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David was my younger Brother. He grew up without his Mother, starting at the age of two. My parents were only married for six years. It was during those years that they had three children, myself, my sister and my Brother. If you can imagine what it is like to be without a mother at such a young age, you must surely understand the disadvantage he started out with. Just two days shy of losing our precious Father, David was hit by an automobile, while riding his bicycle. He endured severe head injuries and a multitude of body injuries that included nerve damage to his left eye and a mangled left foot. I welcomed the chance to have him stay with my Husband and I, when finally after six months of hospitalization, David was released into the world again, a very different person, with a severe cognitive disability. He had been in ICU and on a ventilator for two and half months! At first he couldn't speak or walk. My husband and I took him out on daily walks, knowing that he needed to make that body/mind connection. And very gradually, this proved to be very crucial in his recovery. My Brother was so determined to regain his functions, that he would refuse all help, when he would fall on the cold cement, due to his left foot being compromised by the accident. People would volunteer to help him, to call the ambulance, to pick him up, but he profusely refused any help. He didn't want pity. Sometimes it took up to twenty minutes for him to get up again. I was his care taker for six years, and I must admit that I became emotionally dependent on him, more than he did me. I learned so much from his strength. He never complained about his predicament, but always tried his best to forge forward. Then in October 2011, he was diagnosed with mesothelioma. This broke my heart, after all the work he had done to accomplish his on going recovery, and now this, the diagnosis of an incurable cancer. He didn't give in to self pity, but instead fought this horrible cancer as best as he could. I miss him so much and respect his ability to show his love to those around him, even in the most dire of circumstances. He is



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greatly missed by our family. He gave more than he received and changed my perspective on life and enduring courage.



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Adrienne J Urizar posted:

David, was a wonderful brother, friend, and person. He experienced many challenges throughout his life. He had a very serious bicycle accident. It left him with cognitive memory loss, and other debilitating injuries. He struggled, endured, and never gave up, to become whole again. He never once complained, and had so much patience and stamina, throughout is recovery. He turned is life completely around. He found much peace and joy in his life. I am so proud of him, and admire him emenseley. He loved his children, and grandsos with a passion. I am priviliged to know and love, my brother, David Joel Candelaria. He has made me a better person. I'd like to thank, our wonderful, special, sister, Antoinette for helping, David achieve the life, he so richly deserve. David will always be in my heart and thoughts.

July 13 at 12:34 PM

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Adrienne Urizar posted:

David an exceptional person, brother, and friend. He had to face many challenges throughout his life. He loved his children and grandsons with a passion. David had a horrible bicycle accident, which turned his life upside down. He suffered cognitive memory loss, along with other debilitating injuries. He strived, endured and never gave up, to become whole again. I admire his courage, stamina and patience. He turned his life completely around, and was at peace, and enjoying his life. He never complained or felt sorry for himself. He did not deserve to be afflicted with a uncureable cancer, which he aquired while working many years, in the auto industry, to support his family. I am a better person for having the privilege to know and love, David Joel Candelaria. David will always be in my heart and thoughts. I want to thank, our special sister, Antionette, for helping our brother achieve his full potential, and the life, he so richly deserved.

July 12 at 6:52 AM

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July 12 at 6:38 AM



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Adrienne Urizar posted:

David was a wonderful brother and friend. He was loved, and will be missed by many. David overcame many obstacles in his life. I was so proud of all his accomplishments. He was in a serious bicycle accident, which resulted in cognitive memory loss, as well as other debilitating injuries. He struggled and strived to become whole again. His endurance, patience, and never giving up attitude, helped him through these frustrating times. He completely turned his life around. He was finally at peace, and enjoying his life with a passion. He adored his two children, and his grandsons. He truly wanted the best for them. He was so very aware of things, that others wouldn't even notice. He had a wild sense of humor, and loved to joke with, and make people laugh. My brother was a man of honor. I want to thank David, for all the memories. I am honored to have had the privilege of knowing and loving, my amazing brother, David Joel Candelaria. He is always in my heart. I want to thank our wonderful sister, Antoinette for helping our brother achieve the life he so richly deserved.

July 11 at 10:13 AM



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