



Alejandro Jose Abarca Pena

November 12, 2013 - April 9, 2024

Alejandro Jose Abarca Pena, 10 year old boy, passed away on Tuesday, April 9, 2024. He was born in Fairfax, Virginia on November 12, 2013, grew up in Manassas and Front Royal, Virginia. He attended 4th grade at E. Wilson Morrison Elementary School.

Alejandro was a wonderful child, as many children, he had a fascination for monster trucks early in life. He used to love going to monster trucks events, that changed as he grew a bit older. He loved books and used to visit Manassas Library quite often with his Mum. He loved and collected books of Coco the Dragon, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Wings of Fire and so many more. He also loved to dress up for Halloween with his Mum but as he grew older he began not to like it so much. His fascination for dinosaurs drew him to the wonderful prehistoric world, learning every name of all the dinosaurs, Spinosaurus being his favorite. Alejandro was a true fan and collector of Pokémon cards, with an impressive 2000+ collection, his devotion to Pokémon was and is something to be awarded.

He then began to show interest in sports. He loved running, participated in many races, competing in older age categories around Manassas, often ending on the podium as the champion he always was. The stars, planets and blackholes took his fascination beyond planet earth. He would have told you everything about planets and stars.

He was an exceptional soccer player, a sport that he loved and played every time he could. He loved playing as much as watching his favorite teams, Real Madrid, Inter de Milan and his beloved Manchester United... (His discussion with his uncle about what teams were the best... Real Madrid-Barcelona, Manchester United-Liverpool were endless and filled with a lot of passion). Of course, Alejandro always had the last word. He was a fearless competitor in and off the pitch and that determination would show in everything Alejandro did in life. He found a new passion in singing, joining the school chorus where he used to sing for local and fund-raising events.

Alejandro's warm heart, enthusiastic spirit and bright smile would lit up every room and touched the lives of many. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Rather than dwelling with his battle against cancer, let us remember him for his vibrant spirit he embodied and the love he spread, keeping his memory alive in our hearts and actions.

A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, April 16 at 1:00 pm at All Saints Catholic Church, in 9300 Stonewall Rd., Manassas, VA 20110. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, April 16 from 3:00 to 7:00 pm at Pierce Funeral home in Manassas, VA. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a financial donation to the family as they honor Alejandro's memory and navigate through their loss at this difficult time.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/alejandro-abarca>

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

APR **16**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

All Saints Catholic Church
9300 Stonewall Rd
Manassas, VA 20110-2566
(703) 368-4500

Visitation

APR **16**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Tribute Wall



“Ale was such a special soul and him and his mom will never leave my heart. I cherish just having had the opportunity to be around this little angel for the hours I was able to spend with him on his darkest days and I only hope I brought some modicum of comfort to him and his mom in their horrifying situation. His mom showed so much grace in such a terrible situation and little Ale showed so much bravery through it all. I will carry you both with me forever.



C - April 29, 2024 at 02:21 AM



“Alejandro will always be remembered he was such a beautiful soul that made everyone around him smile .he was and will always be someone special to me and my family .he became part of our family the moment he arrived at our home with the time he was here we sure enjoyed having him with us and not once did we hear him complain about anything despite the battle he was facing .Alejandro was always so positive and happy and for that he will always be remembered .

Allison mejia - April 24, 2024 at 11:40 AM

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My deepest condolences. I remember being in a 3rd grade class with him, and it was the best year of my life. he lit up the whole room whenever he walked in, and when we saw him, we knew it would be a good day. He was so smart and kind, and had the brightest smile. I remember we would always head top each other at recess before he ran off to play soccer. He was the best soccer player I knew. He loved dinosaurs, and had a dinosaur plushie he would bring to class. It was kinda of like our class pet along with our turtles. I knew he was fighting a tough battle, and he was so very strong. He never let his absent days discourage him from getting a 100 on every test he took. He was a great friend and a great classmate, and I will never forget him. I remember one day my bus was called, and as I was leaving, Ale called out and waved bye, and I waved back. It was a simple moment, but it warmed my heart because we were good friends, and he was a great one. He never let the amount of times he fell stop him from getting back on that field. My deepest condolences to his mom and family. Love, Ale's friend.

Anonymous - September 27, 2024 at 09:11 PM

MW

“*Alejandro was a wonderful and dedicated member of The Early Act (Community Service) Club at E. Wilson Morrison Elementary School. As you can tell from the attached photo, Alejandro's love for helping others was always on display. Alejandro helped us ring the bell for the Salvation Army's annual Kettle Campaign back in December. He was a beautiful soul. Sing loud with the angels, Alejandro. See you on the other side, buddy.*

Mr. Williams

Student Support Coach

Early Act Coordinator

E. Wilson Morrison Elementary School

Front Royal, VA



Michael S. Williams - April 16, 2024 at 11:21 AM

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“ *Vuela alto mi pan de rosa.... nos dejas nuestro corazón lleno de amor y luz, celebramos tu vida con esa sonrisa pura y maravillosa... te amaremos por siempre.* ”

Julia Yamileth Peña Soza - April 15, 2024 at 11:42 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to your family.

I first met Alejandro at E. Wilson Morrison Elementary School. He and my daughter were in the same grade. We saw him at school and on the soccer field regularly. Even though he and Charlotte were on different teams, I always enjoyed cheering for him. He was an incredible soccer player and so much fun to watch! Although I have to admit it always made me nervous when he played our team because my daughter played goalkeeper and had to try to stop his shots!

When I began working at EWM their third grade year, I had the pleasure of getting to know him better. I have fond memories of being in Mr Seelinger’s classroom during our morning D.E.A.R. time. I was fortunate to have Alejandro and his friends share what books they liked with me, and we read together as the school day started. As a teaching assistant this year in P.E., Ms D and I got to watch him shine in sports, games, and activities. He always tried his best and enjoyed a friendly competition with his buddies. He put his heart into everything and played hard. He was a good friend to his peers, and such a dear kid. His smile made others smile. I remember seeing him across the street at the post office once with his mom and little dog buddy and he was so excited to see us that his reaction made us all laugh. I enjoyed loading him up in his car every afternoon at dismissal, his furry companion in the car waiting for him. As their car pulled away, he always gave that sweet smile and a wave goodbye. I’d always wave back and say “see you tomorrow!”

We never know when our last tomorrow will be. And so I mourn his loss, and celebrate his life. We will miss him so much. He was so kind-hearted and full of life and love.

My condolences to all the family and friends who loved him. May we keep his spirit alive in loving memory.

Kate DeBord-Peter - April 15, 2024 at 09:20 PM

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“ *Donna sent a virtual gift in memory of Alejandro Jose Abarca Pena*



Donna - April 13, 2024 at 01:52 PM