



Zephaniah Villarreal

October 8, 1995 - January 28, 2013

Zephaniah Villarreal, age 17, of Lehigh Acres, Florida passed away with his loving family at his side on Monday, January 28, 2013 following a long illness. He was born on October 8, 1995 in Harlingen, Texas, the proud son of Irma Linda Sanchez and Alex Villarreal, Jr. He leaves to cherish his loving memory his parents Alex and Irma and his sister Jacinda Elise Villarreal. He also leaves behind a number of direct family members, a multitude of extended family members and scores of friends who are saddened by the loss of his company. His love and his legacy will be missed but never forgotten. A Visitation will take place on Thursday, January 31, 2013 from 6:30 - 7:30 PM with prayers at 7:30 PM and closing at 8:00 PM at Saint Vincent DePaul Catholic Church, 13031 Palm Beach Boulevard, Fort Myers, Florida 33905. A Mass of Christian Burial will then be celebrated the following day, Friday, February 1, 2013 at 9:00 AM also at the church. Zeph will then travel to Harlingen, Texas for services and burial at Ashland Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you instead consider a contribution to one of the organizations that helped Zeph and his family through his courageous battle with cancer. Some suggestions are: Go Fund Me/Team Zeph; the MD Anderson Cancer Center; Caleb's Crusade; Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center; Ronald McDonald House of Houston; Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation, Southwest Florida Children's Hospital; Candlelighters of Southwest Florida and the Saint Vincent DePaul Catholic Church. Arrangements for final care have been entrusted to Anderson-Patterson

Cremation and Funeral Services, 2701 Lee Boulevard, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33971, (239) 368-7080. Those who wish to express condolences to the family at this difficult time should visit Zeph's memorial webpage at www.andersonpatterson.com and sign the guestbook.

Tribute Wall



“ *Zephaniah Villarreal*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Zephaniah Villarreal*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



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John Rice - February 01, 2013 at 01:17 PM



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Cindy Gonzalez - January 31, 2013 at 12:36 PM

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“ Our hearts are aching for you in the death of your son. Although we never met him and we didn't really know Alex, we were kept informed of Zeph's progress by Andrea, and we shared your anguish during this long ordeal. You have been in our prayers and will continue to be, in hopes that it may give you strength to go on. Our most sincere sympathies for your great loss.

Dr. & Mrs. Juan Puerto - January 31, 2013 at 12:36 PM

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Lynne Garcia - January 30, 2013 at 09:12 AM

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Lynne Garcia - January 30, 2013 at 09:12 AM

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Jenn - January 30, 2013 at 08:40 AM

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