## Miguel Armando Flores (1986 – 2008)



## **Miguel Flores**

Miguel Armando Flores, a native of Barstow, was called home to the Lord on Dec. 8, 2008. He was loved dearly by many friends and cherished by all of his family. A Barstow native all of his life, his untimely death in a single car accident in San Diego, has been deeply felt by our community.

Born May 1, 1986 in Barstow, he was a graduate of Barstow High School Class of 2004. Active in school sports, he was a member of the State of California Championship Cross Country Team and was active in the wrestling team. He was one of the original members of the Barstow Police Department "PAL" program and was a tutor and mentor to younger children, helping them to read and encouraging them. He was also an active participant in the annual "Christmas Cops & Kids" program in Barstow

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in our community. In his daily life, Miguel was proud of his faith in Christ and gladly shared and encouraged others with compassion. Always motivated and always giving of himself, he can be remembered for his infectious smile that endeared him to all that knew him.

After his graduation from high school, he joined the <u>U.S. Navy</u>. A Petty Officer 3rd Class, he served on the U.S.S. Nimitz aircraft carrier, which was deployed to the Persian Gulf. During his 4 1/2 years in the Navy, he sought out challenges, stayed focused and met the goals that he had set for

himself. His free time was spent becoming a "Crossfit Certified Instructor" at the Cross Fit Gym in San Diego. During his time there, he set a world record in a Crossfit training workout called "FRAN."

Miguel is survived by his father and mother, Jeff and Linda Eason of Barstow; brothers D.J. Cordova, Jacob Flores and Michael Munoz of Barstow, and Tiago Serapiao of Brazil; "G-Pa," Jeff Eason Sr. of Barstow; grandmother, Martha Cordova of Barstow; uncles, Jimmy Joe Flores, Todd Eason and his wife, Tina of Barstow; aunts, Yvonne Cordova and her husband, Edward of Barstow, Theresa and Helen Flores of Barstow, and Bonnie and Wanda Eason of Arizona; uncle, David Cordova from Arizona; aunts, Grace "Darlene" Garcia, Rachel Gallegos, Sandra Cordova, Susan Cordova, and Maxine Cordova all of Barstow; and his biological, father Robert Cordova; and many cousins.

In his last gift of giving, Miguel became an organ donor at his time of death. The recovery helped save the lives of four individuals in the United States from the eastern seaboard to the pacific coast.

In lieu of flowers for his service, the family would like all donations in his name go to the Barstow's "PAL" program. In order to acknowledge these contributions, please mail to Jeff and Linda Eason, 917 Las Amigas Drive, Barstow, Calif., 92311.

A Celebration of Miguel's Life will be held Monday, Dec. 15, 2008 at the First Baptist Church of Barstow, 1320 Barstow Road. Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. followed by services at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at Mt. View Memorial Park. Arrangements entrusted to Horizon Memorial Services of Barstow. 252-5222.

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