



Cristina Martinez Rivera

February 26, 1985 - December 1, 2015

Cristina "Cristy" Martinez Rivera, 30, of Orlando, FL passed away Tuesday, December 1, 2015.

Tribute Wall

EM

“ You were the first friend I had and will forever be my best friend because you are my sister. I go by Eli because you couldn't pronounce my name when I was born and that will stick forever. I call you my twin and now my guardian angel.

There are to many memories for me to share on here but my one of my favorite memories with you this past year was for your birthday when we went Tubing. I went up to Chicago to go surprise you with Taina and for the first time I went Tubing. I remember busting my butt couple times, yelling non-stop, and the videos we took. I attached a video for others to enjoy :) ! Another huge memory I have was when we got matching tattoos that will last a lifetime as well.

You taught me a lot and still are to this day and always will. Don't worry mom, dad and I know you are watching over us and having the time of your life like you always did with Grandma and Titi.

I love you soooooooooo much sis and will forever miss you and your beautiful face.

Till we meet again.

Tu hermanita Eli



Elizabeth Martinez - January 05, 2016 at 02:37 PM

EM

“ *Me uno a la familia Martinez Rivera en este momento. Recordaré a Cristy con cariño y alegría, como la chica alegre que fue y seguirá siendo en nuestros corazones.*

Emma Molinari - December 10, 2015 at 06:39 PM



“ There are so many fond memories of Cristina, from Parkville to UCF and beyond, that to pick one wouldn't do her justice. She was such an easy person to get along with, no matter how much time apart we spent, we would always come back together and pick up our friendship like we had seen each other the day before.

I'm so grateful for Cristy- for being the reason I was able to come out of my shell our first year at UCF. For showing my dad what a good friend she was and for being there when the world seemed to fall apart. For knowing how to always have a great time, no matter where we went, and for bringing me around her friends and getting to know people who were as friendly as she was.

Cristy had a knack for knowing what she wanted and doing the things she needed to do to get there without apologizing. I always looked up to her. Still do. Her carefree and easy-going attitude was motivating and contagious. Really reminded you of how life should be lived- enjoyed. Not instructed.

I still laugh the day she was over at my mom's new house. My mother told me to give Cristy a tour of the house, as she did with many guests she had over, and with much hesitation, I went upstairs to my room to start. I didn't hear her footsteps behind me when I got to the end of the stairs so I turned around only to find her at the bottom of the staircase staring at me with this look on her face...

"Do you want to see the house?" I asked...to which she replied with her typical phrase, "I don't ___ care about this house."

I couldn't stop laughing. I knew then why my dad and I liked her so much.

*I miss you, prima. I will forever have you in my heart. <3
I'll do you proud!*

JD Fernandez - December 10, 2015 at 11:47 AM

TA

Beautiful words JD! Much love, Tania Torres

Tania - January 04, 2016 at 10:01 PM

FM

“ *Cristina was such a special person and I am so lucky to have met her. Today, my heart aches but I will always remember her for her smile and her positive energy. I know that's how she would have wanted to be remembered. She will truly be missed by all her friends and pretty much anyone who crossed paths with her.*

I keep her family, her parents and her sister Eli in my thoughts and prayers and have faith that by remembering a happy, healthy Cristina, they will find strength and comfort. Her life was too short but she made such an impact in so many people and she may never be forgotten.

Thank you for everything, Cristina! I will forever miss you. Love you, my Boricua friend.

Frances



Frances Matos - December 10, 2015 at 11:08 AM

AC

“ Meeting you at the Hyatt many years ago was so meant to be. You and I clicked instantly and we were like peas and carrots. We had so much fun together. We helped each other through anything we encountered. My heart is so heavy knowing you're gone but I know you will be our guardian angel. Especially for my son on the way! I love you Cris! See you in heaven ?



Alicia Ciaffone - December 09, 2015 at 05:00 PM

JA

“ Estimada familia Martinez-Rivera siento mucho este momento tan doloroso que estan pasando se y entiendo que es un momento bien duro para ustedes ya que uno sufre mucho cuando muere un ser querido y me gustaria compartir con ustedes una alentadora promesa que Jehova Dios nos hace en la biblia se encuentra en (Juan 5 :28,29) Donde Jehova promete que las personas que han muerto volveran a la vida, espero que estas palabras le sirvan de consuelo. Acompañadoles en su dolor.
Jascarina

jascarina - December 09, 2015 at 08:16 AM

AN

“ I am so sorry for your loss, Cristina was a beautiful person in every way. I hadn't seen her since our days together at Parkville, but I will never forget spending every lunch in Betty's classroom with Cristy and JD, all of the parties and playing and the countless sleepovers. Cristina was the kind of person you just always wanted to be around and looked forward to seeing, she was always so full of joy and being with her would make any day better. I still can't believe that this has happened. My heart is with you all.

Ashley Newman - December 08, 2015 at 11:57 AM

RA

“ I keep looking at this page and I am so speechless. I don't even know what to say because I don't want to believe that your are no longer physically here. But I am at peace knowing that your pain is gone and you are no longer suffering. Your free as a bird. Mi amiga, I will always remember getting together all we did is laugh! From high school till college and even after you moved to Chicago you made time to meet my son. You are such a great friend and I will always cherish that. I miss you and I am sorry I didn't get the chance to see you one last time. I will carry you in my heart where all our memories stay. From partying to hanging out. Rest in peace my sweet angel and watch over everyone that loves you. Especially your mother and father and your sister!! Help them with the strength they need at this difficult time of grief. God bless them always and god bless you my sweet angel. Love you always
Rashel Pino

Rashel - December 08, 2015 at 10:53 AM

AF

“ *Betty, Eli an Cristy's dad:*
It had been a while since I last saw Cristy. Probably in 2012 when she last came to PR as I can recall. We used to keep in touch every now and then. I was devastated when I received such horrible news. She now rests with the Lord. She touched many lives as we can tell from all the acts of love people share from their experiences while getting to know Cristina. We share many memories, since Parkville, Maria Reina, to your house down in PR and mine and her other visits to this island. She was, is and will always be a very special girl. Everyone who had the pleasure of meeting her knows. Los acompaño en este momento de dolor. Las palabras nunca son suficientes pero sepan que como yo, hay muchos que comparten este momento de dolor y rezamos porque su alma descanse en paz. Muchísimos cariños y mucha fortaleza. Un fuerte abrazo desde lo más profundo de mi corazón.



Alexandra Fuertes

Alexandra Fuertes - December 08, 2015 at 07:58 AM

TT

“ *To the family of Cristina:*
I am deeply sorry for your loss. I know that this must be a truly difficult time. I hope you can find some comfort in knowing that she is with the Lord and is free from all suffering. I have not spoken to Cristina in a few years but I will always remember the good times we had at Parkville school when we were good friends.
My condolences,



Tania Torres Halais

Tania Torres - December 07, 2015 at 08:16 PM

BR

Thank you for your words of comfort. Martinez Rivera family

Betty Rivera - December 07, 2015 at 08:56 PM

TT

Betty, mi más sentido pésame de mi parte y de mi madre Rosemary.

Tania Torres - December 08, 2015 at 07:12 AM

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Alexandra Fuertes - December 08, 2015 at 07:55 AM