



## Mr. Felipe Martin Velasco

March 24, 1977 - January 14, 2023

Felipe Martin Velasco Saiz, 45, passed away on January 14th 2023. He is survived by his Grandpa Saiz, Grandma Velasco, parents, uncles and aunts, brothers, nieces and nephews, cousins, his wife and children. His loss was completely unexpected and the family is deeply shocked and saddened.

Felipe was born on March 24th, 1977 to Michael Saiz and Sylvia Velasco in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He grew up with his two brothers, Jude and Miguel Saiz under the watchful and loving gaze of Sylvia.

He met his wife Carla Gochett in Albuquerque during the summer 1999 and they began “rockin heavy” together. He loved his wife very much. They were each others best friend. Together they raised four girls: twins; BellaSol and ZiaKenya 20, GemAria 18, and Mya Cecilia 14. The lives of Carla and their girls will forever be changed without Felipe.

Felipe had many passions. He would spend his free time tending to his awe inspiring home and yard, enjoying the outdoors, camping, traveling, biking with his friends Xavier, Brian, and his brother Jude. He also enjoyed good food, sports, birdwatching, playing video games and

photography/videography.

Felipe worked with Verizon for 15+ years and made meaningful connections with many colleagues, people he mentored, and his employees. His promotion that brought the family to Georgia gave him enormous pride in that he was able to have a greater impact in helping people and guide others to attain the success that was available to them. His work motto was "let's make the best of the time we are here"

Felipe made many close friendships in his life. Everyone who knew Felipe, knew that he was a free spirit; He saw the silver lining in every situation. He had an immense passion for family and was always a source of positivity. He touched a great many lives. Felipe's family and friends, colleagues and employees will miss him more than words can say.

Many people have asked how they can help the family during this difficult time. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks that you consider making a donation to help cover counseling services, school expenses, and household necessities for Carla and Felipe's four daughters. Donations can be sent via Venmo to @gochettandsaizfamily or via Zelle at cgochett@gmail.com

They have found comfort and so encourage you to share your memories of Felipe below. Carla and their girls send thanks to everyone that was able to be there on February 4th, 2023 as they honored Felipe's amazing life.

Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory

Lawrenceville 770-338-5558

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ I did not know you but rest in peace. Praying for your family.

jah m - February 08, 2023 at 12:35 PM

LG

“ Sending my sincerest condolences to the Velasco family and friends. Felipe brought so much joy to our Verizon family. His spirit and legacy will forever have a special place in our culture and in our hearts.

Laura Goode - February 06, 2023 at 08:48 PM

RU

“ My deepest sympathies to all of the Velasco-Saiz family most especially Felipe's wife, children, brothers, and mother. Ms. Sylvia, I can't even imagine the pain of losing a child. It isn't the natural order of how life should be and I pray that you be comforted in your loss. I grew up next door to Felipe, Miguel, Jude and their mother Sylvia. I even babysat Felipe and Miguel a few times when they were little. They were wonderful neighbors and my parents, my sister, and myself were so sad to hear of Felipe's passing. I pray that you all find comfort in the beautiful memories he left you with! God Bless!

Reyna Ulibarri-Griego - February 06, 2023 at 12:39 AM

LA

“ My loving wonderful cousin. We grew up more like siblings. You brought joy and kindness to me always! I will miss you FeFe, and I will carry your spirit with me always. Thank you for caring for me like a big bro. I love you always!! ❤️

Leticia Archuleta - February 03, 2023 at 09:53 PM

AS

“ Sending my sincere condolences and prayers. Praying for your family's comfort now and days ahead. May Felipe rest in eternal peace. 🙏🕊️💙



Amanda Salas - January 29, 2023 at 02:48 PM



“ I grew up with Felipe since even before grade school we were best friends as he lived across the street, and we always hung out. We hung out so much that Syliva, Jude, and Miguel were a 2nd family to me growing up on Elizabeth Street. Felipe introduced us to Mario Martinez, and we still hang out with him and his family today. Felipe was the most loyal, caring, loving, funny guy you could hang out with. He would give you the shirt off his back, and had nothing but love in his heart. He loved to make others laugh! We were always clowning with each other, but always laughing with each other growing up. I was there for all his big moments growing up, and he was there for mine. He was my Brother Blood. I would have gladly given my life for his. This is a sad loss, but I am resolved in the fact that Felipe's soul made my entire upbringing an absolute joy with ALL the memories we had in life. Thank you for that my brother! Attached are photos of us in our very early post high school years growin' up in the hood.



Toby Gutierrez - January 26, 2023 at 04:55 PM

RO

“ I will always remember the wonderful camping experience we shared and the special family bond that you all shared with Yolanda and I. It was such a special time with two brothers , Carla and the kids and Grandma Sylvia. So much was experienced and shared in a very cohesive way. Never forget the bond and the power of family. Live in the shadow of peace, love and sharing the values instilled in us from the Hearts of those that raised us. Love you all Ray & Yolanda

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**Ray Ortiz** - January 25, 2023 at 07:56 PM

RS

“ Our sincere condolences to our cousin Carla, the children and extended family and friends. May the Lord comfort you and give you strength during this time.

*With Love,*

*The Steans Family*

*Bryant, Roshell, Breanna and Grant.*

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**R. Steans** - January 24, 2023 at 04:38 PM