



Alberto Garcia Diez

September 20, 1971 - October 8, 2022

Alberto Garcia Diez was born on September 20, 1971 in Pontiac Michigan to Pedro Garcia Barreno and Maria Manuela (Nela) Diez Lorenzo. He celebrated his birthday with his beloved twin brother and best friend Ricardo and with their mother Nela. Alberto and his family returned to Spain in 1972 where Alberto attended El Colegio Decroly in Madrid. He was active in sports, earning a spot on the Madrid basketball team, was a runner and loved rock climbing in the Pyrenees and El Yelmo en la Pedriza with his rock climbing club, Peñalada. He built strong friendships that lasted throughout his life despite being continents apart. Raul, Alberto, and Olga were all at the top of the list to visit whenever home in Madrid.

He returned to the United States in 1990 to attend Western Michigan University to study English and then Applied Physics and would end up meeting his future wife, Amy, in the fall of 1993. They dated for 9 years before getting married August 30, 2002 in Burgos, Spain and they recently celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary.

Although Alberto had a mind for science, his passion was working with people as was evident in his business endeavors in real estate, tax management and most recently residential safety inspections. Everyone loved to work with Alberto, with his high energy, magnetic personality and million dollar smile. Alberto never met a stranger and would give you the shirt off his back. He took

every opportunity to engage with those often overlooked by the rest of society. He loved being the fun uncle and was always the life of the party. From his deep-fried turkeys on Thanksgiving to his New Year's pig on the caja china, he always looked for ways to entertain.

Alberto loved sports, You could be sure a game was happening if you simply passed by the house as you would hear his impassioned cheering of his favorite team. He loved the Falcons and Atlanta United, but there was seldom a time he would miss either the qualifying or the race for Formula One. He was an avid soccer fan and spent many summers in Michigan watching the World Cup with his in-laws who were always enamored with the passion he had for the game.

And man, did Alberto love the beach! His early summer vacations were spent with his family in Le Estartit, outside Barcelona and he continued this tradition through his daughter's early years. They also spent many summers on the shores of Lake Michigan with Amy's family. If you could not find Alberto, all you had to do was go down to the beach where you would find him flying a kite if the wind was just right or taking a siesta right there in the sand.

More than anything, Alberto loved his family both in the US and in Spain. He leaves behind his two precious daughters, Nadia and Maya and his wife, Amy Veurink. He loved his girls more than anything and was so very proud of them and looking forward to their futures. If he was not in person watching them play volleyball, he was watching it online supporting them from afar. He loved to go on vacation with his family with recent trips to Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Argentina, and the family favorite, Jamaica.

He also is survived by his parents, Pedro Garcia Barreno and MariaManuela Diez Lorenzo, his twin brother Ricardo, his younger sister Marta, his Aunt Blanca, his Uncle Juan (Amparo), cousins Irene, Gustavo and Raul, father

and mother in law, Gary and Sally Veurink, brothers in law Jon (Terri) and Steve (Shannon) Veurink, sister in law Julie (Kim) Loncar, and his nieces and nephews whom he adored; Ivan, Kelsey, Kenzie, Alex, Delaney, Siena and Tessa.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Friday, October 14, 2022 at 11:30am at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church; 230 Arnold St. Hapeville, GA 30354.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **14**. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. John Evangelist Catholic Church
230 Arnold St
Hapeville, GA 30354

Tribute Wall

LM

“ Love Juliet, Patricia, and Paul McRae purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Alberto Garcia Diez.



Love Juliet, Patricia, and Paul McRae - October 13, 2022 at 10:10 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Alberto Garcia Diez.



October 13, 2022 at 08:49 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Alberto Garcia Diez.



October 13, 2022 at 02:40 PM

PM

“ Patricia Del Rosario Mcrae lit a candle in memory of Alberto Garcia Diez



Patricia del Rosario Mcrae - October 13, 2022 at 11:52 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Alberto Garcia Diez.*



October 13, 2022 at 10:34 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alberto Garcia Diez.*



October 12, 2022 at 10:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Alberto Garcia Diez.*



October 12, 2022 at 06:44 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Alberto Garcia Diez.*



October 12, 2022 at 06:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Alberto Garcia Diez.



October 12, 2022 at 06:07 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Alberto Garcia Diez.



October 12, 2022 at 05:05 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Alberto Garcia Diez.



October 12, 2022 at 12:39 PM



“ *Familia Diez Gomez (JM, A, I, G, R)* purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Alberto Garcia Diez.



Familia Diez Gomez (JM, A, I, G, R) - October 12, 2022 at 12:24 PM

FA

“ Faculty and Staff at St. Mary's Academy purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Alberto Garcia Diez.



Faculty and Staff at St. Mary's Academy - October 12, 2022 at 12:05 PM

SM

“ Sue Veurink-Meyer and Jack Meyer purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Alberto Garcia Diez.



Sue Veurink-Meyer and Jack Meyer - October 12, 2022 at 11:49 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Alberto Garcia Diez.



October 12, 2022 at 11:25 AM

FN

“ From : Tommy Nguyen purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Alberto Garcia Diez.



From : Tommy Nguyen - October 12, 2022 at 11:04 AM