IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION

The family of *the late Alex Antonio Rivera* wishes to express deep and heartfelt appreciation for your loving thoughtfulness and concern, including your visits, cards, flowers, phone calls, your presence here today, and especially your prayers. May God bless each of you, and may His peace be with you always.

TOMORROW

When tomorrow starts without me, and I am not there to see

If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me;

I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,

While thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me, as much as I love you,

And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.

But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand

That an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand,

And said my place is ready, in Heaven far above, and that I had to leave behind all those I truly love.

If I could relive yesterday, just even for a while,
I'd say goodbye and kiss you, and maybe see you smile.
But when I walked through heaven's gate, I felt so much at home;
When God looked down and smiled at me from His great golden throne.
So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart,
For every time that you think of me, I'm right here in your heart!

~Unknown Author~

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Celebrating the Life and Spirit Of



Hlex Antonio Rivera

Sunrise September 25, 2004 Sunset July 19, 2023

Funeral Services

Saturday, August 5, 2023 Viewing – 12:00 Noon – 2:00 P.M. Funeral Service – 2:00 P.M.

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"Now that the sun has seemed to set on one so very dear, please know a soul who lived so well remain forever near."

ORDER OF SERVICE



PROCESSIONAL

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament (Psalms 16:11)

New Testament (2 Corinthians 12: 9-10)

PRAYER..... Pastor Christian Palacios

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

SELECTION "For Your Glory" Kaleeb Barrett

SPECIAL TRIBUTE

REFLECTION: Anyone wishing to say a few words in tribute to *Alex* is invited to do so at this time (*Please be brief*)

OBITUARY

SELECTION "Take me to the King" Kaleeb Barrett

EULOGY Pastor Christian Palacios

COMMITTAL

FINAL VIEWING

RECESSIONAL

Private Inurnment *Monday, August 7, 2023*



OBITUARY

Hew Antonio Rivera, son of Jessica Meza, was

born on September 25, 2004, in East Meadow, New York. He was the eldest of two children and the protector of his younger brother. *Alex* attended H. Frank Carey High School in Franklin Square. Even after transitioning from Hempstead to Franklin Square, *Alex* graduated on June 25th, 2022.

Whenever *Alex* wasn't working or in school, you could find him at home with his brother Jhalani. You'd find them playing video games or playing with Peanut, the beloved family pet.

Alex was very polite, he always greeted people with a smile, and a warm bear hug. He was very thoughtful and always willing to help.

Alex was a very smart sweet young man. Because of his academic determination, Alex received a scholarship to Lincoln Technical School to study automotive technology. He was scheduled to start in the spring of 2024, but God had other plans. Alex worked as a retail associate at Target In Westbury. He wanted to be an entrepreneur and one day own his own business.

Since it was just always the trio (*Alex*, Jhalani & Mom), *Alex* was responsible and independent from a young age. Always trying to find a way to help his mother, who at times had to work three jobs, to care for him and his little brother.

Alex enjoyed family game nights with his brother, Uncles, and family friends. **Alex** was very competitive and always wanted to win. **Alex** looked at life as a journey. No matter what he faced **Alex** always felt like everything would always be ok. **Alex** never worried too long. It was as if he knew something nobody else knew.

Sadly, on Wednesday, July 19,2023, *Alex Antonio Rivera* transitioned from his earthly life. He leaves to cherish fond memories, his mother Jessica Meza, his brother Jhalani, his sister Jaylene, his grandparents, a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends. *Alex* had an infectious spirit and will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

~Lovingly Submitted by~ The Family