



Ernesto Tomas Uribe

August 18, 2005 - September 25, 2022

Ernesto Tomas Uribe took his own life on September 25, 2022, after a courageous battle with depression. He is the beloved son of Ernesto Uribe II, and Kelly Davis Uribe, and the beloved older brother of Daniel Kennan Uribe. They are heartbroken by their tragic loss. Ernesto was a passionate, creative and sensitive soul. His wit was quick, his laugh infectious and his smile always ready. Ernesto's watchword was "fun," and his short life's adventures might fill a book. Above all, Ernesto was a charismatic people-gatherer who valued broad and deep friendships.

Ernesto was born on August, 18, 2005, in Alexandria, Virginia, and spent his formative years in Woodbridge, Virginia. He shared a room and every adventure with his brother, Daniel. Ernesto attended Westridge Elementary School, where he was a gifted honor roll student, cub scout and member of the Westridge Waves Swim Team. Ernesto played joyfully in the neighborhood, riding bikes, building snow forts, splashing in the creek and attending cul-de-sac parties. Ernesto enjoyed many glorious summers at the beach in Oak Island, NC, with his family, grandparents and cousins. He also treasured every visit to the Uribe Family ranch, in Zapata, Texas, where Ernesto rode horses, fed chickens and cows, hunted for arrowheads and learned to drive. Ernesto attended Sunday School at Pohick Episcopal Church and served as an acolyte there. At Lake Ridge Middle School, Ernesto formed a deep bond with his Spanish teacher, whose encouragement and support

endured throughout his struggle with depression.

In 2019, the family moved to Gainesville, Virginia, where Ernesto attended Gainesville Middle School and Gainesville High School. In Gainesville, Ernesto discovered a passion and gift for art. He spent many hours designing and painting graffiti – some of which is still visible today. Ernesto was a natural athlete. He was a member of Nation's Capital Swim Team for five years, and qualified for the Eastern Zones competition in 2018. The next year, Ernesto traveled to San Antonio, Texas, where he won the national age group championship in Modern Pentathlon. His coaches were a source of encouragement and grounding, and the swim friendships he established endure today. Ernesto enjoyed a wide-range of hip-hop music, which could often be heard blaring from his room. He took many late night walks and bike rides, enjoying the solitude and peace provided by the natural world. In 2022, Ernesto found an academic home at Fusion Academy, Tysons Corner. On his 17th birthday, Ernesto chose to get a "777" tattoo, describing himself as lucky.

During the last three years of his life, Ernesto struggled with depression. He patiently endured countless medical appointments, therapy sessions and residential treatment in pursuit of healing. We will never know his thoughts on Sunday morning, September, 25th, but we are confident he knew he was loved. His family is forever grateful for the loving care Ernesto received from his pediatrician, psychiatrist, therapist, Fire Mountain, Aspiro and Fusion Academy.

He is survived by a host of loving family members including his Grandparents, Kenneth and Mary Davis of Clarksville, Virginia, and his Grandmother, Sarah Meade Uribe, of Falls Church, VA, Uncle Fernando and Aunt Anne of Brownsville, Texas, Uncle Augie and Aunt Lise of New York, Uncle Duane and Aunt Julie of Cleveland, Ohio, and eight cousins.

The family will receive friends on Friday, September 30, 2022 from 6-8 PM at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2022 at 1:00 PM at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Haymarket, VA. Following the service, friends and family are invited to the family's home for a celebration of Ernesto's life. Burial will take place on the Veleño Ranch in Zapata, Texas, next to his adored Grandfather and namesake, Ernesto Uribe.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Youth Mental Health Project at <https://ymhproject.org> or the Fusion Scholarship Foundation at <https://fusionscholarship.org>.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Ernesto Tomas Uribe please visit our Sympathy Store.

If you cannot attend the funeral service, you may watch the livestream several ways: 1 Click on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1IS2QQaEKluTuW1LQ53Ng> or 2. Go to: www.youtube.com and search for St. Paul's Episcopal Church Haymarket, VA or 3. Go to church website: www.stpaulsepiscopalhaymarket.org and under: "NewsRoom" click on: "Service Livestream-Click Here"

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **30**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

OCT **1**. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
6750 Fayette Street
Haymarket, VA 20169

Tribute Wall

EM

“ Love the sunbeams Ernesto captured in this selfie on 9/9/2022. I miss those car rides!



Ernesto's Mom - December 05, 2024 at 10:44 AM

CH

Forever such a beautiful person ☐

Cate Howle - May 23, 2025 at 02:24 AM

CA

“ A memory of when Ernesto and I went to dinner together. We walked around the mall for a couple hours, just talking. I loved his company. He was the kindest soul I've ever met, and he left a lasting impact on me. I think of him every single day. ☐



Cate - September 25, 2023 at 10:28 PM

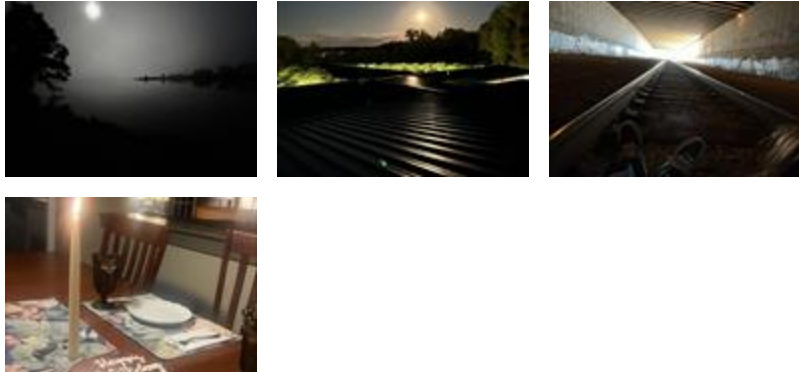
EM

Cate - Thank you so much for posting this picture. I remember the time you spent at the mall together. Ernesto had an amazing day, and this picture captures him so well. I hope you are doing well!

Ernesto's Mom - January 15, 2024 at 12:29 AM

EM

“ Happy Birthday, Ernesto! We miss you so much, but are so thankful for the light and joy you brought into our lives. I’m sharing a picture of the candle we lit on your birthday, as well as three of your pictures that capture a beautiful and distant light. Love, Mom



Ernesto's Mom - August 29, 2023 at 11:46 AM

UF

“ Growing with Carla!



Uribe Family - March 28, 2023 at 03:47 PM

NA

“ Ernesto was a good friend of mine he was a very amazing and talented person and he had the brightest smile and never failed to make me laugh i had some of the best times of my life with him, I think about him everyday and miss him very much ☐



Nat - January 10, 2023 at 06:06 AM

KU

Nat - Thank you for posting these pictures of Ernesto. I miss him every moment of every day. Ernesto's friends were very important to him, and I am grateful to see every picture and read each posted memory. All the best, Kelly - Ernesto's Mom

Kelly Uribe - May 08, 2024 at 12:05 PM

EG

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Eli Grayson - January 03, 2023 at 02:25 AM

EG

“ My name is Eli, i went to Fusion Academy, Tysons with Ernesto for a few months. He was one of my best friends and I think about him and miss him so much every day. He is such a kind soul and had the most beautiful smile man. I loved walking into school and seeing that Ernesto was there waiting for me at a table, or vice versa. He loved sharing his art with me, not only his graffiti and drawing but also with music. he had a real good taste in music and enjoyed it very much. sometimes we'd just sit down and he'd play me remixes he made of the songs. Everyone loved, and still does love him and I know everyone says “corny” stuff like this but he truly was a light;not only in my life, but with everyone he interacted with. I'm not sure if he knew that about himself, but I'd like to think he knew he was a great person. Id like to think that he knew how much his smiles meant to me or just our simple conversations. I don't know what happens after death, no one is for certain, but one thing that I KNOW is that Nesto is now watching over us. There's been many “coincidences” happen over these past couple months that have led me to believe he's reaching out and letting me know he's ok and he's with me. Me and some of my friends are planning on/ or have already gotten a 777 tattoo to honor him. I am 17 years old and also struggle with many of the same things Nesto struggled with and i went to a lot of the same programs. Losing him has made me realize how fragile my life is and to hug those i love a little bit tighter next time. He was truly one of the best people i have ever met and i wish I had more time with him. I'm sending love to his family and other friends. You are so unbelievably strong. I miss you buddy. I love you so much.

Eli Grayson
@eligraysonvernau

Eli Grayson - January 03, 2023 at 02:19 AM

EG

**eligraysonvernau@gmail.com*

Eli Grayson - January 03, 2023 at 02:20 AM

KU

Eli - I cannot thank you enough for posting this picture and sharing your memories of Ernesto. He was a good friend and light to those who crossed his path. I miss him terribly, but am always grateful to hear from his many friends. I hope your life after Fusion is going well. Blessings to you! Sincerely, Kelly (Ernesto's Mom)

Kelly Uribe - May 08, 2024 at 12:09 PM

MD

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Mom and Dad - November 22, 2022 at 03:07 PM

EK

“ Thank you for all the adventures!



Ernst & Kelly - October 19, 2022 at 09:32 AM

EK

“ We miss you, sweet boy!



Ernst & Kelly - October 19, 2022 at 09:19 AM

NA

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Nat - October 09, 2022 at 05:18 AM

LW

“ i was in fire mountain with ernesto and he was one of my best friends. he always knew how to make me laugh when i was having a hard day. i'm so sorry for you loss. ❤️

lauren willette - October 03, 2022 at 03:07 PM

LM

“ Sending you love and hugs from across the ocean. I will always remember Ernesto from Pohick Sunday school and VBS. His smile could light up the room. Your family is in our prayers. With love from Laura Munson and family

Laura Munson - October 03, 2022 at 02:32 PM

MH

“ Ernesto, I am so sorry for your loss. May the deep suffering of you and your family one day grow into strength and beauty equal to your son's memory. -Mike Henning

Mike Henning - October 03, 2022 at 09:14 AM

LC

“ I heard about this in church this morning at St. Mary's. I am so sorry. This is a tragedy and I cannot imagine your grief. I will be thinking about you and pray that friends and family will help you safely through the months to come.

Lisa Crye - October 02, 2022 at 04:59 PM

TB

“ Troop 581 is devastated that one of its own has left us so young. Ernesto will be remembered as a young man with a great smile who brightened our short time Scouting together. We are grateful for the meetings, campfires and high adventure we were able to share and deeply saddened that he has left the trail so soon. We pray that those he left behind meet with peace and comfort.

Troop 581, BSA - October 02, 2022 at 02:35 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ernesto Tomas Uribe.*



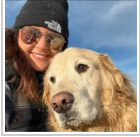
September 30, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Kelly Uzzell Cook and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ernesto Tomas Uribe.*



Kelly Uzzell Cook and family - September 30, 2022 at 03:00 PM



“ I had the honor and pleasure of meeting Ernesto this past summer through my daughter, Emerson and her friends Leah & Martin. I especially enjoyed a conversation I had with Ernesto last week at my home. Of all things, it was about his new tattoo. With a smile that would light-up any room, he said to me it was for "Good Luck". My response to him as he turned to greet Emerson & Leah was "I love that, Ernesto!"

Words cannot express how sorry I am for your loss. I, along with his friends are heartbroken. He will be greatly missed, and his memory will never be forgotten. Ernesto's family and friends will always be in my thoughts and prayers.

With Love, Angie Rick & Emerson Lail

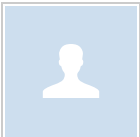


Angie Rick - September 30, 2022 at 01:39 PM

MS

Sending the Uribe and Davis much love as you grieve but also celebrate Ernesto. I am so glad I met him when he was a child and Heaven has certainly called a special child home. We love you... Maria Studebaker-Coppage and tje boys

maria Studebaker-Coppage - October 02, 2022 at 09:14 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ernesto Tomas Uribe.*



September 30, 2022 at 09:20 AM

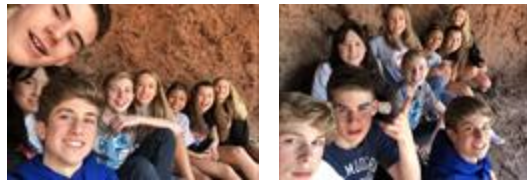


“ Dear Kelly, Ern, and Daniel, I remember first meeting Ern in 2005 when I began working in F. Along with Karen and George, we were all parents of young children. We were sleep-deprived, overworked, and grateful for the blessings of our kids, spouses, and our small team who all understood one another. I remember Ernesto as a little moodgie-poodgie, your warm love and affection for him, and the stories of him exploring the woods and stream near your home in Woodbridge. I'm sorry for not having stayed in touch. How I wish we could go back to those long ago days of our little boys. Our lives and our world have been blessed to have had among us such a wonderful young man, gifted athlete, and beautiful soul. My heart with you, now and always. Jane Zimmerman

Jane Zimmerman - September 30, 2022 at 12:34 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to your family at this time.



Katie Arnold - September 29, 2022 at 05:53 PM



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Chhun Phe - September 29, 2022 at 04:03 PM

KU

Chhun - Thank you for this amazing picture of Ernesto. I've looked at it many times. It captures his beautiful eyes and his thoughtful spirit so well. What fun and adventure that group of boys shared!

Kelly Uribe - September 08, 2023 at 05:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ernesto Tomas Uribe.*



September 29, 2022 at 03:48 PM

DM

“ *Dearest Kelly, Ernst and Daniel, Words feel so very inadequate for the deepest sorrow and black hole you must be in. I have been in constant prayer for your family. Ernesto was a truly gifted and passionate young man, and a fierce swimmer and competitor. I enjoyed watching him bloom and cheering him on during his time with the Westridge Waves. May you feel Gods presence as He holds your family close. Sincerely, Denise, Dave, David & Gabriel McKeown*

Denise McKeown - September 29, 2022 at 03:11 PM

KU

Denise - Thank you for your faithful outreach, kindness and prayers. I am so grateful for you and the wonderful Westridge community. With deep appreciation, Kelly

Kelly Uribe - September 08, 2023 at 05:10 PM

CP

“ Although they were very busy with school and swim, they also made time to have fun, and for that, enjoyed each other’s company so much more.



Chhun Phe - September 29, 2022 at 02:17 PM

CP

“ Kelly, Ernst, Daniel - I am terribly sorry to hear about Ernesto’s passing. I pray that you will find comfort during this most difficult time.

When I think of Ernesto, I think of his nice smile, his cool personality, and a warm heart towards his friends. I think of his loving parents watching him at swim practice, their invitations for the group of boys over to hangout and for sleepovers. I think of Daniel saying to himself, “my cool older brother and his cool friends are here, let’s have some fun!” I’m sure Ernesto had awesome birthday parties for one particular year, we ended our vacation early because Davin didn’t want to miss his buddy’s birthday. When Ernesto came over to our home, he was always polite and always greeted us with a smile and hello. Ernesto was a talented swimmer with 400IM speed that his friends admired. I will always remember the fun and carefree time they had together after swim practice & meets. It is an honor to have known Ernesto and a pleasure that he and Davin were friends. The last time I saw Ernesto was when I picked him and a few friends from Lifetime Fitness to attend Christian’s birthday party. It rained so hard and they all ran and jumped in the car in record time. As a parent, I will always remember and cherish these small but special moments.

Chhun Phe - September 29, 2022 at 01:54 PM

SY

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Stacy Yentz - September 29, 2022 at 10:36 AM

KU

Stacy - I am so grateful to have these pictures. Cam and Ernesto shared so many fun adventures - from Arizona, North Carolina, and Pev's to practices at the Freedom Center. I am grateful for our friendship - forged through so many hours together in the swim bleachers. All the best, Kelly

Kelly Uribe - March 21, 2023 at 04:00 PM

TF

“ The Yentz Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ernesto Tomas Uribe.



The Yentz Family - September 29, 2022 at 10:00 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ernesto Tomas Uribe.*



September 29, 2022 at 09:02 AM



“ *Fusion Tysons purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Ernesto Tomas Uribe.*



Fusion Tysons - September 29, 2022 at 08:51 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ernesto Tomas Uribe.*



September 28, 2022 at 08:31 PM



“ *Although I had the honor of knowing Ernesto for only a short time, I was stuck by his gentle and artistic spirit, as well as his kind and respectful heart. I remember telling him that I rarely see such maturity and thoughtfulness in young men his age. To the entire Uribe family- I am so very very sorry for your loss. I will remember Ernesto fondly. I wish you all peace and healing as you navigate such a painful time. -Jeanne Brown*

Jeanne Brown - September 28, 2022 at 08:16 PM

KU

Jeanne - Thank you for noticing Ernesto's thoughtful heart, and for treating him with such kindness and respect! We are grateful for you. All the best, Kelly

Kelly Uribe - March 21, 2023 at 03:54 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ernesto Tomas Uribe.*



September 28, 2022 at 07:33 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ernesto Tomas Uribe.*



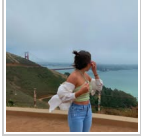
September 28, 2022 at 07:30 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Ernesto Tomas Uribe.*



September 28, 2022 at 06:23 PM



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Grace Ly - September 28, 2022 at 04:52 PM

KU

Grace - Thank you so much for sending these pictures. I remember Christian's party well. I appreciate you - and Ernesto's many swim friends - celebrating his life with us. We are grateful to have so many fond memories of Ernesto on the pool deck.

Kelly Uribe - March 21, 2023 at 03:52 PM

TF

“ The DeSante Family purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Ernesto Tomas Uribe.



The DeSante Family - September 28, 2022 at 03:54 PM

YF

“ Your OSD European & NATO Policy Family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Ernesto Tomas Uribe.



Your OSD European & NATO Policy Family - September 28, 2022 at 03:09 PM

NW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Nick Weiss - September 28, 2022 at 02:40 PM

KU

Nick - I was happy to see this picture from you. Thank you for sharing! Those were fun days — and good memories. I hope you are well!
Ernesto's Mom

Kelly Uribe - March 21, 2023 at 03:47 PM

AP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Angie Palo - September 28, 2022 at 01:14 PM

KU

Angie - Thank you so much for posting this picture. I remember that 8&U relay team so well. What a joyful celebration it was when they broke the record!

Kelly Uribe - September 08, 2023 at 04:54 PM

EB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Emily Buckley - September 28, 2022 at 10:55 AM

KU

Emily - Thank you so much for adding this video to Ernesto's tribute wall. I've watched it many times, and it always makes me smile. So Ernesto! Thank you for being such a kind and faithful friend. From Ernesto's Mom

Kelly Uribe - March 21, 2023 at 03:41 PM

AP

“ Kelly & Ernst (and Daniel) - I am so very sorry to hear of Ernesto's passing. Aiden told me last night. I can't even imagine what you are going through. It is absolutely heartbreaking as a parent. I know the boys haven't been in contact in recent years, but Aiden said he has only good memories of their time on the pool deck and is quite shook up himself. Sending love ❤️.



Angie Palo - September 28, 2022 at 10:07 AM

KU

Angie - Thank you so much for this note, and the joyful picture! I remember that record-breaking summer so well. Ernesto loved hanging out with Aiden, Jorge, Landon and all the Westridge Waves boys each summer!

Kelly Uribe - March 21, 2023 at 03:37 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Ernesto Tomas Uribe.*



September 28, 2022 at 10:07 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ernesto Tomas Uribe.*



September 28, 2022 at 09:14 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ernesto Tomas Uribe.*



September 28, 2022 at 08:48 AM



“ *The Wu Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Ernesto Tomas Uribe.*



The Wu Family - September 27, 2022 at 09:54 PM