



## Juan Ruiz

August 5, 1995 - November 16, 2018

Juan G. Ruiz, 23, a lifelong resident of Moses Lake passed away Friday, November 16, 2018 in Moses Lake. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 30, 2018 at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 200 N Dale Road, Moses Lake.

Juan was born in Moses Lake on August 5, 1995. He graduated from Moses Lake High School where he also assisted all boys sports programs as waterboy. Juan loved to fish and spend time with his family and friends.

Survivors include his mother, Rachel Guerra; one brother, Angel Guerra; three sisters, Crystal Guerra, Xochil Trujeque and Karyssa Guerra; one uncle and his wife, Richard and Skye Guerra; three aunts and their spouses, Guadalupe (Mario) Montano, Rebecca (David) Levi and Beatriz Lopez; grandmother, Maria Moreno.

A full obituary will be posted soon.

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV **30**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church  
200 N. Dale Road  
Moses Lake, WA

# Tribute Wall

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“ *juan you were a great freind great manager for the basketball teams*

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**darrell templeton** - November 30, 2018 at 03:00 AM

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“ *Juan you were a great frind and roo model for all of our team sports. You shared love laughter and friendship and will be greatly missed . We will miss you at Blue Palm as welThank You for the memoies. walk with our Lord in peace*

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**Cheryl Eckelbarger** - November 29, 2018 at 07:30 PM

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“ *I remember when you walked into our preschool room...you were a caring soul then. I am so grateful to have known you and watched you grow into a loving and caring young man that you were. I will miss your smile...rest in paradise sweet Angel.*



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**Patricia Vela** - November 29, 2018 at 02:10 AM

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“ This week in our community we lay to rest a very special part of our Chief Family. Recently Juan (MLHS Class of 2016) passed away in a time where many of us are trying to search for answers to the hardest question -- why? For these past several days I have been struggling of how exactly say what is on my heart, and what I feel needs to be said. My amazing journey with Juan began back in 2010 when he entered our school as a freshman. At the time I was the Principal of Moses Lake High School, and very early in his time I began to recognize him as an important piece of our school. Soon after that time I had my breakthrough moment with Juan where I fell in love with his smile and his spirit. That year Juan was a part of our talent show where he performed a version of the ABC's in sign language. This may not seem like a major feat for some, and I imagine Juan approached learning this song with that seem eagerness and gentleness that made Juan who he is. But that song had a variety of speeds and rhythms, and each time it changed Juan would go through the entire alphabet in sign language. While I enjoyed his demonstration of what he was learning in American Sign Language, and the courage he had to be on stage. What I enjoyed most was the smile and the joy that was beaming from Juan's face. Students and staff alike were infected with his contagious laugh, smile, and heart that poured from him. From that moment Juan became even more involved in our school. He became a part of the Choir, he participated with different athletic teams, he volunteered, and he just kept giving. There was never a moment in my time with him that he demonstrated the struggle and challenge it may have been for him to reach his goals and dreams. Instead Juan showed the world, and in this case me, that no matter what life has dealt you, that your belief about what you can accomplish far outweighs your limitations. I had no part of Juan becoming a staple in the Moses Lake High School community, that happened on our entire school's love of Juan. His position at school transitioned from being a young man that many loved, to a role model and authentic display of what it meant to be a Chief. To this day I will never forget the year that Juan was crowned Homecoming King. The student body who selected him knew what we all knew . .

*. there wasn't a person more deserving than Juan. That night and for many other days and nights Juan really was Mr. Moses Lake. My heart is saddened to say goodbye to this young man. Even recently when I would see Juan, a few years past his graduation, Juan would approach me to say hello and greet me with that same smile. I have worked with many students over my career, but Juan will forever hold a special place in my heart for the impact that he had on Moses Lake High School, our community, and myself.*

*Juan . . . Never Give Up – Never Never Give Up!*

*Love you buddy!*

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*#MLSD*

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**Josh Meek** - November 28, 2018 at 02:58 PM

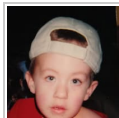


Melissa Gonzalez

“ *Juan you always new how to make someone laugh even when they didn't feel like laughing.* ”

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**Melissa Gonzalez** - November 27, 2018 at 08:59 PM



*Definitely a huge support and fabulous friend...*

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**Liza Passemard** - November 30, 2018 at 09:33 PM

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“ Iloveyou brother juan. I promise to keep ur memory alive! And always talk about you to my daughter. She loves u so much! Wemissyou.

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**Elysia** - November 24, 2018 at 04:43 PM