



## Mario Alberto Montoya, III

September 24, 2007 - December 16, 2025

Mario Alberto Montoya III, 18, of Odessa, Texas, passed away on December 16, 2025, at his home in Odessa.

Mario was born on September 24, 2007, to Mario Alberto Montoya and Jessica Roman in Odessa, Texas. From the moment he entered the world, Mario carried a presence that was hard to miss. Tall with black hair and striking hazel eyes, he was known for his outgoing spirit, infectious smile, and ability to bring energy into any room.

Mario loved life deeply. He had a passion for sports, and enjoyed gaming in his downtime. He cherished time spent hanging out with friends, laughing, competing, and making memories that will be forever held close by those who knew him. Above all else, Mario was an amazing and devoted father. His daughter was the center of his world, and his love for her defined who he was at his core.

Mario is survived by his beloved daughter, Avani Montoya; his parents, Mario Alberto Montoya (Jazmin) and Jessica Roman; his siblings, Alexis Montoya, Meisha Montoya, Niema Montoya, and Dhamani Montoya; his paternal grandparents, Antonina Montoya and Mario C. Montoya; his maternal grandparents, David Ellen and Susan Ellen; and his special aunt, Kristi Shepard. He also leaves behind many friends and extended family members

who will forever remember his laughter, kindness, and generous heart.

Though Mario's time on this earth was far too short, the love he gave and the lives he touched will continue to live on. His memory will be carried forward through his daughter, his family, and all who were blessed to know him.

Viewing will be held on Monday, December 29, 2025, from 2-8PM at American Heritage Funeral Home.

Funeral service will be held on December 30, 2025, 11AM at Crossroads Church, 6901 TX-191 Frontage, Odessa, TX 79762; burial immediately following at American Heritage Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

DEC **29**. 2:00 PM (CT)

American Heritage Funeral Home  
4100 N FM 1788  
Midland, TX 79707  
(432) 563-9767  
info@thehealingstartshere.com  
<https://thehealingstartshere.com>

## Funeral Service

DEC **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Crossroads Fellowship Church  
6901 E. Hwy 191  
Odessa, TX 79762

# Tribute Wall

JA

“ we love you bubba

jazzy - May 05 at 01:39 PM

AV

“ Oh Mario, I miss your stories, pictures of your little girl and you telling me how much you love to be a dad. I can't fathom that you're no longer here with us on earth however God felt he needed you more than the ones here. I know that you're no longer hurting or feeling weird. You've left a hole in everyone heart that loved you down here!

Always know that I'll remember the mornings you came by the classroom to give a hug or just say good morning or to come in and want to talk! You were that kid who just needed someone to tell you it's going to be ok or to just calm down!

Alexia always remember that your brother always had your back even if he wasn't aroun, and that will still happen now till it's your time to meet him!

The 2 of you together were so much fun wherever we would meet up!

After school I always had to go through 100's of pictures because I would end of with pictures like this on my phone from students just because I didn't know how to use my IPhone when I 1st got it!

Love ya Mario...it's not goodbye buts it's see u again!

Ms. Von



Alicia Vaughn - December 30, 2025 at 03:27 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mario Alberto Montoya, III.

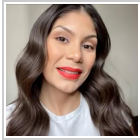


December 29, 2025 at 06:45 PM

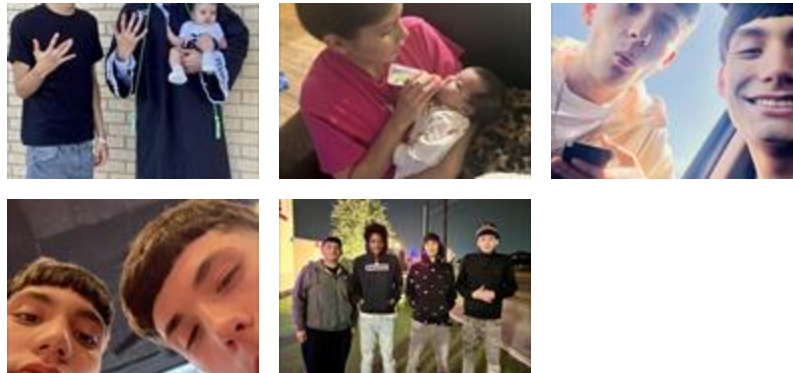


“ Danny and Lisa Montoya planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mario Alberto Montoya, III.

Danny and Lisa Montoya - December 29, 2025 at 06:45 PM



“ Love you, Mario. Boy, you brought the snow back to West Texas.



Megan Garcia - December 29, 2025 at 12:13 PM

RF

“ Roy/Garcia Family purchased the *Serenity Spray* for the family of Mario Alberto Montoya, III.



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**Roy/Garcia Family** - December 28, 2025 at 07:22 PM

RF

“ Roy/Garcia Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mario Alberto Montoya, III.

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**Roy/Garcia Family** - December 28, 2025 at 07:22 PM

RF

“ Roy/Garcia Family purchased the *Divine Light* for the family of Mario Alberto Montoya, III.



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**Roy/Garcia Family** - December 28, 2025 at 06:58 PM

RF

“ Roy/Garcia Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mario Alberto Montoya, III.

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**Roy/Garcia Family** - December 28, 2025 at 06:58 PM

BM

“ Miss and love u bubba ❤️



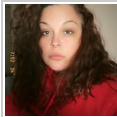
Brody mastin - December 28, 2025 at 06:42 PM

AG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



abigail gentry - December 23, 2025 at 11:23 PM



SURVIVED BY HOURS BELOVED SISTER ABIGAIL GENTRY, TWO NEPHEWS EZEKIEL ROMAN SANCHEZ AND CASH CARTER LEE ROMAN

Lu Rose - December 24, 2025 at 05:23 PM

AG

“ we love you bubba <3



abigail gentry - December 23, 2025 at 11:22 PM

AG

we love you bubba 💙

abigail gentry - December 23, 2025 at 11:22 PM

JM

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



jazmin montoya - December 23, 2025 at 11:14 PM

BP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Bianca Pineda - December 23, 2025 at 05:10 PM

BP

“ Rip Mijo 🕊️🕊️



Bianca Pineda - December 23, 2025 at 05:05 PM

AL

“ All of us at W.T Fiber Link purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mario Alberto Montoya, III.



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All of us at W.T Fiber Link - December 23, 2025 at 04:36 PM

AL

“ All of us at W.T Fiber Link planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mario Alberto Montoya, III.

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All of us at W.T Fiber Link - December 23, 2025 at 04:36 PM

AS

“ All of us at Xtream Solutions purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mario Alberto Montoya, III.



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All of us at Xtream Solutions - December 23, 2025 at 04:27 PM