



Michael Alexander Arteaga

February 4, 2020

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29 September, 1957 - 4 February, 2020

After a hard-fought battle against cancer, Mike passed away peacefully at the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre in Toronto surrounded by his loving family.

He is survived by his loving wife Liz, their sons, David, Ryan, and Michael, daughter Meghan, daughter-in-law Brittany, grandson Isaac, mother Beatriz Albornoz, his brothers and sisters, in-laws, nieces and nephews, and cousins.

Mike was a loving husband and father who always did what was best for his family and everyone he loved. He was the life of the party, and whether he was pushing you into the pool at one of the famous Arteaga pool parties or spinning you around on the dance floor, you always remembered it when you had a fun time with him. He created fond and often hilarious memories in the hearts of everyone he touched, and it was always easy to reminisce and laugh with him about those memories years or even decades later.

Mike will be greatly missed and remembered as someone who you could always seek out for advice, a laugh, or instructions on how to fix basically anything. He loved to travel, lay on the beach, sing songs, tell stories, try new things, and make new friends. Mike's kids will always remember him as the dad that got things done, and they wouldn't be the people they are today without the dedication he showed to his family and all of the hard work he poured into giving them the best lives possible. Liz will always cherish the memories she and Mike made while building a life together and raising a family, and the love they shared will live on through those memories.

Thank you Mike for making us laugh and giving us plenty of stories to tell and memories to hold in our hearts. Your family and friends will miss you more than words can say, and we take comfort in knowing you are at peace.

A special thank you to Dr. Robert Kridel and the staff at Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, the palliative care unit at Princess Margaret, and to all the family and friends who had given their love and support to Mike and his family.

A celebration of life memorial service will be held on Sunday, February 23rd, 2020 from 1 to 4 pm at The Jam Factory: 2 Matilda Street, Toronto ON, M4M 1L9

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB **23**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

The Jam Factory
2 Matilda Street
Toronto, ON M4M 1L9 (CA)

Tribute Wall



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Alexander Arteaga.*



February 22, 2020 at 09:16 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Alexander Arteaga.*



February 21, 2020 at 06:05 PM

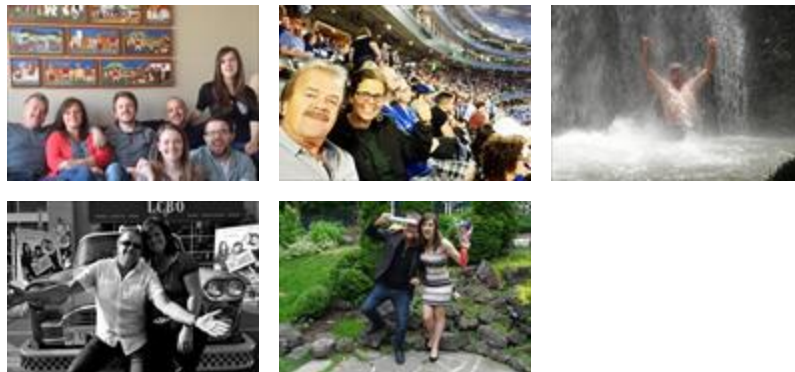


“ *Miguelito, you were such a wonderful friend to have, you were always there when we needed you and such beautiful positive energy to be around. You were truly a unique person, and I know I will never meet someone like you again. I will forever carry you in my heart. -Nadia & Wolmar.*

Nadia - February 08, 2020 at 08:43 PM

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Michael Arteaga - February 08, 2020 at 03:13 PM



“ Dear Mike, all I have to say is thank you for all the great times you created with your joy and your kind heart, where there was space for everyone: people of different cultures, languages, ages and personalities. In your life there always was time for a good advice, a good dinner or a funny and crazy night.

You were one of my first friends when I lived in your city and you made possible that I could meet such incredible people that remains in my heart, even when we shared just a few months together.

I remember the last time I saw you. We had an incredible talk! I learned so much of your inner wisdom and your beautiful way of understanding life as an amazing journey, where all the experiences we lived were valuable. That day I had a bottle of Mezcal for you and it fell down, and for several minutes all the coffee shop smell like Mexico, so you promised to visit Mexico one day to properly drink Mezcal.

I'm sad that promise couldn't become true, but I feel very lucky to have met you, crossed our paths and shared good times, you definitely created amazing memories for all the people that knew you.

Hope your family and friends find peace. With love, Tania.

Tania Boo - February 07, 2020 at 06:30 PM



“ *Mike, I'm so sorry you had to fight this battle the past few years. You never let it slow you down and you fought like a boss. I am proud to call you my uncle and I will hold on to the many memories I have of you. You will be missed by many and never forgotten. Rest easy! We love you! xo*



Michelle Sweetzer - February 06, 2020 at 07:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Alexander Arteaga.*



February 06, 2020 at 12:37 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Michael Alexander Arteaga.*



February 06, 2020 at 09:15 AM

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“ Our dear Mike, you will love forever in our hearts. You left us with so many fond memories! Pool parties where we pushed each other in the pool, camping trips where you jumped rocks like a mountain goat and caught fish with your mouth, birthday parties where you had a proper food fight ... and so many more! 💙💙💙 sending love to your amazing family!!! Denisa and Santo



denisa argyo - February 06, 2020 at 08:10 AM

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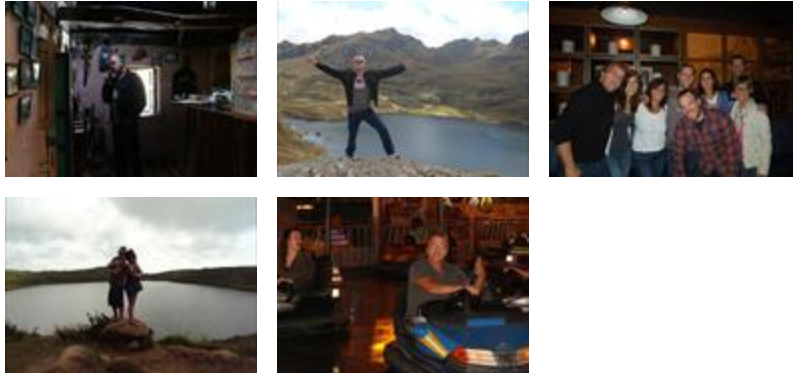
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Barb Arteaga - February 05, 2020 at 10:21 PM

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DAVID ARTEAGA - February 05, 2020 at 07:29 PM



“ DJing for Dee's wedding, he kept coming over asking me to play music, "Para nuestra gente!" And so when I did, he got everyone on the dance floor. I was happy to see this person I hardly knew so happy to be dancing with his family. Thinking of him.

Jacqueline Valencia - February 05, 2020 at 03:48 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Alexander Arteaga.



February 05, 2020 at 02:11 PM

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“ Memories... With Mike, there are no shortage of memories. Sure we parked illegally in front of the police station to watch the fire works that one Canada day, cake fight followed by throwing Mike into the pool for the all the times that he did that to us, all the terrible houses we looked at together before he got us our dream house, the mennonite camp site who couldn't keep us quiet..... thank you for the memories Mike. My heart is broken and I will miss you terribly my friend, but I know that you lived your life fully. Arteaga family, Liz, we are thinking of you all and share in your sadness.

Roxana - February 05, 2020 at 01:46 PM



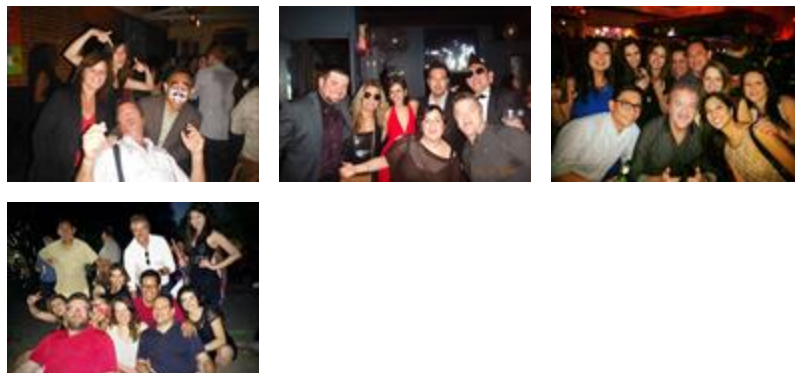
“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Michael Alexander Arteaga.



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Hanafi Sjamsil - February 05, 2020 at 11:40 AM