



## John Eric Maestas

June 29, 1974 - April 1, 2015

1974-2015

Our Beloved Father, Son, Brother and Uncle John Eric Maestas was called home to be with the Lord suddenly and unexpectedly on Wednesday, April 1, 2015. John was the first and only son born to John R. Maestas, and Mary Ellen Maestas-Barela in Vallejo, California on June 29, 1974. John's greatest legacy was his children and the love he had for his family. John was a naturally talented man and excelled at everything he did. John was the most generous person you could meet; he loved life and could often be found with a beer in one hand and his guitar in the other. He loved teasing his kids, nephews and nieces and had nicknames for just about everyone. John was preceded in death by his Beloved mother Mary Ellen Maestas-Barela whom we are sure he is smiling down from heaven with at us, his Grandparents Damacio and Laurita Barela of Veguita, NM, and Florentino and Genoveva Maestas-Vigil of Tucumcari, NM. John is survived by his father John R. Maestas, his son Manuel Gutierrez, girlfriend Monique and grandson Jeremiah, his 3 daughters-Faith, Alexis and Mariah Maestas, their mother Flora Gutierrez, his sister Jennifer, husband Adam and children Ricardo, Kobe and Kassandra, his sister Melissa, husband Steve and children Gabriel, Isaac and Ariana and countless other aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

All services will be held at San Juan Mission Church at 1056 Highway 304 in Veguita on Friday, April 10th beginning with a visitation at 9:30 a.m. with a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow at Veguita

Catholic Cemetery. Private donations may be made directly to the family or via a GoFundMe campaign via Jennifer Cespedes' Facebook to help cover funeral expenses and for his children. To all that have donated and prayed for John, we are deeply appreciative of your generosity and prayers. John would want all of his family to rejoice in the life that he lived, to have a beer for him, to smile and remember all the good times that were shared, and to love each other unconditionally, as he loved all of us. Rest in Peace John, until we meet again in Heaven know that you are deeply loved and will be missed greatly by all. Please sign John's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com).  
Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM

# Previous Events

## Public Visitation

APR 10. 9:30 AM (MT)

San Juan Catholic Church  
1317 Highway 304  
Veguita, NM 87062

## Funeral Mass

APR 10. 10:30 AM (MT)

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1317 Highway 304  
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# Tribute Wall

ME

“ 11 years come & gone. Yet not 1 day goes by I don't miss you brother. Never forgotten, always in my heart.



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MeI - April 01 at 10:31 PM

ME

“ In Loving Memory of My Brother

*It's hard to believe that ten years have passed since you left us. It feels like both a lifetime and just yesterday that I heard your laughter, felt your presence, and shared so many moments together. Time has a way of healing, but it can never erase the love and the hole you left in my heart.*

*You were more than just a brother—you were a father, a friend, a guide, and someone who always knew how to make the hardest days brighter. The memories we made together, the jokes we shared, the times you were there when I needed you most, all still feel so vivid. I carry those memories with me, and they give me strength.*

*Though you may no longer be here physically, you will forever live in my heart.*

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MeI - April 01, 2025 at 11:10 PM

ME

“ I know you're somewhere out there, somewhere far away...  
I want you back, I want you back...  
My neighbors think I'm crazy, but they don't understand...  
You're all I had, you're all I had...

At night, when the stars light up my room  
I sit by myself...

Talking to the moon  
Tryna get to you  
In hopes you're on the other side talking to me too...  
Or am I a fool who sits alone talking to the moon?

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MeI - November 14, 2024 at 10:57 PM

ME

“ To my dear brother,

Today, on your 50th birthday, I find myself filled with bittersweet memories and an overwhelming sense of loss. Though you are no longer with us, your spirit continues to inspire and guide me every day. Your kindness, humor, and unwavering support were gifts I will forever cherish. Today, as I remember you, I celebrate the incredible person you were and the profound impact you had on my life. You may be gone, but you will never be forgotten.

With all my love,

MeI



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MeI - June 29, 2024 at 05:09 PM

ME

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MeI - April 01, 2024 at 07:13 PM

ME

“ To the man who was my brother but so much like my father. So much of you made me who I am and I couldn't be more grateful that God made you my Big brother. Forever loved, forever missed. Happy Father's Day in heaven hermano. 😇❤️



MeI - June 18, 2023 at 05:08 PM

ME

“ Happy 47th Birthday John, sometimes it's all so surreal knowing that you are gone and on those days just to get by I have to pretend you are still in Angel Fire and just not answering your phone or you don't have a phone for me to call. It helps me to feel like you are not really gone and that I just cannot reach you. On the other days I cannot pretend, I have to remind myself that you are in a much better place and put my trust in God he has you in his care and that you are with Mom and the rest of the family celebrating in Heaven. I miss you so much. There will never be a day as long as I live that you will not be remembered, loved, and missed. Happy Birthday hermano, sending love to today and always up in Heaven.



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Mel - June 29, 2021 at 04:24 PM

ME

“ Happy Father's Day John. You are so loved and missed. Never forgotten.



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Mel - June 20, 2021 at 11:45 PM

ME

“ Doesn't have to be a special occasion to remember you or share your memory. It's ingrained in my mind. Even if I live to be old, and get Dementia or Alzheimers, I know I won't forget the best Brother God ever graced a sister with. Always loved, never forgotten.

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Mel - March 12, 2021 at 09:32 PM

ME

“ Happy 46th today Bro, there is not a day that goes by that I wish I could have traded places with you or what I wouldn't give to have you here with us. I know when it is my time I will never be afraid of death because I know you will be there to take care of me and guide me the way you did in life. As long as I live, you will never be forgotten. Happy Birthday John.



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Mel - June 29, 2020 at 03:54 PM

MM

“ 5 years gone... what a horrible 5 years they have been without you John. Time passes by & life moves on but it's never the same. This family lost the world the day we lost you. Being 40 myself this year and feeling old but then again feeling young & imagining you & Mom both only being on this earth 40 short years each is a tragedy. We all deserved more time with you both. Happy Birthday Mom, your always loved & missed but I know your celebrating with your baby boy in Heaven today. You are both forever loved, never forgotten and missed more than anyone can possibly imagine. My heart will always bleed for you both until we're reunited again one day. I Love you my brother, never a day goes by I don't think of you & the pain is still almost more than I can take but slowly the pain turns into memories and I always try and make them good ones. I pray daily that our family keeps healing and comes back together one day the way once were.



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**Melissa M.** - April 01, 2020 at 01:49 PM

FA

“ Geez dad it's been a while.. so much has happened. It's currently 1 in the morning & I can't sleep. @ all.. my heart hurts so much. I wish you were here @ times like these. you're having a grand baby & tbh there's nothing in the world I want more than for you to be here. my baby needs his grandpa it's so unfair. Here we are almost 5 years later & it doesn't get better.its so hard going through all this without you. It breaks my heart bc the place I need to be is no longer there anymore. I have no home no nothing, & being @ your grave hurts me that's not where I want to visit you. but rn I feel like that's where I should be I need to be... I just need to vent to you. you always listen & you make things make sense. you explain & you give the best advice I just need that right now. I need your energy. your strength. I feel so alone I'm not but nobody is there like you. I'm so much angrier & mad. I deserve to be alone.. I need you dad I don't know how much longer I can do it without you. I love & miss you so much. & I just hope heaven is treating you so good bc it has the best angel god could ever gain...

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**faith** - December 12, 2019 at 02:53 AM

MM

“ John, I heard Santeria by Sublime on my playlist today and thought of you. It went like this "If I could find that heina, and that Sancho that she found, well I'd pop a cap in Sancho and I'd slap her down... "Tell Sanchito that if he knows what is good for him he best go run & hide, Daddy's got a new. 45... and I won't think twice to stick that barrel straight down Sancho's throat, believe me when I say that I've got something for his punk ass." Yep, that was my Bro!! Flora & the kids know exactly what I mean on this one!! Lol Good times... Love you my Brother, always remembered, always loved.

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**Melissa M.** - August 06, 2019 at 09:25 PM

AM

“ It went from me seeing you everyday to picking out a headstone.. I never imagined the day that you wouldn't be around. I miss you more and more everyday it hurts so much dad. I remember the last time I seen you I was heading to Washington and you told me goodbye so many times , I told you I would be back in a week that I loved you.. week flew by I didn't call once biggest regret because when I came back home we got a call you where being flown out in a helicopter. we didn't know what was wrong with you. I kept calling all that day too I wanted to go home with you.. no answer until about an hour later then that call came. We got to the hospital and you where hooked to all these cords and stuff. They where almost not gonna let us in because I wasn't 16 yet.. I was so scared and hurt. We slept in the car that night hoping you would wake up .. next day at like 7 they called us in the room and told us you where gone. I didn't even get to see you again. I miss you dad. Everything remind me of you, everyday I see your picture and it hurts cause I could still hear you talking , singing doing everything you would normally do. I pray to you all the time to help me heal to watch over our family .. I know you do I seen you standing there looking at me in almost every bad situation I get into making sure I'll be okay. I wish I could just talk to you.. Dad I'm so lost without you. I need you , brother needs you, Mariah and faith need you. It's hard without you here. Half the shit wouldn't of slide if you where here with us. I try and be strong for them, I try and be there like you where. It's hard they are hurting just as bad as me.. I just wish , I could've been older and help you get through every you where going through maybe you would be here.. I tired tho. I love you dad and I miss yo I more than anything.



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Alexis Maestas - June 06, 2019 at 12:23 PM

MM

“ Heard this song today from R. Kelly and thought of you my brother: "Rollin' through the hood, just stopped by to say, what's up, and let you know your baby Sis ain't doin' so tough, even though you passed, goin' on four long years, still wakin' up late at night cryin' tears, just thinkin' about those days you used to talk to me....I wish that I could hold you now, I wish that I could touch you now, I wish that I could talk to you, be with you somehow. I know your in a better place, even though I can't see your face...I know your smiling down on me saying everything's okay....4 long years & it still hurts like yesterday John. Forever loved, forever missed. I'll always remember & cherish the life you had & the time we had with you. I love you brother.



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**Melissa M.** - March 31, 2019 at 09:30 PM

“ it's going to be four years in two days.. **FOUR YEARS** since god took the most beautiful amazing human being away from us. I can't.. this is too hard dad. Everyday I'm getting weaker & weaker.. you would be so upset so disappointed.. & I just can't anymore dad. I can't sleep. I can't eat. Literally.. just losing all my weight. I can't find happiness in anything no matter what I do anymore.. I've made **TERRIBLE** mistakes dad that I'm not proud of. I want to wash away my sins & give my life to god but I just don't know where to start. I'm so **UNHAPPY** & disgusted with myself. I have nothing.. I am nothing.. my life is not much. I want to be so much better but I don't even know where to start.. I just want to be so much better dad & it's like it's impossible. My sisters are hurting.. & nobody thinks of us. or takes our feelings into consideration. when you left, I'm pretty sure we all lost ourselves but **NOBODY** is there. family? well we never had much of that it was **ALWAYS** you & us girls. & brother sometimes when he wouldn't run away. But you were there. Mentally physically.. emotionally. You helped so much with everything & I know if you were here today, half of this stuff wouldn't be going on right now. It's like you were the anchor of the boat, holding us all down. showing us all the love in the world. showing us amazing things & as I get older I swear I **WISH** I could go back in time. We always use to be so upset bc you would always try to show us your music or lecture us.. & we never understood why. but now I do. all the things you tried protecting us from, I understand now dad.. & I wish I could hear your angry voice rn. lecturing us. I miss waking up & you being up doing laundry, picking our outfits out getting us ready for school. You had the biggest fingers dad always so hard to comb our hair lol. or when you were up making breakfast. I use to be so embarrassed dad bc we didn't have much. you were always so scrubbed out & grubby & always to yourself. & I never understood why until I lost you. bc now I'm the exact way. I stopped going to school. I pushed everyone away. I still do.. I lock myself in my room beating myself down to where I no longer can go.. I **NEED HELP** & no one is around or cares. or takes it serious when I say I need help.. but man I **NEED HELP**.. I feel the longer we go on the worse things are going to get. I don't feel much reasons for even

*making it worth living sometimes. All this pain & hurt, I just don't understand WHY 💔 I'm not a bad person ive made bad mistakes but why does it feel like the world is against me? why does it feel like when I try I only get knocked down 20x harder.. I'm losing it I really am.. & nobody notices now just like wih you.. nobody understood or knew you were hurting. & look HOW MUCH IT HURT & AFFECTED our family 😭💔 I don't know how much longer I can do this pops but I need something .. I need a change . A new beginning. a sign. somewhere to START OVER AGAIN.. I miss you so much. The smallest things get to me. & I'm such a mean person.. I don't know how to control myself & im so toxic.. I just wish there was a way we could send letters to heaven.. or have visiting time somehow lol.. I know we will meet again but I honestly can't wait for that day to come.. 💔💔💔💔😭*



Faith Maestas - March 30, 2019 at 08:03 AM

AL

“ *I miss you dad .. I literally have no one at all. I'm so sad I'm tired of this. I wish I can go back with you. I hate it here , I miss how I use to be how everything use to be .. No one is ever there for me and I'm always there for everyone I wish I had someone to talk too..I really miss you I love you dad*

Alexis - February 13, 2019 at 11:47 PM

AL

“ *It's my 18 birthday dad. And every year I just sit here alone and miss you so much. I love you dad. I wish I could just be with you ❤️ I don't wanna cry right now so I love you dad*

Alexis - January 15, 2019 at 05:05 PM

MM

“ 2019, wow how time flies. I feel like the last 20 years of my life went in fast forward but the last 3 1/2 have been lost without you my Brother. I went to yours and Mom's grave today, decorated it for you guys and funny but I felt good that at least you were together for the Holidays. Maybe your finally celebrating up in Heaven, the Holiday you didn't celebrate for 25 years because it hurt remembering Mom left us the day after Christmas forever. Never a day goes by your not thought of, loved or missed. Happy New Year's in Heaven big Brother, hope your looking down over us and praying for us all. Love you always.

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Melissa M. - December 31, 2018 at 09:50 PM

MM

“ I saw your picture today, it was sent to me out of the blue. You were happy and healthy and smiling in this picture. Seeing you like that should have made me happy but all it did was make me cry. I cried for the life lost, a life that was taken much too soon...I cry for everything you should have been... I cry for all the years that we were robbed...I cry because your kids no longer have their Dad and God knows that they need you here, today more than EVER before. I wonder when i'll be able to talk about you or see a picture of you out of the blue and just be happy for the life you did have...for the years we all had with you... for everything you were. Maybe someday Brothe ...but not yet. Eternally missing you, always in my heart.

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Melissa M. - October 09, 2018 at 05:30 PM

MM

“ I'll be feelin' pain, I'll be feelin' pain just to hold on and I don't feel the same, I'm so numb  
I'll be feelin' pain, I'll be feelin' pain just to hold on and I don't feel the same, I'm so numb...

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Melissa M. - September 23, 2018 at 03:38 PM

MM

“ Happy 44th Birthday Big Brother, mmy guardian angel in Heaven. You are loved, never forgotten, and always missed.



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**Melissa M.** - June 29, 2018 at 03:30 PM

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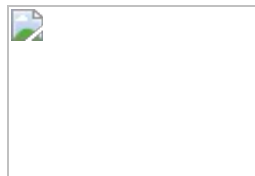
“ Happy Fathers day dad. I miss you sm. This past year has been hardest without you. Everyday it feels like i have nothing or no one .. Just myself I pray all the time i could just go home with you. It hurts knowing i cant. Im so depressed. I hate being here without you daddy.. I love you sm RIP Daddy

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**Alexis** - June 17, 2018 at 11:27 PM

MM

“ Happy Fathers Day Brother. It took a special man to raise his little sister & to want nothing but the best for her & the courage to stand up for her even when he knew she wasn't making the best decisions at the time. That's unconditional love. Missing you today and everyday. Happy Fathers Day, my brother, my father. I Love You always.



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**Melissa M.** - June 17, 2018 at 12:29 PM

FM

“ its crazy that its already been three years today since you left us . i miss you so much i can't explain it . I feel so lost anf incomplete without you dad . i wish you were here, everything would be so different .. you would be so disappointed pops but i want to do better . I try & try but i feel stuck . no matter how hard i try . I just want so better not only for myself but for my sisters . we need you, we can't do this without you anymore.. family isn't evenn family no more. theres just days where i feel so weak, i don't wanna be alone or do this without you anymore. you still show me EVERY SINGLE DAY how blessed i am pops, watching over me. i know you are there, sometimes i can feel you. i wish there was a stairway to heaven. or visiting hours, man i just wish you never left. happiness don't exist without you. i just still do not understand why? I thought you were going to live longer than anybody i know dad. you were the closest thing to perfect. great @ everything you did. had such an amazing heart. a beautifuul soul. why did god take you so fast? I am so lost.. i just am @ a loss of words bc i don't understand.. nobody does.. why did you leave me all alone? i would give anything to hear your voice again or to hug you one last time. Im sorry for not realizing that all you wanted was the best for us. i miss hearing your lectures, i never understood but i do now. and i regret giving attitude or even being mean. I regret fighting and for always getting mad when all you wanted was better for us.. i wish you got the better side of me bc i miss you so muchh. I miss you waking us up geetting us dressed and geting frustrated bc you couldn't comb our hair right but you always managed to do okay. I miss you beig my coach yelling "get the ball mammas" even though it pissed me off. I miss going grocery shopping and eating healthy, always help making dinner. I miss you and your presence, deeply. I feel so alone dad i have mobody. and nobody helps except you.💔 i love you more than words could descricbe. tge only two men i will ever need are right above me looking down watching me.❤️ save a spot for me old man i love and miss you so much dad 💔💔💔💔😔❤️

Faith Maestas - April 02, 2018 at 01:54 AM

MM

“ You've been gone 3 Years – 36 Months – 1,095 Days, 26,280 Hours – 1,576,800 Minutes – 94,608,000 Seconds... the pain never gets better & who knows maybe it never will. Life definitely didn't get better without you here. The family has gotten worse since you've been gone & again maybe it never will. All I know is your loss is felt everyday. Life has to move on I guess but it stands still for me most days. I'm sorry I wasn't there like I should have been, I'm sorry I haven't been able to fulfill your wishes since you've been gone, I'm sorry for a million things that I will forever regret my brother. I'd take your place in a second if only I could. I miss you so much not just today but everyday. Happy Birthday Mom, 3 years ago you got the best Birthday present in the world. Celebrate together today for Mom and please don't look down on those today grieving for you. I know we'll be reunited someday when it's time. I miss you both & as long as I live I will never forget you both. I fight this battle all alone, I know people think after 3 years I should get over it & I'm sure you'd say the same, I know you don't want me to grieve but it's a battle I have to fight myself. One thing I did take from your lessons is that no one gets to decide my life for me, I'll do this at my pace & on my time & if that's my whole life so be it. I Love You big Brother.



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Melissa M. - April 01, 2018 at 12:49 PM

MM

“ *This Christmas all I ask from God is to tell you that I Love You, to give me peace to know your at rest, and the strength to carry on without you. Forever missed my Big Brother, you're always thought of and loved. Merry Christmas John.*



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**Melissa M.** - December 25, 2017 at 03:07 PM

MM

“ *As Thanksgiving ends, I am reminded of the things I am grateful for and one of my favorites is you my brother. I'm grateful that although your gone far too soon that you were the best thing to have ever blessed my life. No man can truly ever die if his greatness lives on in the heart of others. Happy Thanksgiving my brother, your in my heart every day until we meet again.*



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**Melissa M.** - November 23, 2017 at 07:54 PM

AL

“ *i miss you sm dad*

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**alexis** - October 13, 2017 at 05:59 PM

MM

“ Happy 43rd Birthday my Big Brother, my Father. You were a shining light and a beautiful heart that was taken home to Heaven far too soon. I will always love and cherish you and the memories until we meet again. I Love You John yesterday, today, tomorrow, and always.

*I thought of you today  
But that is nothing new  
I thought about you yesterday  
And will tomorrow too.*

*I think of you in silence  
And make no outward show.  
For what it meant to lose you  
Only those who love you know.  
Remembering you is easy  
I do it every day*

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Melissa M. - June 29, 2017 at 05:41 PM

MM

“ Happy Father's Day John, my brother & father. I'll miss you and cherish your memory always.



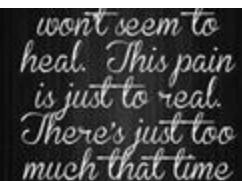
Guardian  
Angel in  
HEAVEN  
I call him Big

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Melissa M. - June 18, 2017 at 02:13 PM

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heal. This pain  
is just to real.  
There's just too  
much that time

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Melissa M. - June 10, 2017 at 12:28 AM

MM

“ *Never a day goes by brother that you're not a part of... I miss you.*

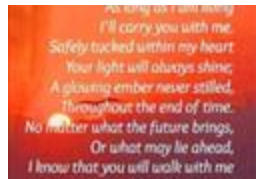


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**Melissa M.** - June 10, 2017 at 12:16 AM

ME

“ *2 years give. Time as they say eases the pain, but hasn't healed it for me. Wherever I go, whatever I do I'll carry the love of my Big Brother with me. I miss you John.*



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**Melissa** - April 01, 2017 at 01:48 PM

MM

“ *Happy Valentine's Day brother, there's not a day that goes by I don't carry you with me. I Love You.*



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**Melissa M.** - February 14, 2017 at 12:31 PM

AM

“ *It's my birthday dad. Sadly I have to celebrate it without you. I'm finally 16 tho. I remember how sad you where when I turned 10 you kept crying saying I was a decade. I miss you so much. I think today auntie Melissa might take me to see you, I hope so. I love you so much daddy. I'm gonna get my first tattoo. It's gonna be for you. I'm gonna make the best out of today. I just wish I could spend it with you..*

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**Alexis Maestas** - January 15, 2017 at 03:03 AM

MM

“ *Another year come and gone, Happy New Years in Heaven my beloved Brother.*

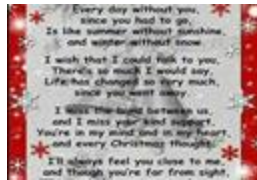


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**Melissa M.** - January 01, 2017 at 01:25 AM

MM

“ My dear brother, it hurts without you here with us at Christmas. Although you never liked Christmas much because that's when God took Mom home and away from us, that's actually ironic because Christmas is, and will always be about family, love and giving-not presents or money and that's all you were ever about was family, love and giving so in a way you were like Christmas all year long. So I won't think of how you shut yourself away or how you tried to hide from Christmas, I'll think of Christmas as you. My unselfish loving brother who shined a light on this world for a brief 40 years but to those that knew him well left a light and legacy that will never die in our hearts. I Love You my brother, Merry Christmas up in heaven and know your always here in my heart.



Melissa M. - December 25, 2016 at 10:55 AM

AM

“ Merry Christmas dad I love you so much! I know you didn't like Christmas very much but spending it with you was the best, you are the best! Each day goes by and I think of you more and more. The pain gets worse and worse without you too 😞 I pray you help put our family back together cause honestly we falling apart.. Rest In Peace daddy Gone but never forgotten ❤️ 😞



Alexis Maestas - December 25, 2016 at 02:58 AM

MM

*Auntie is always here for you baby girl, don't ever feel lost because I'll always be there to find you. I Love You with all my heart and soul Alexis, and your Dad loved you more than anything in the world and he's gonna be proud of his babies no matter what.*

**Melissa M.** - December 25, 2016 at 11:18 AM

AM

*“ Everyday I sit here and think about you. Think about what it would be like if you where still here. I'm losing it with out you dad. It gets worse and worse everyday and I take my pain out on everyone else. I don't know if they can see if I'm in pain or not but I'm really broken. I just want you back dad. I sit there and look at the picture I have of you in my room crying every night. I never thought I would be n this much pain. No one understand how much I need you right now. I lost all hope dad. I just really wantt you back. I'm sorry for disappointing you. Cause that all I seem to be doing. I wanna give up so bad. I'm so sorry dad*

**Alexis Maestas** - October 26, 2016 at 06:48 PM

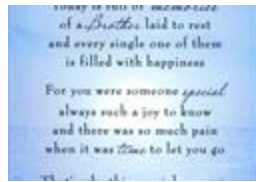
MM

*The beauty your Dad created in you can never be lost or cause disappointment to a father who loved his children so much. Your Dad would be proud of you no matter what, and would never want you to feel hopeless or in the pain he went through all his life missing your Grandma. As long as you keep God and your Dad in your heart in each decision you make, you'll always be guided to do the right thing. It's there in your heart baby girl, you know what you need to do. Be strong and live for him, don't dwell on bad things or bad decisions because you have all the right answers, just look UP my love. He's still here watching over you, quietly whispering in your ear what is right, you've just gotta drown out all the other loud noise. I'm here for you always and forever Alexis, and I'm always proud of you no matter what too.*

**Melissa M.** - December 25, 2016 at 11:30 AM

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**Melissa Maestas** - September 26, 2016 at 11:52 PM

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**Melissa Maestas** - September 26, 2016 at 11:49 PM

MM

“ One long lonely year, already come and gone without you here my brother. Wow how time has moved, how people keep moving but I don't move. I wonder daily if I'm the only one. I try brother, I try to move but I can't, the pain hurts so bad. I lay awake nights, when everyone is sleeping and I cry, I cry for what it was but more for what it could have been. I pray for help to take this pain away but it doesn't ease the constant pain that's deep in my soul. I pray constantly that your wishes, your words, your lessons be followed but they seem to slip further away. I try to keep your words alive, try to remind everyone what you'd have wanted but it's hard to keep those words alive without you here. If only they all knew the true meanings of what you tried so hard to imprint. But at the end of all your words and lessons, the end was always the same, family and love. So that is what I'll follow and try my best to keep alive. I Love You my brother, may you always know that as long as I live, your memory will carry on.

~ Emancipate yourselves from mental slavery, none but ourselves can free our minds~



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Melissa M. - March 31, 2016 at 01:43 AM

PA

I still think about you John, each and every time I drive to Angel Fire. You were a great friend and you were my son's best friend. You made us laugh, and I often wondered how you, Jason and Chris survived some of your stunts. Rest in Peace, you were an amazing person

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Pat - April 08, 2016 at 11:21 PM

ME

“ Dear Brother,

*Tomorrow is Alexis' 15th Birthday. Your not here to see it, but you were there for her 14th. How time passes by & life moves on. I stay constantly still, stuck in the past of my times with you. Everything I know, everything I have, all that I became was because of you. All the good I have in me was because of you. All I can hope is that your kids take those same lessons and do the right things in your honor because I know you did your best to raise them the way you raised me. They're all so beautiful, all so special because they are half of the most beautiful person to have graced this earth, their Dad. Please look after them, guide them, give them courage to not follow the crowds and be always true to themselves. Please pray for me for God to help my hurt & pain that I die from day to day without you. I miss you more than anyone could ever understand, but I realize I have to try and go on in your honor. I love you Brother, until we meet again, rest in peace. Happy Birthday my beautiful niece Alexis, I Love You more than you can ever know and I'll always be proud of you no matter what life throws our way, Auntie is here for you always.*

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**MelissaM** - January 14, 2016 at 09:53 PM

MM

“ 6 long months have passed, my brother and my best friend so tragically taken from us. I miss you so much everyday John, your songs, your courage, your wisdom. You are the strongest man I've ever known, and my life would never be the same the day you left. Half of my heart, my soul, my reason to be left with you. I miss you so much. The kids miss you so much. Life's moved on so fast, too fast I think because I feel like everyone moves but me. I stay still, mourning, dying a little each day without you. As long as I live I will make sure no day goes by without a thought of you. My father, my brother. Until we meet again rest in peace and know you are forever loved, forever missed, never forgotten.



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**Melissa M.** - October 21, 2015 at 08:40 PM

FA

“ So yesterday was your birthday.. And tomorrow it will mark 3 months since you have been gone. It doesn't get any easier. I still can't get over the fact that you are gone. It feels unreal. I can't let it go. I miss you so much. Everything has changed, the family is falling apart without you. We all need you here with us. 💔 you were taken way too early. You're going to miss everything now dad. You barely even got to spend time with your grandson, he met you once and he loved you. Before you passed away, we went down to see you and we had so much fun. You seemed so normal and like nothing was wrong with you. Jeremiah got attached to you in One day, I remember Her cried just when you walked out the door to go get pizza down the hall. You're going to miss everything. Him growing up. Me graduating. Sisters graduating. Every day, the pain hurts more and more. Seeing you in that hospital alive One minute, then the next the doctors tell us you didn't make it. I don't understand... Why did this have to happen? I miss you and all the memories we made. I remember you always use to play your guitar and sing, or when you use to take us to the park for a while and push us on the merry-go-round. You always use to take a cake for my birthday to school. We always got out of a class so we can eat cake, all my friends loved you. 😭❤️ I remember when you and Dave went to my school because I was getting awards that day, and after I got them you guys cracked the confetti eggs on my head. You always use to show up to all my games. Soccer, basketball, volleyball, went to my track meets, ballet shows, award day at school, Christmas plays, my states and country projects, you went to everything. You were always there to support me. I miss cooking Every night. I miss having a simple dinner with you. Or just simply taking drives with you. I miss hearing your voice and seeing you laugh dad. When you left, you took a piece of my heart with you. Why can't you we go back in time? Like the days when we use to chase bears in the car, or when we would go camping, I miss the days when we would go Up to the resort and snowboard together, when you use to be my chaperone for school, you have taught me so much. You showed and gave me the world. Now that your gone, my world is gone. Gone but never forgotten. You changed so much

*people, you helped everybody, you will forever be in all of our hearts. I miss you, I really miss you dad. I can't wait until I can see you again, that's the day where I'll be happy and not have to worry about a thing. I promise I'm going to make you proud. I love you. Rest in perfect paradise. Watch over all of us. 💖 (06.29.1974-04.01.2015) 💔*

Faith - June 30, 2015 at 08:59 PM

MM

“ *Days go by and its not getting easier. Never gone, never forgotten, always in our heart. I love you my big brother, rest in peace until we meet again.*

Melissa M. - April 20, 2015 at 07:45 PM

FM

“ *It's been exactly one week since you passed away dad & I miss you more & more as the days go by. It feels so unreal but It's reality. Life in the past week has changed so much. I'm going to miss being with you dad, i'm going to miss you calling me "mammass" & playing the guitar while singing your heart out. I'm just going to miss you telling me how proud you were of me. It's so hard without you here, I don't understand why you had to leave me but God gained a beautiful Angel 💖 you'll always be with me in my heart & wherever life takes me. I promise to take care of my big brother & sisters. I hope one day I could be as good of a person as you daddy. You're my hero. I've never met someone with such a big heart. I adore you, I swear you are the best number one father in the whole world. I love you more than life itself, more than anybody could ever imagine. Look over me & my family. Tell grandma I love her. & I love you daddy. Always & forever. This is never goodbye because I'll see you in the future. Rest in perfect paradise my guardian Angel. -Faith*

Faith Maestas - April 08, 2015 at 04:58 PM

RG

Oooh faith made me cry 😭

richard gutierrez - April 09, 2015 at 09:33 AM

CH

*You made me cry Faith, that was beautiful what you wrote. I miss john so much. The best times and memories of my life were spent with your family.*

Chris Hiller - April 18, 2015 at 11:06 PM



“ *My heart is broken over the loss of John. He was truly a wonderful person and a great friend. John often called me mom, and was my sons best friend. He always had a huge smile and would give you the world if he could. John was an outstanding person, and will be greatly missed. Condolences to Manuel, Faith, Alexis and Mirah, and to John Sr.*



Patricia Gruver - April 08, 2015 at 10:49 AM

HH

“ *Heather Hiller lit a candle in memory of John Eric Maestas*



heather hiller - April 08, 2015 at 10:30 AM

HH

“ John was always there to lift my brothers up in their darkest times. He always opened his home to everyone who asked, and happily offered to share whatever he had. Even if it wasn't much. The world needs more people like John, and is a slightly dimmer place without him. He will always be in our hearts along with his "babies" as he always called them. We will miss him very much. Heather Hiller.

heather hiller - April 08, 2015 at 10:29 AM

RG

“ Richard Gutierrez lit a candle in memory of John Eric Maestas



richard gutierrez - April 08, 2015 at 08:08 AM

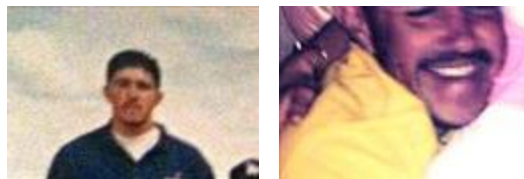
RG

“ Love u John all the stuff we been thro kicking ur door in on your truck hitting u in the head and u turning around looking at me like one mean scary ass mf u was my brother I'll miss u for ever ill never forget the good or the bad that's what made us so close . your brother lil rich

richard gutierrez - April 07, 2015 at 08:54 PM

MD

“ 2 files added to the album New Album Name



Melissa Dosal - April 07, 2015 at 02:56 PM

MD

*John was the best man I could have ever had the privledge of calling my brother. Those of you who know us, know John was more than my brother he was my Dad, my soul mate, and my best friend. The other half of my heart and soul died with him on April 1st, but I will be strong and move on for his children, my nephew Manuel and my nieces Faith, Alexis and Mariah. Your Dad loved you all more than life itself, you were his greatest accomplishments, his pride and joy. Rest in Peace John, until I am joined with you and Mom again.*

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**Melissa Dosal** - April 07, 2015 at 02:59 PM

MD

“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Melissa Dosal** - April 07, 2015 at 02:49 PM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of John Eric Maestas*



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**Dicky and Suzanne Romero** - April 06, 2015 at 03:16 PM