



Josue Nieves Rios

September 11, 2025

With profound love and sorrow, we announce the passing of Josue Nieves Rios, a man whose heart overflowed with joy, generosity, and compassion. Josue was known by all who met him for his radiant smile, his warm laugh, and his unwavering desire to uplift those around him. Even in the face of his own challenges, Josue found ways to bring comfort, laughter, and hope to others.

Born in Puerto Rico, Josue came to the United States at the age of 15, carrying with him a courageous spirit. He was a proud graduate of Milford High School in Milford, Massachusetts.

In January of 2025, Josue experienced one of the most meaningful moments of his life when he accepted Jesus Christ into his heart. He loved Jesus deeply and often greeted others with a warm smile and the words, "God bless you." He faithfully shared hope and encouragement with everyone he met, and even through life's hardships, he held tightly to his faith and never gave up.

He loved his family deeply, and nothing brought him greater joy than being able to care for them. In his younger days, he loved cooking and found joy in creating meals that brought people together. He worked at Grumpy's restaurant, where he shared his love of food and hospitality. He also had a

passion for comics, and he never lost the playful spark and imagination that made him such a delight to be around.

Josue's life was also marked by the beautiful relationships he formed within his community. He was lovingly supported by the dedicated social workers and friends who became like family to him at the House of Hope in Providence. Their care and friendship brought light to his days and comfort to his journey, and they will always hold a special place in his family's hearts.

Josue is survived by his two beloved children, Casandra Lynn Averett and Vian Nieves; and their mother, Candace Slobogan. He is also survived by his cherished grandchildren; his loving mother, Elsie Rios Medal; his father, Daniel Nieves Valentin; his brothers, Jose Miguel Guzman, Jose Alfredo Guzman, and Julio Angel Guzman; and his sisters, Jaqueline Nieves and Dianne Nieves. He will be deeply missed by his extended community of friends, neighbors, and all who were blessed to know him.

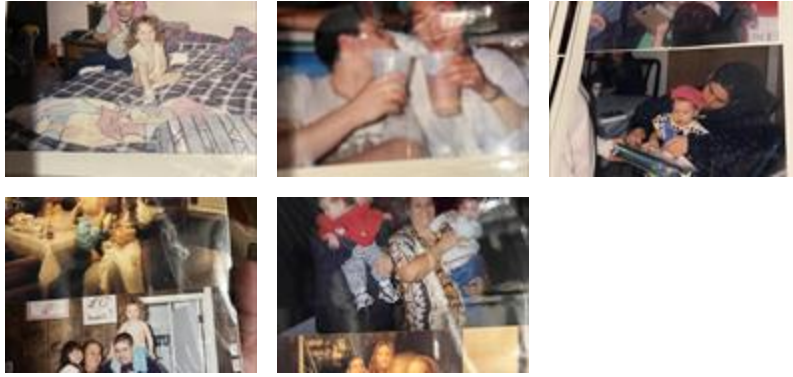
Josue's legacy will live on in the countless lives he touched with his love, laughter, and kindness. He was a man who wanted nothing more than to care for others, and he leaves behind a legacy of compassion, faith, and joy that will continue to inspire all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in Josue's memory to the House of Hope in Providence, whose care, compassion, and dedication meant so much to him and to those who loved him. <https://thehouseofhopecdc.org/donate/>

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“ Josue you will be missed by your children and I Thank you for choosing me to be the mother of your children.



Candace Slobogan - September 18, 2025 at 08:05 AM

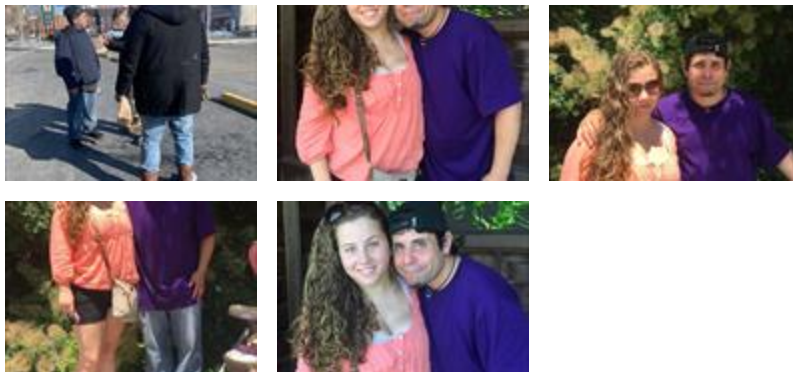


“ May you rest in peace primo!! You will be missed! It's comforting to know you gave your life to the lord!! 🙏 Fly high!! ❤️❤️

Sujane Montalvo - September 18, 2025 at 07:27 AM

CA

“ I will always love you ❤️



Cassandra - September 17, 2025 at 10:51 PM

EM

“ With all my love, I want to honor the life of my brother-in-law, Josué Nieves Ríos. 🌹

Josué, you will always be remembered for your radiant smile, your way of uplifting everyone, and your steadfast faith in Jesus. Thank you for the love and joy you shared with all of us.

Your absence leaves a great void, but your legacy of love, kindness, and faith will live on forever in our hearts. 🙏✨

Rest in peace, Josué. We will miss you deeply, but we know that you are now in the arms of the Lord. 🕊️💜

Elsa and Julio and Ashley

Elsa Montalvo - September 17, 2025 at 08:23 PM

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“ My journey in case management was always an adventure with you, you never failed to make me smile or laugh. I’m so glad that our paths aligned because you showed me the purpose in the work I do. The appreciation you showed daily even if it did start off on the wrong foot sometimes you always circled back to say sorry and leave us with a “god bless you” and the famous skip off. I never would have expected to see you on a Friday morning and then never again, we are all still in someways speechless. We will miss your energy till we meet again, I pray you are happy at the right hand of god. Watch over us



Tracey Baptista Martinez - September 17, 2025 at 03:23 PM

EM

Thank you so much for you service and guidance 🙏 May the Lord please you 🙏

Elsa Montalvo - September 17, 2025 at 08:23 PM

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Thank you for being there to help through his struggles. He will always be remembered.

Candace Slobogan - September 18, 2025 at 08:00 AM