



## Manuel Joseph "MJ" Ortiz

February 18, 2008 - November 7, 2023

Manuel Joseph Ortiz (MJ) passed away November 7th 2023 surrounded by his loved ones. MJ, a spirited & loving young man (just 15) left his time here on earth a hero, saving the lives of 4+ and helping many more with his generosity of donor ship. While here with us, he brought laughter & joy to the lives of countless people. Making others laugh, being silly and lending a helping hand. He loved and he loved hard. His contagious smile and goofy personality radiated. He was homecoming king, lover of music. MJ enjoyed his time playing football and fishing, just being out and living life.

MJ is survived by his mother Crystal Southerland (Anthony Quintero) his grandparents Michael & Denise Southerland. Siblings Josiah, Shyanne (Juan), Anthony (Deborah) and Rey Ortiz. Aunts & Uncles; Madilene (Miguel) Huron, Tessela (Joshua) McGuire, Curtis Southerland (Brie Jackson) & Amber Loomis. Cousins; Serena, Nathaniel, Noriah & Scarlett Huron. Taelinn, Kenna, & Briena McGuire, Noah Loomis, Savannah & Kelan Seay. Nieces & nephews; Esme, Alexandre & Evangeline. Great grandparents Richard & Joann Thompson, Judy Southerland, James & Carmela Mattox, many great aunts & uncles, second cousins and countless close friends. Loved ones preceded by death; great grandparents; Larry Southerland, Madilene Thompson, Barbara Gagliardi & Anton Gagliardi, great aunt; Laura Gagliardi.

Manuel will be missed beyond measure, and his memory will be carried on by

all those he touched. MJ will never be forgotten as we carry his love and compassion in our hearts where he remains. Until we meet again.

A service will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 2PM (family receiving friends from 1:30-2 PM) at Purcell Chapel of Beyers Funeral Home in Bushnell, Florida with Pastor Emery King officiating.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Purcell Chapel of Beyers Funeral Home, Bushnell, Florida.

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory - Purcell Chapel  
114 W Noble Ave  
Bushnell, FL 33513  
(352) 793-4531

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Manuel Joseph "MJ" Ortiz*



**Beyers Funeral Home** - November 14, 2023 at 09:49 AM

CM

*My sweet baby love you MJ*

**Crystal Mjs momma** - November 14, 2023 at 11:41 AM

DS

*MJ you will always be in my 💔 heart now and forever! Looking forward to the day we are reunited. Miss you so much 😭  
Live always, Banana Nana*

**Denise Southerland** - November 22, 2023 at 03:56 PM

JG

“ *You was always goofy and happy when we was around each other and always loved talking about us doing our best in life u forever in my heart and by my side brudda always ima do my best for both of us brudda just like I promised u BTD always. Love brudda Rico*



**Joe Ann Garcia** - November 17, 2023 at 11:56 AM

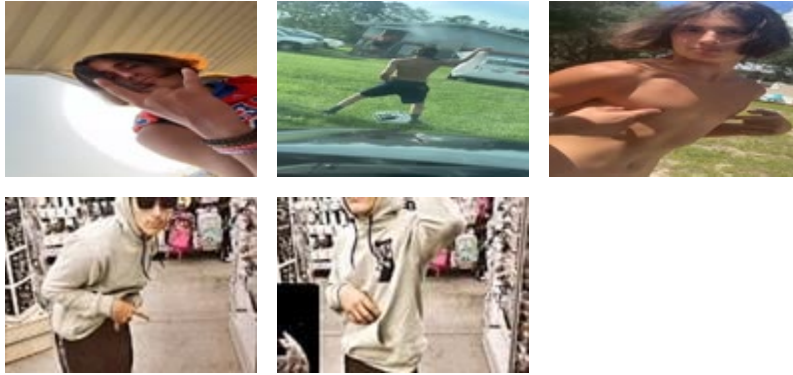
DS



**Denise Southerland** - November 22, 2023 at 03:34 PM

SJ

“ You were definitely one of my favorite people of all time you always knew how to put a smile on anyone’s face even when they weren’t in the best mood!! You had the sweetest and most kindest soul out there You will most definitely be missed mj we love you❤️



savannah Jones - November 15, 2023 at 07:43 PM

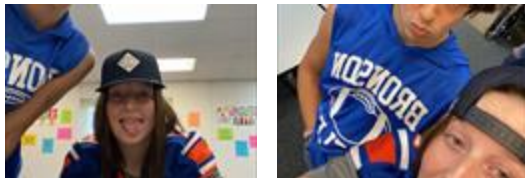
DS



Denise Southerland - November 22, 2023 at 03:36 PM

CO

“ kindest soul i’ve ever met❤️ nothing but laughs and fun when you were around! ALWAYS made my day better. rest peacefully sweet boy☐.



codi - November 15, 2023 at 07:01 PM

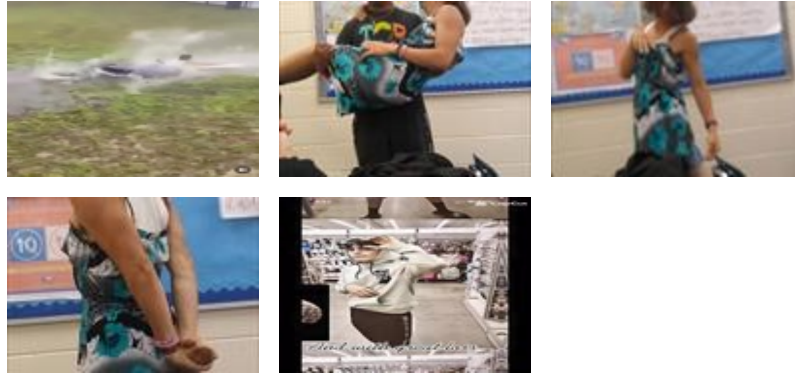
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Denise Southerland - November 22, 2023 at 03:37 PM

MA

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



**Madison Ables** - November 13, 2023 at 03:07 PM

DN

*His memory will go on .....  
He loved to make people laugh!*

**Denise Southerland NANA** - November 14, 2023 at 07:13 AM

MA

“ *You were an amazing friend/little brother. You will forever be missed mj I hope you fly high and keep painting them sky's pretty*



**Madison Ables** - November 13, 2023 at 02:59 PM

DN

❤️ *He loved all of his friends to the fullest* ❤️

**Denise Southerland NANA** - November 14, 2023 at 07:15 AM

JG

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Joe Ann Garcia - November 12, 2023 at 10:44 AM

DN

MJ loved Rico with all his ❤️  
That was his brother!!!

Denise Southerland NANA - November 12, 2023 at 10:56 AM

JG

“ Joe Ann Garcia lit a candle in memory of  
Manuel Joseph "MJ" Ortiz



Joe Ann Garcia - November 12, 2023 at 10:39 AM

JG

We are so glad that you came in to our lives MJ even if only for such a short time. It was such a privilege to get to know a great spirit like you.  
#LongLiveMJ #ForeverFree

Joe Ann Garcia - November 12, 2023 at 10:47 AM

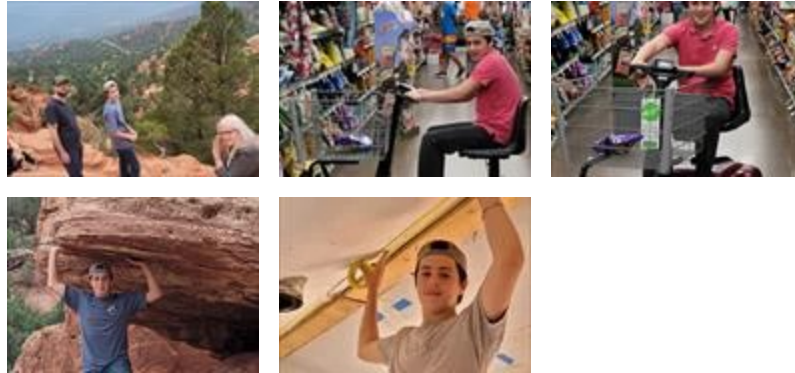
DN

MJ loved your family as his own! He will always be with us in our hearts!

Denise Southerland NANA - November 12, 2023 at 11:10 AM

Jim  
Mattox

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



**Jim Mattox** - November 11, 2023 at 08:24 PM

Jim  
Mattox

*We were so lucky to have you spend time in Colorado! I will miss you always. Love ya!*

**Jim Mattox** - November 11, 2023 at 08:27 PM

DN

*MJ had so much fun on that visit! Glad you were able to spend the time with him ❤️*

**Denise Southerland NANA** - November 12, 2023 at 10:58 AM

KB

“ *Missing you Bud! Sending you hugs in heaven. Kim and Robert.*



**Kimberly Bowman** - November 11, 2023 at 04:36 PM

DN



**Denise Southerland NANA** - November 14, 2023 at 07:17 AM

CM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Charlotte Mattox - November 11, 2023 at 01:15 PM

DN

*He's on top of the world! I miss you MJ*

Denise Southerland NANA - November 11, 2023 at 04:14 PM

MP

“ Michael Southerland PAPA lit a candle in memory of Manuel Joseph "MJ" Ortiz



Michael Southerland PAPA - November 11, 2023 at 09:02 AM

MP

*Thank you for all the great memories*

Michael Southerland PAPA - November 11, 2023 at 09:03 AM

DN

“ Denise Southerland NANA lit a candle in memory of Manuel Joseph "MJ" Ortiz



Denise Southerland NANA - November 11, 2023 at 08:57 AM

DN

*Until we meet again 💔*

**Denise Southerland NANA** - November 11, 2023 at 09:07 AM

TA

“ *never failed to make someone laugh or smile in any type of situation forever in our hearts never will i ever forget you and the impact you've had on me*



**tahliaa** - November 10, 2023 at 03:18 PM

AT

“ *Aunt Taetae lit a candle in memory of Manuel Joseph "MJ" Ortiz*



**Aunt Taetae** - November 10, 2023 at 02:10 PM

DN

*The last time was around the family was at your house.... Treasure those moments 💔*

**Denise Southerland NANA** - November 12, 2023 at 11:06 AM

AM

“ Aunt Maddie lit a candle in memory of Manuel Joseph "MJ" Ortiz



Aunt Maddie - November 10, 2023 at 10:47 AM

DN

Family was very important to MJ. He loved all his Auntie's and his Uncle with all his ❤️

Denise Southerland NANA - November 12, 2023 at 11:05 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Manuel Joseph "MJ" Ortiz.



November 10, 2023 at 09:46 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Manuel Joseph "MJ" Ortiz.



November 10, 2023 at 08:24 AM

LW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Lynn Waters - November 09, 2023 at 10:48 PM

DN

That day was one of the highlights of MJ's life!❤️

Denise Southerland NANA - November 12, 2023 at 11:00 AM

RB

HOW can we make his Jersey appear before this Saturday in honor and memory of MJ? Whoever and whatever is against this wish, is just pure evil.

Robert Buchanan - November 15, 2023 at 08:04 PM

SH

“ Serena Huron lit a candle in memory of Manuel Joseph "MJ" Ortiz



serena huron - November 09, 2023 at 06:22 PM

DN

Keep hold of the precious times you and your cousins shared together  
❤️

Denise Southerland NANA - November 12, 2023 at 11:03 AM

NH

“ *Noriah Huron lit a candle in memory of  
Manuel Joseph "MJ" Ortiz*



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**noriah huron** - November 09, 2023 at 05:50 PM

DN

*MJ will miss all of his cousins  
Always remember the good times!!!*

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**Denise Southerland NANA** - November 12, 2023 at 11:01 AM