

# Michael Martin Tafoya

AUGUST 31, 1975 – NOVEMBER 1, 2021



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# In Loving Memory

Michael Martin Tafoya, age 46, was called to his eternal home to be with his Savior, Jesus Christ, on November 1, 2021 at Desert Regional Hospital in Palm Springs, CA.

Michael was born to Michael Tafoya Sr. and Corinne Romero Griffith on August 31st, 1975 at Barstow Community Hospital in Barstow, CA.

Michael was the third child and first boy in his family. Michael had two older sisters Melissa and Amy and his younger brother Alex. They were nicknamed by their mother the “MAMA-kids” because of the first initial of their first names and birth order.

Michael received his early education at Skyline Elementary and his middle school years at Venado Middle School in Irvine CA. Michael graduated from Barstow High School in 1993.

Michael had hopes and dreams and worked hard to achieve those dreams. Right out of high school he began at entry level jobs at Ft. Irwin and then worked his way up to working at the Water District Oceanside and Coachella Valley. His integrity and hard work gained him the respect of his co-workers and supervisors. Michael took on supervisory roles due to recognition of his excellent math skills and teamwork attitude. He worked for the Water District for 12 years.

Michael enjoyed playing and watching baseball and basketball. He would always say that he and his sons were built for sports and due to their strong bodies. He

always told others that he had the most handsome, tender-hearted boys in the world and that he loved them dearly.

Michael gave his life to the Lord early in life. Despite his many losses and challenges in this life, he served the Lord the best way he knew how to. He gave of what he had, he encouraged others, and he always offered a helping hand to whomever needed it. He loved to help those who were downtrodden and in need. He loved the innocence of children and the unconditional love of animals.

Michael is survived by his two sons Calob and Jonah, his father Michael and his mother Corinne, his sister Amy and her husband Joe, Alex and his wife Sampaquita, and his nieces and nephews Bailey, Parker, Peyton, Alyssa, Colton, and Gracyn. Michael had a large extended family of aunts and uncles from the Romero's and Tafoya's. There were lifelong friends that became like family. His cousins who loved him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Melissa, his grandparents Ernest & Lucy Romero and Bennie & Lucy Tafoya.

Visitation will be held on Monday, November 22, 2021 from 10:00AM to 11AM at Mead Mortuary. A committal

service will be held on Monday, November 22, 2021 at 12:30pm at the Mt. View Memorial Park.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.meadcares.com](http://www.meadcares.com) for the Tafoya family.

## FAMILY

Michael Martin Tafoya  
*Father*

Corinne M. Griffith  
*Mother*

Melissa Tafoya  
*Sister (deceased)*

*Amy Dahlstrom*  
*Sister*

Alejandro Tafoya  
*Brother*

Calob Villareal  
*Son*

Jonah Tafoya  
*Son*