



Marcos A. Villanueva

September 11, 1992 - July 20, 2025

Marcos Amador Villanueva, age 32, of Aurora, Illinois, passed away unexpectedly on July 20, 2025, in the very city where he was born on September 11, 1992.

Marcos was preceded in death by his father, Rodolfo Villanueva, and his mother, Delia

Armida Gomez. Left to carry his memory are his loving siblings: Abel R. Villanueva (wife

Silvia Villanueva), sister Alma Peinado (husband Arturo Peinado), brother Santiago

Villanueva (wife Jeanette Villanueva), sister Julia Villanueva, and brother Diego

Villanueva (wife Monica Villanueva). He also leaves behind his cherished nieces and

nephews: Landin, Emma, Nayeli, Rudy, Chagito, Alayna, Tonatiuh, and Paloma—and

his loyal dog and best friend, Daisy Villanueva.

Marcos graduated from West Aurora High School in 2011 and worked as a self-employed truck driver. He loved the freedom of the open road, but even more, he loved having Daisy riding beside him on his journeys, keeping him company wherever he went.

To know Marcos was to know warmth, laughter, and unconditional love. He had a rare gift—the ability to make people feel seen, heard, and loved. He was the kind of person who could light up a room without even trying. His hugs were genuine, and his jokes were endless. His family meant everything to him. Every visit, every phone call, every simple moment spent together was something he treasured. He lived life as a free spirit, embracing the little things that brought him peace, like cooking, exploring nature with Daisy, or just sharing laughs.

His passing came too suddenly, leaving no chance for final words or goodbyes. But if love alone could have kept him here, he would have lived forever. And though he's gone, everyone who loved him knows this: Marcos loved with his whole heart, and he knew—without question—that he was loved just as deeply in return.

Marcos leaves behind a legacy of laughter, kindness, and love that will never fade. His absence leaves a hole in every heart that knew him, but his memory will live on in the countless lives he touched.

Visitation and funeral services will be held on Saturday, July 26, at Daleiden Mortuary, 220 North Lake Street, Aurora, Illinois 60506, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., followed by a burial at Riverside Cemetery, 414 North River Street, Montgomery, Illinois 60538, at 1:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

414 N. River St.
Montgomery, IL 60538

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **26.** 10:00 AM - 12:45 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary
220 N. Lake Street
Aurora, IL 60506
(630) 631-5500
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

Graveside Service

JUL **26.** 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Marcos A. Villanueva



Daleiden Mortuary - July 23, 2025 at 05:21 PM

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“ Somphonh O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marcos A. Villanueva.

Somphonh O. - July 26, 2025 at 09:48 AM



“ *It feels surreal to be writing this for a former student—when it should’ve been the other way around. Your sudden passing has left a hole in my heart. I’m heartbroken that you didn’t get the chance to fully live out the beautiful future the universe had in store for you.*

I still remember you so clearly—your head full of dark curls, those long lashes, and that radiant smile. You were the kind of student every teacher dreams of having: intelligent, hardworking, kind, talented, and full of love. You gave me a reason to be a better teacher.

One of my favorite memories was taking your senior photos with your dog. We were out in the field, and you suddenly started singing the Lion King soundtrack. We laughed so much that day—just a student and a teacher sharing a joyful moment. When I posted your photo, I titled it Light—because that’s exactly what you were. You are light, Marcos. A light so bright, this world didn’t deserve to keep it for long.

I’ll miss your messages and our Instagram interactions. I’ll miss watching your trucking adventures and cheering you on from afar. I pray you’re now at peace, resting in God’s loving arms. I will carry your memory with me always.

I will forever miss you, Marcos.

*Love,
Ms. Oulavong*



Samantha Oulavong - July 25, 2025 at 09:14 PM



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Samantha Oulavong - July 25, 2025 at 09:12 PM



“ *City of Joliet-Plant Operations purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Marcos A. Villanueva.*



City of Joliet-Plant Operations - July 25, 2025 at 05:43 PM



“ *Kyriako & Madeline / Ron & Calli planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marcos A. Villanueva.*

Kyriako & Madeline / Ron & Calli - July 25, 2025 at 02:58 PM



“ *Kyriako & Madeline / Ron & Calli purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Marcos A. Villanueva.*



Kyriako & Madeline / Ron & Calli - July 25, 2025 at 02:58 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Arturo Peinado - July 25, 2025 at 01:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marcos A. Villanueva.

July 24, 2025 at 08:42 PM



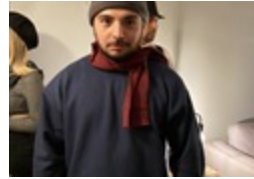
“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Marcos A. Villanueva.



July 24, 2025 at 08:42 PM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Michelle Flores - July 23, 2025 at 08:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marcos A. Villanueva.

July 23, 2025 at 06:19 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marcos A. Villanueva.* ”



July 23, 2025 at 06:19 PM



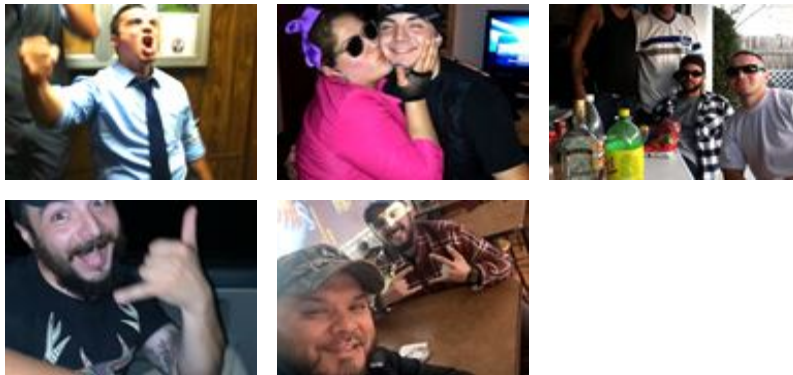
“ *Edgar and Alejandra Flores purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Marcos A. Villanueva.* ”



Edgar and Alejandra Flores - July 23, 2025 at 05:57 PM



“ *60 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



Daleiden Mortuary - July 23, 2025 at 05:15 PM



“ *From high school to our 30s, Marcos, you were such a huge part of my story.*

Your charm could win anyone over, and your humor always knew how to break through even the hardest days.

But what I'll hold onto the most is the way you loved so deeply, so unconditionally.

You always knew what to say, how to guide me, how to make me feel seen.

Even when life took us in different directions, your impact stayed with me.

Thank you for being my friend and my safe space for so many years.

I'll never forget you. This is how I will always remember us.



Priscilla Lynn - July 23, 2025 at 04:01 PM

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“ What I'll always remember about Marcos is how easy it was to just be myself around him. He never judged, never made anyone feel less than — just had this calm, kind way of making you feel completely accepted. From the beginning, he welcomed me like I'd always been part of the family. Honestly, I saw him as my own brother. Our conversations were real and honest — sometimes deep, sometimes just full of laughs — and I always walked away feeling lighter. People like him are rare. The kind of rare you don't realize you needed until they're gone. A part of me feels different now without him here, and I know that space will always be there. I'll miss him so much.



Jeannette Villanueva - July 23, 2025 at 01:44 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to the Villanueva family. I didn't know Marcos personally but I do know his sister Alma, and judging by that I can say that he was most likely a genuine person which I missed out on the pleasure of at least exchanging small talk with. I'm sure he will be sorely missed and his untimely passing will be felt by many. Let it be known that there is a merciful God (John 3:16) and therefore a second chance for me to have that small talk. RIP Marcos Amador, we'll chat on the other side.

Fernando P - July 23, 2025 at 02:49 AM