



## Antonio Meraz, Jr.

April 19, 1996 - April 15, 2022

Antonio Meraz Jr., also known as Pupi, Tony, and Petrie, was born on April 19, 1996 to his Parents Antonio Meraz Sr. and Elizabeth Quintero-Meraz. He was their second child who brought joy to them and made them a family of four. He was a passionate little boy full of energy, life, and a strong love, always hugging and kissing everyone he knew with his sloppy kisses. Later on came his sister Nena and brother JoJo and then many more years later, along came Luke. This made us a unique and wonderful Party of 7, having a full house made things more joyous and rambunctious. Pupi had a unique and sensitive relationship with everyone he met, sharing his special love with them. Loving each one of us to his full capacity including his Fur Babies. He had a funny personality, a great sense of humor to share with all and was a very curious little boy growing up playing sports and making great memories with his dad who always had a special connection with his sassy boy.

Pupi, or should I say Tony, was always known for being different. To the point, that when you think you'd have him figured out he'd change. That's what made Pupi so unique. Tony was so invested in becoming a psychologist that he gave the family free sessions. He was really big on giving us motivating words, and would tell us, "Do what makes you happy, not what's gonna make everyone else happy." That's what Tony did, he did things that made him happy. He enjoyed his time with his cousins and enjoyed taking trips to the beach and especially loved going to Avila to enjoy the wine slushies. He loved

just getting up and being on the go. He also loved to spend countless hours in front of the bonfire that his father and brother put together. Throughout the years, Tony had invested a lot of his time going to school whether it was full time or part time at COS where he had already received his AA and BA in Psychology and was undecided on which University to attend out of the 4 that had accepted him to finish his career and get his Masters. Let me tell you he would have been a great Psychologist with all his knowledge. Pupi loved being surrounded by his family and friends and when asked a question he was great at answering and then gave free advice as he did to all. He had a passion and charisma within that he could easily make conversations out of nowhere and with everyone. There were no strangers to him, just another new friend and was easily taken too. He had many jobs but the one he cared for was Walgreens. He loved his job at Walgreens where he worked for 3 years or so and was excited when he started to work in the Pharmacy Department. Learning and studying something different and socializing with them and retaining all the knowledge that he learned.

Sadly, Tony aka Pupi passed away unexpectedly on April 15, 2022 at the age of 25. He was preceded in death by his Aunt (Big Mama) Alma Quintero who he shared a special bond and love with. He spent his nights and numerous hours chatting away at her ears and connecting with her, always asking her to take him for a ride. He's also preceded in death by paternal Grandparents Socorro and Narcisco Meraz Sr., who loved him dearly.

Tony is survived by his Fur Babies Sylvester and Brownie Bonanza Meraz, his Parents Antonio Meraz Sr., Elizabeth Quintero-Meraz, his older brother Jesus (Chuy), Sister in Law Paola Nephew Kia & Niece Cataleya Quintero, Little Sister Margarita (Nene) Meraz & Brendon (Brandon) Alexander Her boyfriend that Pupi loved dearly, Little Brother's Joseph (Jojo), & Luke Meraz and not birth brothers but brothers to him Gustavo Amaral Jr, Daniel Amaral, Israel Garza, Daniel Barrios, and Cameron Romero. His Maternal Grandparents

Jesus Quintero & Margarita Barboza and numerous Uncles, Aunts and Cousins that loved him dearly. So if there is anything special to say about this young man's life, it is that he was very special, had a very kind and loving heart and treasured each one and was quick to say I'm sorry and I love you when he was wrong. So always take the time to say I'm sorry and I love you to those you love and hold them a little closer and tighter as my son did us. We will forever miss his hugs, kisses, laugh, and especially his beautiful personality.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial

APR **27**. 12:00 PM (PT)

Church of God  
6416 Ave 308  
Visalia, CA 93291

# Tribute Wall



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“ He was someone you could never understand no matter how hard you tried, and meeting him for the short time that i did shared with me layers a human can have and continue to shed. I met him through a friend and I remember him texting me , “ is it possible to be friends” and of course I said yes. For that short amount of time, we texted/we called/we spouted nonsense/I gave him the nickname Eli for mistakenly spelling the name of a character from an anime we both loved wrong ( I never did let that go, we always had a laugh)/ and even up until the time I let him he truly had some harsh demons, they were some sad ones but even when he was very low he still smiled and offered me words of life/words of encouragement/words of wisdom that he desperately wanted for himself. I regret not being able to hear what he had to say, I regret not coming to terms and leaving at that, I regret the worries and sorries that were never shared. For the short amount of time, I got to know him as Eli, a person who would call me up to talk about an episode I already watched or send me his videos filled with beats he created himself. You all knew him as Tony, Antonio, Pupi as I have heard and many more, I knew him as something else, someone who wanted so much but a las things brightly lit come to a slow dim unexpectedly. In that short amount of time, I got to meet someone who was many things, and we all have our flaws, we aren't perfect and Eli knew he wasn't perfect and he was happy knowing the unique character he was. I hope the family if you get or hear this, that you smile and remember your brother/son/nephew/grandson/friend as someone who once upon a time had many smiles to give all of you, who lived each and every one of you including the “fur babies” he loved so much. I hope that within time life will simply go forward and the memories remain to enlighten and comfort. You all knew him as Tony, I knew him as Eli and I'll remember him that way. My condolences and my sincere love to everyone. Will miss you 😞



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