



## Manuel J. Maciel

May 26, 1996 - October 19, 2024

Manuel (Manny) Juscefh Maciel was born on May 26, 1996 in Missouri to Liliana Gutierrez and JuanMaciel. He grew up in Guadalajara, Mexico then moved back to the United States to attend high school.He passed away October 19, 2024 at home.

Manny graduated from Beaverton High School where he quickly made many friends and learnedEnglish. He had a big personality and wanted to be sure everyone at school felt included. He was partof the Latino club, played soccer, football and rugby. He had a positive impact at school and was votedprom king his senior year.

He was a zoo animal presenter for the Oregon Zoo. He enjoyed seeing children learn about animalsand watching their faces light up when the animals were around. He also worked for the zoo overnightprogram and summer camps. Manuel worked for seven years at US Bank and recently at OnPoint CreditUnion.

Manuel met his wife, Tracy, at the zoo. They were married December 21, 2017. He was a devotedhusband and father. Manny and Tracy have a three-year-old son, Raphael.

Manuel lived with the Schlabach family during high school as part of the Ecumenical MinistriesSecond Home program. He gave his time to tell his story and help the Second Home program recruitmore families so that unaccompanied youth could find stable housing and finish high school. He hopedone day to be one of those families.

Manny loved to play chess and always had his chess board with him. When someone accepted his challenge to play, he wasted no time setting up the board. He loved talking about American football and was a huge Kansas City Chief's fan.

He loved to learn about other cultures through their traditions and food. He learned to cook many dishes from friends and would put his personal touches on the recipes. Manny had a talent for creating dishes with unique flavors. He got a kick out of watching people try his "not too spicy" salsas.

His grandmother taught him to make the best mole. He guarded the recipe but was happy to cook it for loved ones.

His family and friends feel truly blessed to have him in their lives and will miss him very much -especially his smile, laughter, and big hugs. He is survived by his wife, Tracy Ocampo, son Raphael, parents Juan Maciel and Jodi and Mike Schlabach, brothers William Briseño and Victor Archila, sisters Daniela Gutierrez and Mary Schlabach, parents-in-law Francisco Ocampo, Dorotea Leonides, Luis Castro, and brother-in-law Erick Ocampo. Manuel was predeceased by his mother, Liliana.

A Go Fund Me account has been set up to help with expenses. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-for-manny-maciels-funeral-expenses>

A memorial service will be held Sunday, November 17th at 3pm in the chapel at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, Vancouver Wa.

# Tribute Wall



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**Evergreen Memorial Gardens** - July 03, 2025 at 05:39 PM



“ *Agradecida con la vida, Dios y el universo de haberme cruzado en tu camino aunque fue por un breve momento, me diste una leccion grande de vida.*

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**Ana Alonso** - November 18, 2024 at 12:00 AM

OC

“*Manuel, mi hermano sin tener la misma sangre. Tengo mil memorias de ti, y en cada una siempre estás ahí, alegre y con una sonrisa. Durante los años, nos vimos menos y menos, pero cada vez que nos juntábamos era como si no hubiera pasado el tiempo. No tengo palabras para describir quién fuiste para mí. Me enseñaste a ser una persona fuerte, orgullosa y noble de verdad. Recuerdo cuando caminábamos al tren y querías enseñarme a rapear, o las veces que me empujabas a hablar con desconocidos para que practicara hablando con más confianza. Incluso las veces que me llevaste a entrenar contigo en tus deportes. Hermano, gracias por ser un ángel en la vida real.*

*Manuel, my brother from another family. I have a thousand memories of you, and in each one, you're always there, cheerful and with a smile. Over the years, we saw each other less and less, but every time we got together, it felt like no time had passed. I have no words to describe who you were to me. You taught me to be a strong, proud, and truly noble person. I remember when we would walk to the train, and you wanted to teach me how to rap, or the times you pushed me to talk to strangers so I could practice speaking more confidently. Even the times you took me to train with you in your sports. Brother, thank you for being an angel in real life.*

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**Oswaldo Calderon** - November 16, 2024 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Tracy & Family, We are so very sorry for your loss. He was one of my favorites, so dear to me and my family. Sending love and prayers. Love,



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**The Kaiel's and Betzler's** - November 15, 2024 at 12:00 AM

UF

“ Tracy and Family, We are so sorry for your loss. Manny was such an amazing employee and peer, always smiling. Love his US Bank Family!



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**US Bank Family** - November 15, 2024 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ Manny was a bright light at Beaverton High School. This photo shows him front and center, right where he belonged, as he was a leader the two years I had him in my classroom. Sending so much love to his family and friends.

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**Holly Munly** - November 01, 2024 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ Manuel Maciel was and will always be my best friend. He was extraordinary in both intelligence and compassion. 7 years of friendship has provided me with a lifetime of cherished memories. I will miss playing chess with him, playing Madden with him, cooking with him, talking with him, and hugging him. He was the most loyal and trustworthy friend anyone could ever ask for. I will be forever grateful that I was able to meet him and spend time with not only him but his loving family! I will miss you like crazy Chess Master Manny!!!! Aka BIG CHIEF! A true legend whose kindness and actions will echo for eternity. He truly made the world a better place!

Nicky Muñoz - October 31, 2024 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ We honor our son, Manuel. He was an unexpected gift to our family. He taught us so much. We love and will miss him.- Jodi, Mike and Mary



Anonymous - October 31, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ I loved being Manny's high school counselor. He had a big heart, a big voice and advocated for what he believed in. He truly was a people's champion. I am heartbroken that this world has lost such a beautiful soul. Sending my deepest condolences to his family.

Leslie Barrios - October 30, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Manuel J. Maciel - October 29, 2024 at 12:00 AM**