



Aaron Viagran

July 1, 1967 - April 15, 2022

AARON VIAGRAN

Coach Aaron

(Rodolfo Aaron Viagran)

07-01-1967 to 04-15-2022

Once in a while you meet a person that touches you deeply like no other has before or ever again. A touch that reaches deep into your heart and leaves a print never to be forgotten. A print on your heart from a strong handshake, hug, joke, smile or even a word that is special and leaves a memory always remembered. A memory of a kind, generous person with a huge smile who always gave of himself and his time.

Aaron Viagran was that kind of extraordinary, giving, passionate and joy-filled person born into this world on Saturday, July 1, 1967 at 3:48 a.m. to Rosa Sylvia Cruz Viagran and Rodolfo C. Viagran in San Antonio, Tx at the historic Nix Hospital 22nd floor Maternity Ward. Though his entry was a quiet one, his entire life was a glorious, dazzling fireworks show for all he met to experience. One look into his “pretty eyes” and you knew immediately how fiery Aaron’s flame burned, especially for his precious family! Aaron’s radiant flame and brilliant smile with the gleam in his eyes were suddenly extinguished on Friday, April 15, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. while working in his “Paradise” surrounded by his loving wife, daughters, mother and family members. His last breath on

earth was his next joyous breath in the presence of Jesus Christ, our Savior, and all his loved ones who preceded Aaron.

Information on his services are as follows:

Viewing will be held on:

Friday 04/29/2022

Visitation @ 5:00pm

Rosary @ 6:30pm

Palm Heights Funeral Home

3711 S. Zarzamora St.

San Antonio, Texas 78225

Church Mass will be held on:

Saturday 04/30/2022 @ 10:00 am

St. James The Apostle Catholic Church

907 W. Theo Ave.

San Antonio, Texas 78225

Entombment to follow at:

Mission Park South Cemetery

1700 SE Military Dr.

San Antonio, Texas 78214

The Love Story of Aaron & Carol:

The love story of Aaron & Carol began when a mutual friend arranged for them to meet up one evening. Aaron was celebrating his 31st birthday and to his surprise, Carol showed up. From that moment forward, they spent each day together and were inseparable. After dating for only a few months, they were engaged and married the following year - when you know true love you hold on to it forever! Their wedding was one from a fairytale story surrounded

by family & friends. A memorable event from their wedding day was when their unity candle flared up almost catching the altar on fire. Aaron had leaned over to Carol and whispered, “that’s my burning love for you”.

Aaron was immediately welcomed with open arms by all of Carol’s family: parents, the late Raul & Frances Olmos, sister Liz, brother-in-law, Robert, their kids, the late Robert Andrew, Kevin, & Ashley, and brother Raul and his sons, Ashton & Ryan and not to mention the countless number of aunts, uncles, & cousins. Throughout the years, Aaron & Carol captured many memories and lots of laughs. Fast forward a few years and the time came when Carol announced to Aaron they were going to become parents. Aaron’s eyes beamed with joy and soon he discovered a new kind of love as they welcomed their oldest daughter, Sophia Nicholle. Sophia was the light in Aaron’s eyes. He made sure Sophia had everything she needed. Immediately Aaron knew that Sophia was going to play softball and so the journey began and the love of the game grew throughout the years. Soon, it was time to add to their little family. To their surprise, they were expecting twin girls, Isabella & Gabriella. Aaron was in shock and reminded Carol that his family only does single births not multiple but none the less, the twins had Aaron wrapped around their finger. From many nights of no sleep to sleeping on the floor or late-night rides to ease a tummy ache or teething, it didn’t matter as long as his girls were ok. As time passes by and the girls are grown up, his excitement and pride came from watching all three on the field together playing high school softball, the sport he loved. His cheers were heard from all around and the last game he attended was the “perfect game” in his eyes. That night, Sophia hit a home run, Bella was stealing bases, and Gabby threw out a runner to win the game. It was the perfect game for him with the perfect ending. In addition to softball, Aaron took pride in watching and hearing the girls perform mariachi. Their performances and their singing brought such joy and a big smile to him. The last mariachi performance he & Carol saw

together was at the St. Anthony Gala. It was a “date night” for them and what a night it was with dinner, music, & drinks. Every time the girls sang, he made sure to be up front and center to watch them. That night at the gala, they laughed and mingled with the crowd and were the last ones to leave the event. As they headed home, they reflected on the evening and as they often did, they planned for the next day. This was them, always planning and always on the go. Carol & the girls love Aaron as much as he loves them! As for their love story, well, it’s to be continued...

The Life Story of Aaron Viagran:

It’s important to understand that Aaron’s maternal great-grandmother in Laredo, Tx, chose Aaron’s name for him while he was still cradled in his loving mother’s womb. Nicolasa Chapa was a deeply, deeply religious and prayerful woman whose faith in Our Lord was so strong that for years she rocked on aching knees with her aging husband by her side to the corner bus stop and rode the bus to her church to hear the daily Catholic Mass. Not knowing the baby’s sex, she proclaimed the child would be named Aaron (Spanish pronunciation Ah-rron she always said). “Aaron” means “exalted”, “strong”, “light-bringer”, “great”, but most important “teacher” or “mountain of strength”. Biblically, Aaron was Moses’ older brother and Moses’ keeper by God’s command. Those knowing our beloved Aaron can understand he was all of this and so much more. Truly, Nicolasa, a holy woman, could discern Aaron would transcend all that his God-given talents would allow him to fulfill.

Aaron was a precocious and determined child. As a 3-year-old toddler, he rode the family vehicles in charge of the full front seat, standing up by the driver with both arms outstretched on the top of the seat back. No one knew who his imaginary friend was at first, but he would often yell out as we rode through the neighborhood, “Stop! There’s my friend!” as he pointed to an empty sidewalk spot. No one has as ever there! After a few times, Aaron said

his friend's name was Jeremiah, and in his little boy voice would sing out "Jeremiah was a Bullfrog" (3 Dog Night, Nov 1970). Now, if you wonder who Jeremiah was, you will read there is a prophet named Jeremiah in the Bible. In the introspection of the song, the bullfrog is representative of this prophet, symbolic of the voice of God, speaking out to unite people in happiness.

Aaron loved his friends so much, he had to be like Jeremiah, spreading joy through the world. Remember Aaron, give someone joy and sing out loud:

Singin' joy to the world

All the boys and girls now

Joy to the fishes in the deep blue sea

Joy to you and me!

There was never a child more determined than 5-year-old Aaron. His family remembers an occasion during a shopping and dining trip to McCreless Mall when he wanted a particular toy he spotted on arrival in a toy shop window. His family asked him to wait till they were on their way out. All who know Aaron know he works hard for what he wants and is unrelenting in his mission to accomplish a task. With that in mind, he snuck away alone, retrieved that much desired toy, and made his way back to his family with his prize! Always so much determination!

Aaron's love for baseball was like no one else's, playing at a very early age through adulthood. His favorite positions were third base and pitcher. He earned many nicknames, primarily "Homerun King", A-Ron before there was A-Rod, and Big A for the way he swung that bat! His mother Sylvia and then little sister Crystal were always in the stands. He gave a short whirl at Pop Warner football and Crystal was an official cheerleader. Later he coached CYO boys basketball teams alongside his father Rudy with Crystal as scorekeeper. They won championships at St James and St Leo's, but Aaron's love for sports was always on the baseball field.

As a husband, Aaron had eyes for no one but Carol. His love ran deep as the

deepest oceans, and if you could count the drops in the oceans of the world, you would know the immeasurable amount of his love for his wife. Aaron's respect and care for Carol was unmatched. Being her husband was "his job", and trust that he was most serious about his job. Taking care of his family was his business. All he did and what he lived for was for Carol and his girls, who he cherished with all his being, and yet he always still made time for his mother, grandparents, and Crystal. Aaron wanted to be like his maternal grandfather who took the greatest care of his grandmother, both were held in his highest esteem. Most everywhere they went it was a party of the five... Aaron and his girls.

As a father, there was no equivalent to his desire to provide all he could for his girls. #girdad was never more appropriate if you were talking about Aaron! He made sure his three princesses were set to go each time they headed out the door with their bags, water and snacks, and any equipment needed, all packed in his truck. All they had to do was get ready! As a softball dad, Aaron's knowledge of softball could fill an encyclopedia, so he proceeded to teach and coach his three girls in the game starting with Tiny Tots through grade school and travel ball. Aaron considered his Crush Team his "pride and joy". The team was his "baby" that he nurtured and loved. Many of his athletes still look up to Coach Aaron. In high school he was a perpetual presence in the stands. The pride for his girls was only surpassed by the size of Aaron's huge, beautiful smile!

Many said his command of the game rules was unprecedented, and as coach never hesitated to call timeout to discuss his viewpoints with the umpires numerous times getting their ruling overturned much to the disappointment of the opposing team's fans. Aaron coached and mentored his athletes, and countless parents have stated their gratitude for his encouragement of their child, never discouraging. After game talks with his team, were positive and

uplifting but honest and frank about errors to strive and improve. Oftentimes, Aaron had a one-on-one with an individual player. Most recently, he became an umpire himself and loved to be a “Blue”! Aaron shared his joy for ball with an enormous audience. He taught parents to be coaches and children to be better players, and his teachings have added to his great legacy. No matter what sports activity Aaron did he continued to spread joy, ignoring anything negative from the opposition. That’s the kind of guy he was. Spreading joy to the world!

As a son and grandson, Aaron outdid himself countless times. Whether it was cutting and trimming the lawn, blowing the leaves or sawing down trees, Aaron made time for his Mom. During his busiest years as his family grew, Aaron never missed a call from his Mama. It was extremely unusual for him to allow much time without a call or text to and from her. Countless pictures, laughs, hugs, kisses and whispers were shared never to be forgotten. Many last “Thank you’s” with a shared kiss. Moments alone together only a mother and son can spend. He would drive to wherever he was needed to get the job done. Whatever time the clock said, Aaron was there. As busy as he was, Aaron continued for nearly ten years assisting his father who owns his business, Viagran’s Maintenance Services. Aaron’s flame shone bright for everyone! As Popo became sick and Nana needed help, he was only a phone call away. Several times, whatever hour, rushing to lift his Popo from the floor where he had fallen at his Nana’s request. Numerous more trips to fix something or cut, blow and trim the yard. Anything for Nana and Popo he held and loved so dearly in his heart. There was nothing he wouldn’t do all while spreading joy.

As a big brother, Aaron was often stuck with an adoring third wheel in the back seat of his brown Chevy Camero or blue Chevy Blazer off to one of his adventures. Aaron also played the role of taxi driver for his lil sis, making sure

she got to and from school and games. Crystal was steeped in big brother culture that included This Old House, the Andy Griffith Show, Cheers, Iron Maiden, Lover Boy and an extensive Sports Illustrated collection. Together they watched every game or match from the PGA and ATP to the NBA, NFL, MLB, and NCAA. Bowling even made the list. Aaron passed on his love of sports to his little sister and they made many great memories winning the championship with the St. Leo's Bulls and then the Runnin' Rebs, watching the Missions, The Admiral's Spurs, James Brown and the Longhorns, almost beating East Central and driving the golf cart at Riverside. When his little sister now grown wanted to play Austin SSC, he took her to the park and spent hours pitching to her to improve her swing.. Even after Crystal moved to Austin, they shared their love of sports as often as they could with Crystal hosting the family for weekend tourneys to sitting in the stands with big brother, her bag filled with all the snacks she knew he loved.

Aaron was an entrepreneur along with all his other roles and an overachiever most definitely. In addition to his "ball playtime", he tried various side hustles, as if he didn't have enough to do, like his DJing, lawn maintenance business, and GSB Batting Cages. Aaron had a love for barbecuing that he took from his father, including competition cook-offs. He owned many BBQ pits of all shapes and sizes. An invitation to go over and eat Aaron's BBQ was a feast of delicious brisket, ribs, sausage and chicken. He was serious as could be about this job! His latest project best remembered was a new idea for a yard sign business, getting his inspiration from a truckload of wood being sold on the side of the road. Carol and the girls recall how Aaron determinedly pulled out his work gloves picking out the most desired pieces, insisting his girls wait in his truck. What a fun family day it was when they made their first and only sign!

In his corporate world, Aaron ALWAYS sought to progress forward for himself, but most importantly for those he loved dearly, from World Savings Bank,

HEB, CPS, SAWS, and Viagran's. Finally, at his happiest with IDEA Public Schools, he found his best self as Director of Non-Instructional Compensation. His boss, Jennifer, had much to say about our amazing Aaron: "...loyal, steadfast, and an exemplar of our core values, no matter what new challenge came our way....Aaron was one of the kindest, most humble, and most learning-oriented people...developed strong relationships with the people he managed, his peers and his "customers". He learned his incredible work ethics from his Popo and wore his moral conduct like a second skin with extreme integrity and goodness.

Aaron was the same warm, genuine and sincere individual no matter who the audience or setting was. Aaron's huge heart was filled with confidence, optimism, enthusiasm and patience, willing to put others before himself. He cared about how he interacted with others and you could sense that from him. Through trials and difficulties, he avoided negative feelings of anger and discouragement and would seek wisdom for improvement. Aaron had the ability to listen and empathize with you, understanding your point of view. He was considerate of others in all that he did. He had a quick wit and the ability to make you laugh but spoke kindly to make you feel you always had a friend. Aaron had charity in his heart and looked for opportunities to serve others with humility and kindness and to be helpful to others by giving of himself. He wanted to share and Aaron didn't hold back.

In the words of his latest favorite song 'Til You Can't (Cody Johnson, Oct 2021), Aaron took what Cody said to heart:

If you got a chance, take it, take it while you got a chance

If you got a dream, chase it, 'cause a dream won't chase you back....

If you're gonna love somebody

Hold 'em as long and as strong and as close as you can

'Til you can't

Our family is very appreciative of all the words of comfort and expressions of sympathy and concern from family and friends. To our extended family members and our big softball family, Aaron loved y'all very much. To all our other families: St. Anthony, St. James, IDEA Schools and HEB, thank you for your love! To all our friends, thank you for all your memories, thoughts and prayers. If you have photos to share, we will never see enough! Your compliments about Aaron have registered forever in our hearts, and we feel a warm love in knowing that he left his heart print embedded in the hearts of others and he will live on in spirit. The level of support and comfort we've received has been incredible, and we appreciate everyone so much during this painful time. Our hearts are shattered, but we take peace in knowing we will be together again with Aaron.

We are grateful for the care given to Aaron by the First Responders from SAFD and SAPD, especially the kind policeman who showed an act of kindness and respect by mowing Aaron's backyard paradise. We will forever hold dear in our heart a loving memory of Aaron, who started life as a wonderful, loving son and brother and became a devoted, amazing husband and father, a blessing to all he knew and loved. No stranger was he who knew the world which loved him back.

Aaron's memory will always be cherished by his adoring wife of almost 23 years Carol Ann Olmos Viagran, and his cherished daughters Sophia Nicholle Viagran, Isabella Rose Viagran, Gabriella Frances Viagran, and his faithful furry 3-legged pal Tucker and Snickers. Also deeply loved by his devoted mother Rosa Sylvia Cruz (Jerry Glenn Shaw), his father Rodolfo C. Viagran (Betty Sotomayor), his special little sister and only sibling Crystal Angel Viagran (Will "Pancho" Walker), and loving grandmother Josefina C. Cruz. Also loved by extended family members: mother-in-law Frances Y. Olmos, sister-in-law Elizabeth Martinez (Robert Martinez), brother-in-law Raul Jr.,

niece Ashley, and nephews Kevin, Ashton, & Ryan and great-nephew Zane Carter. Also, numerous aunts, uncles, great-nephews, cousins and many other relatives.

Aaron was predeceased by father-in-law Raul G. "Bear" Olmos, grandfather Angel A. Cruz, Sr, nephew Robert Andrew Martinez, and numerous other relatives.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **29**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Palm Heights Mortuary
3711 S Zarzamora St
San Antonio, TX 78225
(210) 924-4568
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Rosary

APR **29**. 6:30 PM (CT)

Palm Heights Mortuary
3711 S Zarzamora St
San Antonio, TX 78225
(210) 924-4568
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Mass

APR **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. James the Apostle Catholic Church
907 W. Theo Ave.
San Antonio, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Aaron Viagran*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - May 05, 2022 at 02:44 PM

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“ *To my dear family, I am so deeply sorry for your loss. Words cannot express my heartfelt sorrow. Carol and girls, I love you and I hope time heals our broken hearts. Aaron you are very loved by so many. Natalie Dowd*



Natalie Dowd - May 02, 2022 at 09:10 AM

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“ *Aaron was more than just my nephew. He was my godson. Too, he was above all things, a man of honor and self-respect for as he told me once some years back, those were the two best qualities a person would be known for and would pass on to others as values by which to live their lives. For Aaron believed that by exemplifying these qualities he could help those he met on his life path, especially young ones,—that he would be able to help them build their own honor and self-respect. This is why my nephew Aaron will be remembered. This is the legacy he leaves for all who knew him and hoped to be like him. Love you Mijo, Aunt Norma and Uncle Joe*

Norma and Joseph Gonzales - April 30, 2022 at 03:46 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Aaron Viagran.



April 29, 2022 at 03:29 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Aaron Viagran.



April 28, 2022 at 07:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Aaron Viagran.



April 28, 2022 at 02:19 PM



“ *Aaron. My son. I will always carry you in my heart. I love you. Momma*



Sylvia Cruz - April 27, 2022 at 09:55 PM

MC

“ *Melanie C. purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Aaron Viagran.*



Melanie C. - April 27, 2022 at 05:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Aaron Viagran.*



April 27, 2022 at 02:43 PM

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“ *Our deepest sympathies, Your Hogg Family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Aaron Viagran.*



Our deepest sympathies, Your Hogg Family - April 27, 2022 at 10:28 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Aaron Viagran.*



April 26, 2022 at 08:58 PM

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“ *The Hyde Park Varsity Softball Team purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Aaron Viagran.*



The Hyde Park Varsity Softball Team - April 25, 2022 at 02:15 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Aaron Viagran.*



April 24, 2022 at 07:31 PM

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“ *Kathleen and Aaron always had this special saying: Aaron would tell Kathleen that whatever happened it happened in a good way. Im so glad I ran into him a month ago and had the chance to catch up! Aaron was a great man and will be missed!*

Terry - April 24, 2022 at 07:26 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Aaron Viagran.*



April 22, 2022 at 11:16 AM