



Christopher Miguel Araiza

September 28, 1988 - June 22, 2020

Christopher Miguel Araiza, age 31, passed on June 22, 2020 in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was born in Salt Lake City, Utah on September 28, 1988 to Jodie Martinez and Miguel Araiza.

Christopher was loved by so many. He has a huge family and endless friends that will feel the absence of his big smile, and infectious laugh on such a deep level. The pain of living in a world where Chris doesn't exist is almost unbearable, but knowing that he lived openly and with so much passion can hopefully give comfort that he was loved and happy. Life is so precious and memories are what we have, Chris will live on through all of us. Chris expressed his love through music, and one of his favorite artists said it best, "I love you in a place where there's no space or time, I love you for my life" (Amy Winehouse a song for you).

He is survived by his Mother Jodie Martinez, Sister Tatiana Ojeda (Lincoln), Brother Lorenzo Ojeda (Armani) Sister Anaiss Araiza (Mia). He is also survived by his Grandmothers Martha Martinez, and Maria Araiza, Grandfather Rafael Araiza, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, and his life long friends. He is preceded in death by his Father Miguel Araiza, Grandfather Gilbert Martinez, and Uncle Sean Martinez.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on July 4th, 2020 between 11:00

AM-10:00 PM Germania Park 5243 S Murray Parkway Avenue (1070 W) on the Jordan River Parkway. Please contact his cousin Monique Polendo at moniquepolendo@gmail.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wiscombe Memorial.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 4. 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM (MT)

Germania Park
5243 South Murray Parkway Avenue
murray, UT 84123

Tribute Wall



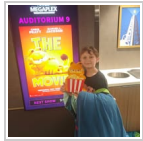
“ *Christopher Miguel Araiza*

October 22, 2023 at 08:21 PM



“ *Christopher Miguel Araiza*

October 05, 2023 at 07:13 AM



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Lincoln Tot - May 06, 2021 at 02:42 PM

JD

“ Chris how can I put into words the greatness I see in you...
My heart breaks knowing that you are gone. But I find comfort in knowing you are with those who love you, and that you were welcomed into the arms of our loving Father in Heaven. And although you are in an unseen world, I know you will always be with us. Watching over us.
I'll never forget when I first met you 18 yrs ago,
I was drawn to you and destined to be there for you. I perceived your aching heart and sensed the sadness you were holding inside. We had a private moment where I express my perceptions of what I could feel from you, and You were amazed. We have been friends ever since. Thank you for trusting me and letting me be a part of your life. For sharing with me some of you deepest and darkest struggles & experiences. We have shared laughter and tears. Your dynamic smile laughter & personality have blessed & brought so much fun & Joy into our lives. I will miss your Many extraordinary talents. The words you write with such depth & emotion. Seeing you sing songs on your story. Im sorry that time ran out for you, before i got to put together all the plays that I recorded of you. I will miss seeing you on your birthday each year. Our messages back and forth. Your laugh! And that last lunch we were planning that we never got to have. Thank you for your words of appreciation & love. Know you are loved just the way you are! Until we see each other again, I will be look forward to that day! And for that hug. I know that you know, I love you!💕

Jody David - July 04, 2020 at 01:12 PM

CC

“ So, it has taken me a week to even find words. Chris you were my person. My one when everything else failed you were there person. We built a life together, we grew, evolved. What never changed for us was love and being in each other's lives. It seems so cruel we always prepared for this with me and instead here I am and you're not, it was never supposed to go this way. I love you forever, I love you for always.

C Jay Christiansen - June 29, 2020 at 01:10 PM

CC

You were unique beyond words and I was lucky to call you mine for a time. There are things about you I'll never forget. Getting lost for hours in your own world of music. Stealing food from the kitchen WHILE I was cooking. The late night drives to nowhere for no reason. Me driving from Ogden to see you in Salt Lake every day and always being happy. We shared our trials, but who doesn't. You were more than you thought you were and nothing short of miraculous. You were the laugh I heard when I saw something funny, the arms that held me when I was down. I don't know what a world without you looks like but for you, because of you, I will find out, because you'd want me to. I love you poopz and nothing will ever change that or the 14 years we shared.

C Jay Christiansen - June 29, 2020 at 01:20 PM



“ Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christopher Miguel Araiza.



June 29, 2020 at 11:16 AM

MC

“ My Nathan Detroit, my Tevye, my Danny, you are missed Chris. Your smile, your laugh, your charisma, your dancing, I miss it all. My heart hurts you are gone so soon.

McKenzie - June 27, 2020 at 03:44 PM

CL

“ Christine Loya Leo lit a candle in memory of Christopher Miguel Araiza



Christine loya leo - June 27, 2020 at 05:13 AM

TO

“ I love you so much brother . My last memory of you was you coming from behind me giving me a hug and telling me that you loved me . Me and Lincoln will forever love you and never forget. I can't wait to see you again . I love you brother so does Lincoln 💙



Tatiana ojeda - June 27, 2020 at 12:45 AM



“ I had my 6th grade class with Chris. We were both a little strange and creative and got along well. I just remember how he wrote our class play and choreographed the dancing. I loved staying after school and rehearsing together. It is one of my few good memories of elementary school.

My sincere condolences to his loved ones. He was a light to many.

Va Jayla - June 27, 2020 at 12:05 AM

ST

“ I met Chris at Clearlink a couple years ago. We were in the same training class to become Medicare agents. I remember him always being dressed to impress, a smile on his face, and there was just something about him that seemed honest and true...

We would speak every now and then, as co-workers would. Eventually, there was one thing both of us had on one another that we teased each other about. For him it was my "good-bye" or "go somewhere" saying that i would typically say to someone when i was annoyed, for me it was seeing him taking calls one day while sitting under the desk...

That's right... not sitting on a chair like everyone else, but on the floor, crossed legged, sitting under the desk, taking calls. Lol I knew from that point he was mad cool and i liked his style!!!

For me it takes a while to befriend someone, i take my time getting to know someone and feeling them out. Apparently it was something Chris did as well...

For a good year we were modest co-workers, sometimes teasing each other every so often when the situation called for it. I'll never forget his laugh, and the playful energy he brought with him. He was easy to talk to, and he wouldn't turn away from a conversation...

Shannon Tejeda - June 26, 2020 at 12:11 AM

ST

Unless it was this one time he was talking to me, and mid sentence he stopped and ran up to go greet our other co-worker, Judy. In his words "who does that"? Lol

He made memories with everyone he came into contact with. Hed have his little inside jokes, sayings, and mannerisms only dedicated to you... that's how you knew you were special to him.

Close to this time last year I was looking at other living situations as my lease was ending in Ogden, but our (chris and i) mutual friends gave us the idea to become roommates... that way we can stay in SLC, be close to work, and not have to take on the burdon of the crazy high rent on our own... for a least a little while...

Shannon Tejeda - June 26, 2020 at 12:12 AM

ST

Moving in with Chris was something I didn't second guess about. I already liked him as a co-worker, and as a work buddy; this was just another step to solidify our friendship.

From the very short time I got to live with Chris, we built so many good memories.

From our little house parties we set with our friends, to the late, late, LATE night talks we would have- that ranged anywhere from life, ambitions, goals, music, religion, movies, books and writing... even gossiping about 'short shorts' (inside joke). We had a lot in common and we'd just get caught up in the moment connecting... we'd stay up talking till 3am on a lot of workday nights...

Even with our 4-3 hour sleep we had that night, we still went into work and slayed! His energy was pure and honest. You can't make that up!

Shannon Tejeda - June 26, 2020 at 12:13 AM

ST

He was always there to talk. No matter what!

Its so hard right now to say goodbye to those good times; but I'll cherish every good moment we had. We only known each other for almost 2 years, but he made it feel like we were friends for much longer than that!

To our jam sessions at night to Ella Mai, Tamia, Jill Scott, Ariana Grande; to Chris introducing me to artist like JMSN, Kendrick Lamar... I was surprised in his taste in music, because being from NY, I haven't met anyone here in UT with the same taste in music as me .. until Chris came along... boy even knew who Mya was! Not a lot of ppl know of her and it was so refreshing talking to someone who not only knew of her, but liked her music; among many other artists.

Sharing music was something we quickly got into. I even introduced him to Lido's Not Enough song... of which he'd play almost everyday, sometimes back to back- to the point where it got on my last nerve lol

But I'd give anything right now to walk through the door of our old apt, and hear him jaming out to it!!!

*To our short lived friendship,
To the memories we made,
To the last conversation we had in my car just a couple weeks ago,
To being such and honest and true individual,*

Thank you for being you, thank you for being a friend, and thank you for not changing a thing!!!

Te quiero como un Hermano...

Shannon Tejeda - June 26, 2020 at 12:14 AM

ST

One last thing.

Something chris and I were close on was writing... and there were times where I'd share some of my poetry with him. Since hes not here right now, I thought id share a little something I previously wrote, with those he was close with...

::You came in like the the calm after a storm.

*Full of energy and light.
Your smile lit up the room,
Drawing the attention of everyone in sight*

*Full of jazz and sass,
You couldn't be stopped,
Even your fashion sense could never be topped.*

*Your taste in music,
getting caught up in your vibe,
nothing but positivity and acceptance radiated from you.*

*This light shined though,
From all corners of your being,
It was truly a gift to see.*

*You're one of a kind,
A real diamond in the rough,
God only knows,
That moving forward for us,
Is going to be tough...*

*You touched everyone who saw you,
They marveled at your existence.
While God called you home,
We were left basking in the thought of what an honor it was to experience,
Even if just for a moment,
What such greatness that came from your light.*

*Until the day we share that wine and bread again (or better yet, your famous gin & tonic w/ Lime),
Fly high 'mano... show those angels how it's done... shout it loud and proud...*

"B, is it on"::*



“ Chris, I don't even have words to describe him that how wonderful and vibrant person he was, being his coach for over two years, I can't imagine stepping into office without notice his Neon Tee shirt with color hat. His fashion sense was topnotch with the great knowledge and love for the music. we used to talk about that for hours.

He was the source of energy and laughter...His inside jokes were hilarious while mixing the name of Medications with people's last name. He used to call me "Furosimide Yousuf".

No one is there to call me with this name anymore.

I miss you.

I love you and you ll be miss by so many.

Fahad Yousuf - June 25, 2020 at 12:59 PM

“ From Ani Pogossian:

Chris and I met in Junior High and instantly connected. We've been best friends since 7th grade. I remember the first time we established trust. We both had the exact same hoodie, but with different colors. We decided to trade hoodies for an entire week. For those of you that don't know, Chris absolutely loved his hoodies! So this was a very big deal to him :). I'm pretty sure he was testing our friendship when he lent me his hoodie. I of course passed the test!

As we grew up, we became closer. Our friendship continued to grow and blossom. We had such a unique and special bond, The type of bond that is irreplaceable. We had so much fun together with many adventures. We were always laughing, sharing inside jokes and sayings, and teasing each other playfully. People would always tell us to do stand-up comedy together and just be ourselves. We also shared a serious friendship. We had many deep and meaningful conversations about life, beliefs, passions, goals, strengths, weaknesses. We would laugh and cry together. That's when you know you have a solid and secure friendship. We had chemistry.

Chris was one of a kind. There was always a radiant aura surrounding him. His smile was infectious. His laugh was contagious. He truly was a bright light in our world. Chris had the gift of empathy. He was sensitive and intuitive. His heart was extraordinary that drew him to people and taking on their emotions. He could be an extrovert, with an undeniable energy. But Chris was introverted at his core and very much valued his alone time. During this time, he would dive deep in his passions like music and writing. Chris had a special song for every occasion. He loved discovering new artists and sharing them with his close friends and family. His happy place would be outside in a lovely and secluded park, listening to music while writing down his thoughts and creating poetry. He had an extremely passionate soul and loved deeply.

Christopher Miguel Araiza, my Boom Boom boy (inside joke), I will

always love you. You will always have a piece of my heart. I will continue to listen to the music you shared with me. I will continue to have our dance parties and I know you will be dancing with me. I will always share our stories and adventures. Words cannot express how deeply you impacted my life. I want to thank you for your love, support, friendship, and trust Thank you for your kindness and generosity. Thank you for our memories. Thank you for your courage. Thank you for your love of learning. Thank you for being YOU.

Love Always,

Your Boom Boom girl.

Ani Pogossian - June 25, 2020 at 12:54 PM

DW

“ *I met chris at a low point in my life. He was one of the first person I met who light shown hella bright, lighting up the room with his presence, nd for once I wasnt. It was so nice to feel his warmth of heart, his BODACIOUS laugh, beautiful smile. It was easy for me to let go nd be myself. He opened the door for self love when he first put on my make up nd lite me up with his confidence in me. He made me feel amazing. I'm going to miss my libra kin, but I know that he is still with us. Rest in peace chris. I love u..* ❤️❤️❤️



Desiree Walden - June 25, 2020 at 12:40 PM

HW

“ Chris was an incredible person! I will miss his amazing personality at work. We had an inside joke of giving each other incredible middle names and he always came up with the most incredible royal sounding names for me. I will miss you Christopher Araiza. Rest in peace.

Heather Woody - June 25, 2020 at 11:15 AM

MK

“ Chris was everything AND MORE! I met him @ Smith's before we started working together @ Clearlink & slowly became my regular. He'd come in almost every night to get his little 6 pack of beer & cigs & we'd chat & vent to each other bout some random drama & it helped that we didn't know each other friends group. He was so full of life & helped me through a lot at that age. His energy was always so bright and powerful even if he wasn't feeling the best that day. I'm gonna miss you my dude. I wish nothing but peace & pray for your families as well 💜

Marjorie K - June 25, 2020 at 11:14 AM

LC

“ Chris was one of the most radiant and amazing people I've ever been blessed to know. I always looked forward to seeing him at work and hearing his laugh. I'm going to miss that laugh. Chris was a light to everyone he knew. Rest easy my friend. Thank you for blessing my life in the short time you did



Lilly Carver - June 25, 2020 at 01:40 AM

DR

“ Chris lit up the room every single time he walked in. Any little thing would make him smile and laugh which would cause everyone around him to smile and laugh. I'm so privileged to have worked with Chris and gotten to know him. He was an absolutely amazing person and leaves behind the best memories. I know that Chris will continue being his bright self where he is now and passing along that happiness he gave us all. Chris, you'll be in my thoughts and prayers. I love you brother.

Chris' family, know that this guy was incredible. We all LOVED him. He has helped us all through so much and you should be so proud of the legacy he leaves with us.

Devin Roundy - June 24, 2020 at 11:05 PM

LS

“ Thank you always being so kind to me Chris. I will miss you. "I'm dying to death" will always be our thing. My love to your family. Always.

Lisa Salisbury 

Lisa Salisbury - June 24, 2020 at 10:49 PM

NG

“ My heart goes out to everyone that ever knew Chris! He was such an amazing person and feel so blessed to have known him. Being his coach was such a great experience (most times) and loved seeing him grow not only as an agent but as person as well. Chris you will always be in my thoughts and prayers and with a snap of a finger I see you now. (Anytime anyone snaps their fingers will always think about you). Love you my friend and brother! Rest in peace!

Nick garcia - June 24, 2020 at 10:09 PM

JS

“ I would always look forward to seeing Chris walk through the doors at clearlink so I could see what he was wearing. His style was phenomenal. Unmatched really! He was bright and full of spunk. He radiated such happiness! Chris was so easy to talk to and fun to be around. I will miss seeing him and working with him. till we meet again

jenny schoenfeld - June 24, 2020 at 09:03 PM

JH

“ The minute I saw Chris Araiza walk through the door of my theatre class room at Kearns Junior, back in 2001, I knew we had to do the show, "The King and I" and I hoped he would audition for the part of the King. Well, he did and he was perfect. We asked every kid in the cast to sign up their little brothers and sisters to play the King's many children with his many wives (and it's based on a true story). Every night when it came time for the King to introduce his dozens of children to Anna, Chris would stand up center stage proudly folding his arms. We had the Mahony twins (Jared and Jake) play the Siamese twins. Chris would get this look on his face, like, look what a stud-daddy I am, and the audience would laugh their heads off. He was so funny in that part. The at the end of the musical, the King dies, with Anna and his children at his bed side. The audience (and me) would sob. We couldn't believe that a 9th grade actor could touch our hearts so much. How could we have known then, that Chris was preparing us for this. I have sobbed and sobbed. Rest in piece, my favorite young actor. Thanks for knowing how to tell a story. Love Henrie.

J Scott Henrie - June 24, 2020 at 08:30 PM

LB

“ I will miss everything about you. You were a true friend. I pray you are at peace and that we will see each other again.

Lori Bird - June 24, 2020 at 08:23 PM

CH

“ I can't believe that you're gone. You made my teenage years worth living. I had such a dysfunctional home life and being your friend was my escape. You (and your family) never judged me when I'd hang out at your house almost every day. School was amazing simply because you were there. Though we drifted apart in the years after school I've never forgotten about how amazing you were and how kind you were to everyone you met. It breaks my heart that such a beautiful soul has left this world far too early. Rest in peace my friend.

Cheyenne - June 24, 2020 at 08:12 PM

CM

“ You were such an amazing person!! I have so many memories of you! You made school worth going and you were always there to make my bad days good!!! Rest in paradise!!

Candace Murri - June 24, 2020 at 07:58 PM