid. HE LOVED TO EAT! Among his favorites were Grandma Martinez’s tacos, Auntie Mari’s bischochitos, Benny Burgers from Benny’s, Tomahawk steaks from Uncle Dennis and Auntie Tammy, BBQs at Uncle James’ and Auntie Carols and anything his mother made him.

JJ loved sports and was a diehard Pittsburgh Steelers and Los Angeles Dodgers fan. He loved March Madness and always had his bracket ready and enjoyed MMA as well. An athlete himself, he was an accomplished football and baseball player at Yucca Little League, YAFL, AAU, St. Pius, and the New Mexico Military Institute. Along the way, he became a decent golfer. He loved to work out, spending many years at Main Street Gym in Los Lunas with his friend, Chris Sais.

At the time of his death, JJ was working at Young Guns Construction with Chris Trujillo. Prior employment included the LSX Ranch, Cowboy Rx, Releaf, Sandbox Oil/Transportation in Dilley, TX, Maez Drilling, Albuquerque Water Authority, Village of Los Lunas, and Coca Cola. As a youngster still in school he worked at Gizmos and Central Market, both in downtown Albuquerque. He had an incredible work ethic and the physical strength to accomplish any job given. JJ grew up in a Christian environment and maintained a deep faith in God until his passing. He had a huge heart and would give whatever he had in his pockets to any of his godchildren if they needed something, or even if they didn't. His generosity was endless, almost to a fault.

"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death."-Romans 8:1-2

A special thanks to those who constantly watched over him; special aunties Tammy Chavez, Kathy Chavez, Carol Benavidez and Mari Navarro, life-long friend, Rico Gonzales, Circle of Brothers, Chris Trujillo, Isaac Griego, Mario Griego, Chris Rodriguez, Isaac Chacon, Preston Royce, David Dunworth, Jared Hunter, Steven Rael, Justin Bossard, Derek Garley and Aram (Ram) Cruz. We know there are many more to thank, you know who you are. God Bless each and every one of you.

Our beloved JJ has left us way to soon. Our only consolations include knowing that he has no more pain and is spending quality time with those close to him who preceded him in death.

We have great appreciation for Dicky Romero and his entire staff at Romero Funeral Home for helping us navigate through this very difficult time. Please sign JJ's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 17. 10:00 AM (MT)

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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

PS

“ I was stranded in Abq about 6 years ago after my vehicle was stolen and i met Jay randomly right after. He helped me SO much and became one of my favorite friends Ive ever had! I live on a small hunting ranch in the Gila Wilderness so i was NOT close to home. Jay took me in for a few nights where i slept on his couch until i figured out how to get home, etc.

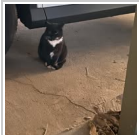
It was like Jay and i had been friends forever. What an amazing dude and i can confirm 100% that he is with the Lord right now cuz we talked about our faith in Christ in length. I was in Abq a few months ago and tried to look up my good pal only to find out the Lord needed Jay up there more than here so no reason to mourn, only celebrate that Jay is home. Its all of us who arent yet but we will be when our time comes to graduate.

" to live is Christ but to die is gain"

See you in the Kingdom Jay !

Your brother in Christ,
Paul Sutton

Paul Sutton - November 07, 2024 at 05:54 PM



“ Fly high cousin

Jose Chavez - February 16, 2024 at 10:01 PM

MM

“ Mia M lit a candle in memory of James Joseph Flores



Mia M - February 11, 2024 at 10:51 AM

MM

“ You had such a amazing heart James, anyone who met you was blessed. You were a protector, a comforter, a guide, you were just a ray of sunshine. When we met you helped make my job easy. You made my job fun! You made me know I was helping people. I wish I would've hung out you more like I had planned but, life got crazy. That'll never change the love I has for you! I hope you're looking down on all of us. I hope we make you proud and smile. You'll always be a part of me. Even if we only knew each other a few years. We love and miss you so much James. Youll always be my Jolly Green Giant 🧡✨ Para Siempre y Una Dia ☐

Mia M - February 11, 2024 at 10:50 AM

JO

“ Until we meet again J! I remember when I asked you the absolute most important question ever. You were struggling and I just said, straight up, "have you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior?" Your answer was emphatically, "Yes, bro!" Until we meet again, brotha! I hang on to this conversation we had with great comfort, knowing you are with the Lord!

Josh - February 04, 2024 at 09:51 PM

DM

“ I met J on an early Sunday April morning last year. J came to help set up for church that morning. We started talking and what started as a light conversation while setting stuff up, turned into long meaningful talks, mostly about life, the ups and downs, and always about God. J was so very thankful, and encouraging. He often shared how much he appreciated our time together. If you knew J in the gym, for cardio he was more of a treadmill guy (hitting it pretty hard) rather than a bike guy, but when we were both at the gym, he would come ride the bike next to me and we would talk, he'd stay longer than intended, I'd go over the time I planned for the bike. I am going to miss these times. Jesus said "you are the salt of the earth" God used J to season my life with His love and goodness. Thank you J for sharing you with me.

Donna Medina - February 04, 2024 at 02:35 PM

RL

“ JJ was my cousin he was one of many closest we got along great and we looked out for each other I was very sad and still am over his passing he will be greatly missed and forever in our hearts until we meet again cousin I love you and miss you



Roae Loper - February 04, 2024 at 10:33 AM

FG

“ Fred And Nina Garcia lit a candle in memory of James Joseph Flores



Fred and Nina Garcia - February 03, 2024 at 10:08 AM

JA

“ I remember driving him home after school when I started driving and how he would make us all laugh around the lunch table. I also remember him being the one with me when I was told my best friend in high school had past away. He hugged me tight and just let me cry. He gave some of the best hugs and had such a bright smile. I have always thought of him and loved him like a little brother and I always will! Until we meet again JJ, may you rest in peace! Jaime Esquilin

Jaime - February 02, 2024 at 11:28 PM

DG

“ J was one of my best friends growing up. Some of my most favorite memories included spending the night at his house, playing YAFL football together and even though we played at different high schools, I enjoyed making it to one of his games on our bye week every year. He never knew I was there to watch him play until he decided to dance with me for the dollar dance at my wedding. I loved him like a brother and I am going to miss him, dearly.

Derrick and Rebecca Garley

Derrick Garley - February 02, 2024 at 09:52 PM