



## Rolando Joel Ramirez

February 25, 2023

Rolando Joel Ramirez, known to us as Roland, who grew up in Moses Lake before settling in Coral Gables, FL, passed away peacefully on February 25th surrounded by family and loved ones in Fort Lauderdale. He was 30.

Roland was born in February 1993 to Rudy Ramirez, Jr and Rosalinda Saenz. In middle school, Roland began his passion for music that influenced him to follow his dreams of being in the music industry. Roland earned numerous awards and honors playing for the high school band, which was capped off by earning a spot in the Honor Band to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City, after an audition. He graduated from Moses Lake High School in 2011. After graduating high school, Roland earned his Associates Degree at Big Bend Community College and continued to follow his dream and went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Music Performance with an emphasis in Jazz from Washington State University, graduating with Cum Laude honors. In July of 2020, Roland received a call from the Frost School of Music at the University of Miami, letting him know he was accepted in the music program. You could not wipe the smile off his face. Hours later, he received another call. It was from the Los Angeles College of Music, where you guessed it, it was too late. Not that he would have chosen differently. Roland packed his belongings and along with a buddy, drove across the U.S. and found his new home in Coral Gables. Roland graduated spring of 2022 with a Master's Degree in Music Business and Entertainment. The day of graduation, while

preparing for the ceremony, Roland received a call and was offered his first job with his Master's Degree, as a Music Data Analyst. He was currently working for 1021 Creative. He was very self-driven, motivated and worked tremendously hard to earn all his accomplishments.

Roland was a very gifted and talented musician. He rocked the hell out of drums but could play pretty much any percussion instrument. Eventually he picked up a keytar and would create videos that he would share for all to enjoy. His heart was always as a percussionist. Roland was an amazing drummer and during his free time here locally, he was a member of an 80's cover band, HLS! He loved to get together with the band mates, who were some of his best friends and rocked out in 80's attire and hair and even wearing tight spandex! He had a love and appreciation for all genres of music and enjoyed sharing his knowledge and passion with all. On some weekends, Roland found joy in working for the Pedal Pub giving tours in down town Miami. He loved to entertain and show all a great time. He was the life of the party.

Roland had an amazing heart and a joyful spirit. He had an awesome laugh, great sense of humor and an incredible personality! He loved his family and friends so much. Roland always brought joy, happiness and laughter to all that knew him. Besides listening and playing music, Roland loved being an uncle to his nephew and niece, he loved to barbecue, go boating with his family, collect vinyl records, smoke a good cigar, have great conversations, and simply spending time with his friends and family.

Roland is survived by his mother Rosalinda Saenz, his sister Jessica Bertholf (Jake), his brother Rudy Ramirez III, his nephew and niece, Cassius and Harlee, grandmother Mary A Saenz and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents: Lupe M Saenz, Rudy C & Lucy G Ramirez , his father Rudy Ramirez Jr, his uncle Ruben Ramirez, and cousin Adriana Lopez.

Roland will be missed by all who loved him. Go Canes! Go Cougs! Rock On!

A funeral service will be held on Monday, March 13, 2023 at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Moses Lake, Washington with rosary beginning at 10:00 a.m. and mass at 10:30 a.m. There will be a burial following mass at Guarding Angels Cemetery in Moses Lake, Washington.

“How sad we are now, but how lucky we were. And how fortunate we are still to have all the stories and experiences and memories we shared. Let us find peace in the past to carry our hearts forward.”

~Unknown

# Cemetery Details

## Guarding Angels Cemetery

2595 Road L N.E.  
Moses Lake, WA 98837  
(509) 765-7848

# Previous Events

## Rosary

MAR 13. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (PT)

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

## Mass

MAR 13. 10:30 AM (PT)

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

# Tribute Wall

DP

“ *deb padron lit a candle in memory of Rolando Ramirez*



**deb padron** - March 25, 2023 at 01:22 PM

TA

“ *Rest in peace Rolly. We love you babe and will miss you very much! Love uncle Louie and aunt Trina*



**Trina Alfaro** - March 14, 2023 at 10:50 PM

NV

“ *Norma Vela lit a candle in memory of Rolando Ramirez*



**Norma Vela** - March 12, 2023 at 04:11 PM

AH

“ *Anjelica Hernandez-Cordero lit a candle in memory of Rolando Ramirez*



**Anjelica Hernandez-Cordero** - March 09, 2023 at 05:37 PM

VV

“ 1 file added to the album Video



Victor Vargas - March 08, 2023 at 08:23 PM

JR

*This is amazing! Thank you for sharing!!*

John Rackham - March 10, 2023 at 07:06 PM

MR

*This is so beautiful hearing his voice thank you for sharing*

Maria Ramirez - March 12, 2023 at 12:18 AM

MR

*We're so very sorry 😞😞 for your loss to the Ramirez n Rosalinda S. Family's God is with all of you 🙏 N his with our Lord Jesus Christ. God Bless all of you ALWAYS N forever. God Bless n takes care of him forever Amen*

Maria Ramirez n Salvador Ramirez - March 12, 2023 at 12:29 AM

MG

“ Monique G. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Rolando Joel Ramirez.



Monique G. - March 08, 2023 at 08:13 PM

AM

“ My heart is broken hearing this. It was so amazing going to New York with Rosie and Roland and watching the performance in Carnegie Hall. A memory of a lifetime I am so sorry for your loss Rosie and family.

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**Ann Montgomery** - March 07, 2023 at 10:34 PM

JK

“ One of my favorite memories was hanging out at the house in the garage watching Clerks2. Roland was the younger brother, so while Jessica, Rudy and I drank red beers Roland walks in with a drink. We ask what he was drinking and with the biggest grin says "I'm just drinking some clemato" his way of sharing drinks with us. Also, you can't beat seeing him on stage in spandex with a crazy wig playing old school rock n roll. You are so loved Rolly!

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**Jodi Knox** - March 07, 2023 at 12:32 PM

KW

“ Rest in peace, Rolly. God took a good one when he took you dude. May your family find peace during this time.



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**Kassandra Wareham** - March 07, 2023 at 01:34 AM

PL

“ My deepest to the family of Rolando Ramirez, may he forever rest in peace.

*Pat Ledbetter  
Moses Lake, Wa.*

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**Pat Ledbetter** - March 07, 2023 at 01:09 AM

CP

“ My deepest condolences to my Cousin Rosie and family. I am so sorry for your loss, it broke my heart for you to hear about Roland, and know how much you are hurting, because I also lost my daughter 2 years ago. God give you strength to get through your loss, God Bless. Your Cousin Candy Peterson.



Candy Peterson - March 07, 2023 at 12:21 AM

DM

“ Darlene Millard lit a candle in memory of Rolando Ramirez



Darlene Millard - March 06, 2023 at 09:24 PM

SS

“ My deepest condolences to the Ramirez family and all those who knew and loved him! You will truly be missed and are deeply loved! Rock on Roland with the choirs of heaven! 🙏🙏

Sharon Gomez Salazar - March 06, 2023 at 07:53 PM