



David Julian Gonzales

March 26, 1977 - November 19, 2013

On Tuesday, November 19th angels came and took our beloved son, brother and uncle to heaven. David Julian Gonzales was born on March 26th 1977 at Kaweah Delta Hospital in Visalia. He was born with Spina Bifida, but lived a full life that rose far beyond his disability. David attended Visalia schools and graduated from Redwood High School in 1996.

David was known for his outgoing personality and loved to do anything social. As a young child, his bright smile shined as the poster boy for the March of Dimes. He enjoyed attending fundraising activities and conferences for Spina Bifida where he could socialize with the best of them. He had many friends from all different walks of life and was a great listener as well as story teller. He cared deeply about people and was always an available ear especially to a hurting heart. He had an unusually forgiving nature and pure heart. He was a fixture at Starbucks on Main Street in Visalia and loved sitting outside and gabbing with friends new and old.

David loved nature. He grew up camping at the beach and in the mountains. Some of his favorite times were spent with cousins and family in Baja and in the Sequoias. Another passion of David's was music. He appreciated all kinds and loved a great live concert.

He is will be missed deeply by his mother, Maria Gonzales; his father, David Gonzales; his sister, Franchesca Gomez; and his nephews and niece, Christian, Jonah and Ava whom he loved to tease; as well as countless family and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **24**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave
Visalia, CA 93277
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<https://www.salseranddillard.com>

Service

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Tribute Wall

AB

“ *Papa David,
Prayers & lots of love in memory of your
loving son,
Your son will forever live as a hero of hope to
all,
He is a true angel!
Love always
Anita Bivian & Familia Bivian*



Anita Bivian - November 30, 2013 at 07:13 AM

JJ

“ *My son, Brad Johnson, and David went to school together at Willow Glen and on through high school. David was in my Cub Scout troop and Corky helped me with the troop. He always had a smile on his face and a kind word for everyone. I was saddened to read of his passing. He faced his disability with determination and courage and was an example for everyone. I will not forget him. My condolences to your family.*

Jan Johnson

Jan Johnson - November 25, 2013 at 01:44 PM

SS

“ *David was my first friend, Franchesca was my first sister, and their family was my family. David and I might have spent out first dozen birthdays together. David took me bowling for the first time, to Blackbeards for the first time, and to Hume lake for the first time. He will always be the brother that I never had. I loved him very much and will miss him as long as I live.*

Skerney Salinas - November 24, 2013 at 05:23 AM

PS

“ *It was always a pleasure to see his smiling face, almost every time I ventured to downtown Visalia. My deepest sympathies to his loving family, Corky, David and Francesca. I know his passing will leave a hole in your hearts that only faith & time will heal. Little David (as we affectionately continued to call him, long after he was a grown man) may you rest in peace with the knowledge of a life well lived, and of family & friends well loved.*

Pam Blewster Schoultheis - November 23, 2013 at 12:40 PM

ES

“ *Dear Cokie and David,*

We are so saddened to read about David in today's paper. What a beautiful person he was and will always be in our memory.

David was in our daughter Koren's class at River Bend when they were both very young. I remember warm times spent together as we struggled with the sorrow of having not-so-perfect children. And David, Sr. sang in community chorus with us for a few years.

Please accept our condolences, Cokie and David. We've been where you are, and it is not easy. We hope that the memories you have of your David will bring you some comfort as you learn a new way of living without his presence in your lives.

We're here if you need us. David is in the phone book.

With sympathy,

David and Evelyn Smith

Evelyn Smith - November 23, 2013 at 11:54 AM

MA

“ *Siento mucho por su pérdida. Espero que encuentren consuelo en la Biblia, pues ay se nos promete que un día va ver una resurrección aquí en la tierra de nuestros seres queridos que han muerto. Y cuando esto suceda ya nadie jamás morirá. Juan 5:28,29; 11:20-26; Salmos 37:29. Que Dios esté con ustedes durante este tiempo tan difícil.*

mary - November 23, 2013 at 09:06 AM

FR

“ *Thank you all for your kind words and special memories. Know that the family is reading these messages and taking great comfort in knowing how many lives David touched. We will miss him so much and welcome any and all who would like to celebrate David's life with us. Thank you all for your prayers. They are sustaining and encouraging us as we're grieving the loss of my brother and friend.*
Franchesca

Franchesca - November 23, 2013 at 09:00 AM

PR

“ *I didn't know David very long, but I know he really touched my heart. He had such a great smile and personality that the room lit up whenever he was in it. He had a very tender, gentle soul and he will be greatly missed by many, including myself. To the Gonzales family you have my most sincere condolences. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Paige Rizzardi

<http://storage.lifetributes.com/Candles/new/candle-6.png>

Paige Rizzardi - November 22, 2013 at 09:56 PM

HA

“ I've known David since the first grade!! I sat next to him almost every year of elementary school! I used to grab his crutches and make him walk...I'd tell him he could do it...23 years later he showed me he could!! He taught me without knowing, the kind of person I wanted to be! David was always so positive and only wanted to be your friend! I will miss him sooo much! We share a childhood bond & our secrets from those hard times... I love you dear friend...thank you for helping teach me to become the person I am!!
Always & Forever David....your friend, Heather Ayers.

Heather Ayers - November 22, 2013 at 08:21 PM

GS

“ i want to share a fond memory. When David was in kindergarten, he came over, David and our boys dug a great big hole in our backyard. Then they filled it with water and climbed in. They had a blast. Eventually they had to get out. Gary had to pull them out of their pit.
david grew up to be a very kind and respectful young man. We will miss him. You are in our prayers. Gary and Nancy Shook

gary and nancy shook - November 22, 2013 at 08:13 PM

 Doug
Duncan

“ David was the type of person who always gave more than he took. David was the atype of person who inspired others just by being who he was. I never saw David look defeated or discouraged. He had a great sense of humor and took delight in making others laugh. My thoughts and prayers are with you Gonzalez family. My deepest condolences. David will truly be missed by many! ---Douglas
Duncan

Doug Duncan - November 22, 2013 at 01:21 PM

CJ

“ David was a great person. His loss will be felt for a long time. My prayers and blessings are with the Gonzales family.

Clorinda Johnson - November 22, 2013 at 12:21 PM

LG

“ To the Gonzales family, so sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers.

Mario & Lynn Galatro

Lynn Galatro - November 22, 2013 at 11:06 AM

MG

“ To the Gonzales family , I am sorry for your loss, David will be greatly missed.

Michelle Guzman-Martinez - November 22, 2013 at 09:54 AM

KJ

“ To the Gonzales family, our deepest sympathy on the passing of David. He was a fine young man and will be missed!

Sincerely,

Katherine Johnson and family

katherine Johnson - November 22, 2013 at 08:56 AM