



Michael Anthony Rodriguez III

June 16, 1976 - December 23, 2017

Michael Anthony Rodriguez III, aka Sluggo, aka Papageorgio, a graduate of San Antonio's Clark High School in 1990 passed away on December 23, 2017 at the age of 41 in San Antonio, Texas. He was born on June 16, 1976 in Saginaw, Michigan to Michael Rodriguez and Mary Ann (Nina) Ramirez. He is survived by his younger brother, Servando R. Rodriguez; his maternal grandmother Justina G. Ramirez from Dallas; his grandfather Roberto M. Ramirez Sr. from Driscoll; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Michael was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents Michael and Rosa Rodriguez from San Antonio; and his maternal grandfather Francisco B. Ramirez from Dallas.

He had an eclectic life style and employment history, starting first at Planeta Mexico Night Club as a bouncer where he developed a love for culture and the arts. He became interested in the art of preparation, cooking and presentation of food when he started making great pizza at Carmen's Pizza on West Avenue. He then worked at the Guadalajara Grill with manager Guillermo Montero, then on to the Little Rhein Steak House. He was very proud to worked under Chef Andrew Weissman. His last gig was working at the Blue Star Restaurant.

He was an entrepreneur and co-owned Bike Monsters, partnering Michael Urbano, in Las Vegas, Nevada. He promoted events for bike shows and the

arts and was well known around the country. He was a designer and builder of custom bikes. He was an organizer for “Frankenbike”, a free bike swap meet, held in cities across Texas. Jimmy Hoover, aka Jimbo, was his bicycle mentor. One of Michael’s great joys was finding a unique item at a thrift store which he would regularly frequent.

Michael met and inspired local artist Robert Tatum years ago, who at that time drew a poster Michael as the old cartoon character Sluggo., which can still be found on Tatum’s website. Upon Michael’s death, Tatum felt the urgent need to draw another poster, which he titled “R.I.P Sluggo”.

Michael enjoyed life. May he Rest In Peace.

SERVICES

Visitation will be held on Friday, December 29, 2017 beginning at 12:00pm, with a 1:00pm Memorial Service at Palm Heights Mortuary.

For personal acknowledgement, you may sign the online guestbook at <http://www.missionparks.com> in the Tributes section.

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Previous Events

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From your family at Home Depot #6988 - December 28, 2017
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“ Mary Ann Ramirez, Michael Rodriguez and Family..... I am so sorry to hear about Sluggo, I pray for you all as you go through this difficult time.
Lily Perez Jackson

Lily Jackson - December 27, 2017 at 08:24 PM

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“ ❤️😞 I Just don't know what to say except my heart goes out to the family and big hugs from a distance. Sorry I won't be able to be there but I will pray and Sluggo will forever be in my heart. Miss you all.



Angie Duranso Garcia - December 26, 2017 at 10:39 PM