



Josiah Salvador Cruz

February 15, 2010 - December 16, 2022

Josiah Salvador Cruz was fatally wounded on December 16, 2022 in Lakeland Fl. Josiah was born to parents Joshua and Maria Cruz on February 15, 2010. He was known to all his friends, family, and teachers as an outgoing, loving and charismatic boy. His favorite activity was playing basketball and he had dreams of being in the NBA later in life. He played many seasons at the Lakeland YMCA as well as loving to play pickup games in his local neighborhood and Duff Park.

Josiah was intelligent, funny and kind to anyone he came in contact with. He was an avid fisherman, great basketball player and a friend to anyone he came in contact with. When he wasn't playing basketball, Josiah could be found grilling alongside his father or fishing any place he could find.

Josiah is survived by his loving parents Joshua and mother Maria, his sisters, Luz , Ileana and Alayah. Josiah is predeceased by his grandmother Estelita Velez and grandfather Luis Gaston.

Visitation in Josiah's honor will be from 2:00 - 3:00PM with a Celebration of Life service to begin at 3:00pm, at Gentry Morrison Funeral Home, Serenity Gardens Chapel, 3350 Mall Hill Dr. in Lakeland.

Please join our family in remembering his bright and beautiful life.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **23**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Serenity Gardens Chapel
3350 Mall Hill Drive
Lakeland, FL 33810
(863) 858-4474
t.hall@gentry-morrison.com
<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/>

Celebration of Life

DEC **23**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Josiah Salvador Cruz



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - December 21, 2022 at 12:54 PM

NC

Bellos recuerdos. Oramos por vosotros familia. Dios les bendiga con su consuelo.

Nely Helena Acosta Carrillo - December 22, 2022 at 12:25 AM

EL

My Deepest condolences my brother. I'm Praying for you

Elmer - December 22, 2022 at 04:36 AM

IV

Nuestras más sinceras condolencias para toda la familia Cruz. Las palabras no son suficientes para expresar nuestros sentimientos ante tan dolorosa y triste perdida. Guardamos gratos recuerdos de Jojo (the little man - mini Josh). Continuamos orando por uds para que Dios en su infinito amor y misericordia los abrace, consuele y fortalezca. Que la paz de Dios sea con todos, aguardando la gloriosa esperanza del pronto regreso de Cristo Jesús para verle y reencontrarnos con Jojo junto a todos nuestros seres queridos. Les amamos querida familia... un fuerte abrazo a la distancia y estamos a las órdenes. Cariños, familia Nieves-Saurí (Violeta & Roxy) ❤️🙏👐

Iris Violeta - December 22, 2022 at 09:47 PM

YM

ggs bro needed to get rebooted

yor mom - March 27, 2024 at 01:41 PM

CC

“ I remember meeting him in 2nd grade and we doing things together like playing basketball he taught me how to be a better dribbler when my dad died he was there to confront me. I loved him like a brother R.I.P Josiah

Cecil Campbell - March 22, 2023 at 11:54 AM

TS

“ Rip Josiah I remember all the fun we had at school

trinity sanders - January 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM

RM

Trinity Tatiana sanders

Raul Martinez - January 06, 2023 at 04:23 PM

NI

u was a loving brother too me jojo see you on the other side amigo

niko - April 19, 2023 at 09:25 PM

EL

LLmybrudda miss you every day luh twin you was like my luh brudda since 3rd grade ive been steppin byte yo name since i heard dem news just know its str8 hell wen it comes ta you BIG 1216 #llj,#LLjo,

elijah - September 11, 2025 at 11:46 AM

MD

“ Our sincere condolences to family!
Jo Jo rest in peace 🙏
You will be missed! You came to our home and we immediately
liked you! You touched our hearts with your beautiful personality
and eagerness to thrive at such a young age! We really did admire
you and immediately loved you! You will not be forgotten! Rest in
peace sweet boy 🙏
Diaz family

Mr & mrs Eleno Diaz - December 23, 2022 at 12:12 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Josiah Salvador Cruz.



December 21, 2022 at 08:15 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the
family of Josiah Salvador Cruz.



December 21, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the
family of Josiah Salvador Cruz.



December 21, 2022 at 05:10 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Josiah Salvador Cruz.*



December 21, 2022 at 11:16 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Josiah Salvador Cruz.*



December 20, 2022 at 10:32 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Josiah Salvador Cruz.*



December 20, 2022 at 05:51 PM



“ *Amigos de Aegis Int. / Eduardo J Chevres purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Josiah Salvador Cruz.*



Amigos de Aegis Int. / Eduardo J Chevres - December 20, 2022 at 03:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Josiah Salvador Cruz.*



December 20, 2022 at 03:14 PM



“ *Ed & Lynda Buss purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Josiah Salvador Cruz.*



Ed & Lynda Buss - December 20, 2022 at 03:03 PM



“ *Sending heartfelt thoughts, prayers, and much love out to Josiah's family, friends, and teammates. He will be missed by so many and will never be forgotten. Rest in Peace Jojo.*



L. Prescott - December 20, 2022 at 12:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Josiah Salvador Cruz.*



December 20, 2022 at 11:36 AM

DR

“ There are no words to say that will comfort at this time. I am praying from the bottom of my heart for you and yours. May God give you the strength and love you need more than ever. God bless you and the Family sincerely Maricel

Diana Reyna - December 20, 2022 at 09:45 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Josiah Salvador Cruz.



December 20, 2022 at 09:36 AM

EV

“ Our deepest condolences to Josh, and all of the Cruz family. May God give you the strength to get through this very sad moment. Our prayers are with the family. From Evi, Brian and Rudy Cruz.

Evette - December 19, 2022 at 10:43 PM

NC

“ Tu bella sonrisa vivirá por siempre en nuestros corazones. Pronto nos veremos pequeñín. Gracias por el tiempo que estuviste con nosotros. Nely y Jared Acosta

Nely Helena Acosta Carrillo - December 19, 2022 at 09:44 PM