



# **Gustavo Alfonso Morales Rivera**

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## In Loving Memory of Gustavo

Gustavo A. Morales Rivera, age 33, of San Mateo, California, passed away on July 17, 2025. Born in 1991 in Tepic, Nayarit, Mexico, Gustavo immigrated to the United States as an infant, carried in his mother's arms as their family stepped across the border in search of hope. He spent his entire childhood and adulthood in San Mateo, where his quiet strength, quick wit, and generous spirit left a lasting mark.

As the youngest sibling, Gustavo had a gentle sweetness and a shy nature, but his presence was always felt-especially in the way he made people laugh with his sharp comebacks and thoughtful humor. He had a deep connection to music and movies, often listening to melodies that matched his mood, creating a personal soundtrack to life. An avid Raiders fan, he once held season tickets and rarely missed a game, showing up with unwavering devotion.

Gustavo drew his work ethic from his parents, Maria Elena Rivera and Martin Morales-two profoundly hardworking people who shaped his values. From his father, he drew a deep love for soccer; from his brothers, a fierce loyalty to football. His kind heart mirrored the love at the core of his family. And his sense of style? That was all his mom-graceful, expressive, and uniquely his.

Gustavo also had a deep love for cats-a connection that spoke to his quiet affection and gentle nature. At one point, five cats shared a home with him and his parents, each one cared for with the same tenderness he gave to those around him. His furry companions were more than pets; they were a reflection of the love he kept tucked inside.

As a teenager, Gustavo came to understand the complexities of his immigration status and faced moments of feeling lost and out of place. Yet he met life with grace and resilience, embracing the joys and challenges of the world with quiet courage.



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He is survived by his parents, Maria Elena Rivera and Martin Morales; his older brother Martin Omar Morales; his older sister Jessica Alvarado Morales; and his oldest brother Jorge Herrera; his two nephews; and three nieces. Each carries forward the memory of a gentle soul whose love ran deep, and whose life was woven with humor, music, loyalty, and heart.

"Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure,  
You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure."

### A Note of Thanks

Our family wishes to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who supported us, stood beside us, and honored Gustavo's memory with your presence, kindness, and love. Whether through a word, a hug, a prayer, or simply showing up-your compassion helped carry us through the hardest days.

Thank you for sharing in the celebration of his life, for remembering his humor, his heart, and the gentle soul he was. We're especially thankful to those who traveled far, comforted us near, or contributed in ways seen and unseen. Your love gave this moment warmth, and your presence gave it meaning.

With love,

The Morales Rivera Family



# Events


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## Visitation

 **Monday**, July 28, 2025

 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM PT


 **Skylawn Funeral Home**  
Route 35 at Highway 92, San Mateo CA 94402



## Funeral Service

 **Monday**, July 28, 2025

 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM PT

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## Tribute Wall

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**Patricia Cabeza** lit a candle in honor of Gustavo.



Hello all My Name is Patricia Cabeza Morales I am Gustavo's Sister inlaw, Today I am here to speak of our beloved brother Gustavo Alfonso Morales Rivera, a devoted Son, brother, nephew and Uncle. I must be honest I am mixed with emotions but most of all in disbelief. Disbelief that our Beloved Tavito as I would call him is no longer in the Physical world. I still remember him when he was maybe 10 years old or younger and he was with his older sister Jessica at Catechism study preparing to do his first communion. He was so small and shy. Small world I ended up meeting his older brother in school and well long story short we are now together with 3 beautiful girls. I can describe so many memories with Gustavo from family gatherings, holidays and family trips and so much more. But another of my favorite memories of him was his love for music. He would always wear his ear phones and always bopping his head to a beat. He would come home from school and get on the computer and just start listening to his rap and different types of music. He would make mixes and burn some CDs. I believe I may still have a CD or two of his that he burned for me back in the day. I remember sharing the same admiration as he did for one of our favorite groups called Bone thugs in Harmony. He enjoyed the lyrics and the way Bizzy Bone would rap the lyrics so fast yet the music just had a great flow. Music definitely spoke to Gustavo's soul. I remember another occasion when we were on a walk down B street in Down Town San Mateo, it was him, me his older brother Martin and we were taking our oldest daughter Perla for a walk who was maybe 1 years old at the time and as we were walking we noticed an older woman trying to cross the street in a wheel chair he reached out to his brother to go help the elder woman cross the street. Gustavo was shy but very willing to help others. With security I can say Gustavo was a son of God thanks to his upbringing but also because of the way he would see life around him. I can confirm that Gustavo came from a devoted loving family. I am sure a lot of you could agree. There are no words to express this loss for me let alone his family, His Mother, his Father, his siblings, his nieces and nephews. I would like to share these words directly to Gustavo's parents my inlaws: I have grown into a better mother not just through my own journey but by watching the way you love and care for your family. Your devotion to your children, your grandchildren is something truly special and I can honestly say Gustavo is blessed to have you as parents. I know there is nothing I can say that will ease your pain, but please know you are not alone and to you Mariaelena a mother to another mother " donde lora una Madre lloramos todas" el amor de padre es uno pero el amor de Madre es realmente una devoción que usted Mariaelena lo ha mostrado con su hijo Gustavo es algo que es de verdad una admiración ejemplar. Y sé que él está muy orgulloso de tenerlos como padres a los dos. Su hijo ahora estará cuidándolos desde el cielo así como ustedes cuidaron tanto de él. Gustavo no es un ADIÓS sino un HASTA LUEGO! Crossroads: God bless you working a plan to Heaven Follow the lord all 24/7 days God is who we praise Even though the devils all up in my face But he is keeping me safe and in my place, say grace For the case to race with a chance to face the judge And I betcha my soul won't budge Grudge because there's no mercy for some Oh what can I do, It's all about family and how we roll Can i get a witness, Let it unfold We living our lives to eternal soul and we pray and we pray and we pray, everyday, everyday, everyday Romans 6:20-23, 23- For the wages of sins is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Gustavo by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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