



Juan Carlos Perez

February 26, 1988 - March 3, 2016

Juan Carlos Perez was born in San Jose, California on February 26, 1988. He passed away in Fresno on March 3, 2016 at the age of 28.

Growing up as a child, Juan had a strong bond with his brother Raul and sister Samantha. When Carlos was 10 years old he moved to Fresno where he lived with his aunt Emma and cousin Gilbert who helped raise and support him for 8 years. He attended Jane Adams Elementary and Wawona Middle School where he met most of his childhood friends like Alex Ortiz who shared a passion for graffiti art. During his teenage years, Carlos attending Fresno High School. He began and throughout his life enjoyed skateboarding, wrestling, drawing, writing poems, and songs, and cooking. He found love in playing the guitar after receiving one from his longtime friend, Lee Lopez. He was adventurous and innovative which was evident in his many interests. In high school Juan met his best friend Daniel Romero, they both had love for the same music and started a band, Olympia Snow. Later their band performed at local venues and recorded their songs at Genos Studio. Through family and friends in 2004, he met the love of his life Mercedes Jimenez. They quickly fell in love. They started their family in December 2006 when baby Carlos was born. His family was his pride and joy. He instantly went to work to support his family by starting a career at Marcone Appliances where he was mentored by Bee Herr. He started in an entry level position and with hard work and dedication he became a supervisor where he managed and was responsible for the shipping and packaging department. Juan will always be remembered for being a loving father and companion to his family, a music lover and a Dallas Cowboys fan. He was independent, hard working, and always eager to try new things. Carlos taught himself many skills and excelled at all of them, he was truly one of a kind and we were blessed to know him.

He is survived by his companion Mercedes Jimenez of Fresno; son Carlos Ethan Perez of Fresno; parents Irma and Rich McKinney of Gilroy; sister Samantha Perez of San Jose; brothers Raul Mendoza of Los Angeles and Manuel.

A Celebration of Juan's Life will be held at Chapel of Light on Monday, March 14, 2016 at

11:00 a.m.

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Cemetery

Fresno, CA 93728

Tribute Wall



“ *Juan Carlos Perez*

September 15, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ *I just remember seeing him at one of my shows that I played with my band, end of last year. I also remember sparring with him in high school. Since he knew Muay Thai and I knew Tae Kwon Do. We did three rounds! Ha, his kicks were brutal. I was sore for about three days. Good stuff Claus. Rest in peace brotha.*

Bryan Diaz - June 17, 2016 at 06:21 AM



“ *Carlos was a major part of my life. He was the first person I ever gave my heart to. Unfortunately I moved so our relationship couldn't work from thousands of miles away. It saddens me to here this. He was always a strong soul that could keep anyone positive. He always knew exactly what to say to keep me going. Even though I haven't seen nor spoke to him for almost 10 yrs I will never forget him and what he told me. He told me to hold on to your dreams and happiness because I deserved it. Thank u Carlos for giving me the opportunity to be apart of ur life. U will be missed. I hope i can I see u again*

Rhonda - March 28, 2016 at 10:00 AM



“ *When I met my husband, Bee, he would always talk about you. I had no idea who you were. Lol and I also had no idea how much you meant to him. I was finally gifted the chance to meet you and all the other wonderful people surrounding you. I remember when it was your birthday in 2014 and Mercedes threw you a surprise party. She invited us to come through. We were late, but I remember Bee did NOT want to miss it. I'm glad we didn't. That night, you expressed your love for our little family. You knew the hardship we were going through and you cried for us [ON YOUR BIRTHDAY!!] You reminded us how much you loved and cared for our family, and even said WE were family. CP, we love and miss you everyday. Bee and I will always remember you! And we will surely let our children know who uncle CP is! I told Bee the other night that I really, truly feel an angel watching over us now. REST IN PARADISE!*

Panda Vang - March 08, 2016 at 05:14 PM



“ I will always remember how you would brush my hair 100 times on each side to keep it shiny & soft like yours. How my foot got trapped in your bicycle rim while riding on the handle & you helped me clean it afterwards to make sure it didn't get infected. Or when you gave me a black eye when we we're playing with the home made swing you & Raul made for me on the tree in from of my Tia Emma's house. The time I pranked you & put a jalapeño in your white rice at dinner time. & as revenge you stuffed my only Malibu Barbie in the blender. (We all know how that turned out lol.)

I'll remember when all three of us would go in the closet & I'd watch you guys light matches. How we would climb the fig tree & gather as many as we could. We would sit on top of the neighbors house & scarfed them all up.

Or the times when mom was at work & we would make our own tipis with the ceiling hooks and bed sheets. When we would help Raul with all the animals & reptiles he would bring home.

I will always remember when you would play dolls with me because I was the only girl... When I would watch you skate outside our house. How you would always make me think logical & keep me calm. Or when you would give me advice whenever I needed.

I am saddened that my children did not get to meet such a beautiful soul like you. But I will make sure to let them know who you were and how much you cared. You are loved and missed by many. Including myself. I hope you can see that if you're watching us. May you rest in peace big brother.

<3 Sam.

Sam Perez - March 07, 2016 at 02:57 AM



“ It's been a while since I have seen Carlos. I believe the last time I had seen him was at my grandson Gilbert's birthday party a couple of years ago. He was a really sweet ,and handsome young man. I liked him alot. I met him when he was a child about 9 or 10 years old. I've watched him grow up. He lived right by me ,and grew up with my son Ronnie Baxter,and my daughter Sherri Torres. He was really loved,and will be missed by many. He became the uncle of all 3 of my grandkids whom really loved him. R.I.P. Carlos you will never,ever be forgotten. Love, Sherri Wiersdorfer.

Sherri Wiersdorfer - March 07, 2016 at 12:52 AM