



JUAN CARLOS DIAZ

March 9, 1969 - January 29, 2015

Juan Carlos Diaz, 45, died peacefully on January 29, 2015 at St. Luke's Hospital. He was born March 9, 1969 in Prescott, AZ to Manuel and Grace (Garcia) Baca. He grew up in San Diego, CA and graduated from Point Loma High School in 1988

Juan proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corps. in the 4th Marine Division from 1988-1996. He fought in Desert Storm and served on several RECON missions. He was Honorably Discharged as Corporal Juan Carlos Diaz, as a result of injuries on his last mission. During his service, Juan earned the following medals: National Defense Service Medal, South West Asia Service Medal with Bronze Star, and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon. After his discharge from the military, Juan was able to complete his Associates Degree, from the United Education Institute (UEI), in San Diego, CA.

Juan loved working with the youth, volunteering his time coaching a community basketball team, the Anthony Wayne Storm. He enjoyed all kinds of sports, but growing up, running was his life. He loved History and any kind of technology, especially computers, and the beaches of San Diego. Above all, Juan adored being with his family.

Juan was Loved and admired by his families and friends. Left to cherish his memory is his wife Jentia, children: Ayanna, Juanito (Juan Junior), Destyna Diaz and adopted son Nabi Lalonde; his parents, his siblings: Jorge Luis Garcia, Humberto Garcia, Silvano (Prisco) Garcia, Maria Teresa Garcia Fernandez and Albert Diaz; his uncle Silvano Garcia; nephew Humberto

Garcia Jr. and nieces Victoria and Alexandria Diaz, and many more. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Humberto and Amada Ruiz Garcia.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Saturday, February 7, 2015 from 1-3 , with a memorial celebration service from 3-4 p.m. Interment will be private. Donations may be given to the family. Please view Juan's memorial video tribute and leave a condolence message at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Tribute Wall

JE

“ *Jentia sent a virtual gift in memory of JUAN CARLOS DIAZ*



Jentia - November 28, 2025 at 01:05 AM

JE

“ *Mi Juanito,
Not a day goes by without me thinking of you,
so of course I would today, on your earthly
birthday. You would have been 56 today, had
you still been here with us, but being in your
eternal home, aging is not something you have
to go through anymore, so that's nice. Destyna and I will continue to
love you and miss you constantly until we see you again.*



Jentia - March 09, 2025 at 04:50 PM

JE

“ *Jentia lit a candle in memory of JUAN CARLOS DIAZ*



Jentia - January 29, 2025 at 02:06 PM

JE

*Mi querido mijito,
How I miss you so! Everyday, I think of you, missing you and wishing we could go back in time. It now has been 10 long years without you here with us, but it still feels like it was yesterday. Our baby girl, bless her heart, longs for you so much. My heart hurts for her, as I don't really have a way of comforting her. She longs for your embrace, longs to hear your voice, and we both just so wish you were here. I regret not having more pictures of you and recordings of your sweet voice. We miss you making us laugh, like that time when you came in in the kitchen, with one of your boys' practice basketball jersey on and it came up to like your chest...and you were like "Put me in Coach, put me in..." Ohhhh boy, was that hilarious. That shirt was so small on you, we wondered how you could even get it on! We love you and miss you so much, my Gladiator. Though I miss you, it's good to know you don't have to fight in this life anymore. Oh guess what, they are showing Gladiator on AMC tonight, it's like it was meant to be shown in honor of you today...so I'll be watching it :)
Until next time, my Gladiator, I love you.*

Jentia - January 29, 2025 at 02:06 PM

JE

“*Today is Veteran's Day, and of course I'm thinking of you, like I do everyday. I know I shouldn't, but I still feel so alone sometimes. I just really miss you.*

Jentia - November 11, 2024 at 10:59 PM

JD

“ Hey Mijito. I'm thinking of you today, on the 4th of July. There's a Rocky marathon on TV, and you know I can't watch Rocky without thinking of you. :) I wish so much, you could be right here next to me, watching it together. I miss you so very much. Sometimes, the pain of missing you is just unbearable...like I don't know what to do, whether to cry or scream, or just...well, I don't know, I just don't know. No matter how much time goes by, I still miss you like crazy...I always will, because you were my soulmate. I do have a different life now, but I'll never have anyone as good as you were. I love you, and miss you. You will always be my Sugar Bunny.



Jentia Diaz - July 04, 2024 at 09:41 PM

JD

“ Hey there Gladiator, though it seems like yesterday when you disappeared from our lives, today unbelievably marks nine years. It's so strange how fast time passes, when someone passes on. Though the pain of losing you has become a little more bearable through the years, and we've been able to move forward in life, there isn't one day that goes by when Destyna and I don't miss you and think about you. We love you so much, and words can't describe just how much we miss you. Mijito, I wish you were here, to see how beautiful, intelligent, and successful our baby girl has become. She is an amazing and incredible young woman, and you would be so proud of her...i know I am. Hey, being that you're up there, watch over her for me, when I can't. I love you and miss you my forever Sugar Bunny!



Jentia L Diaz - January 29, 2024 at 10:54 PM

JD

“ Hey Gladiator! It's your earthly birthday today, so I came to wish you Happy Birthday! I love you and miss you so much! I've been thinking of you and missing you so much lately, which feels really strange, being that I am engaged to be married to another man now. It's been over seven years since you've been gone, but it still feels like yesterday. The pain of you not being here is just as unbearable now as it was back then. It's been so lonely and hard without you, Mijito! I've been trying to fill the void by looking for and finding someone else to pass time with, and I have come to the realization that I will never find anyone who comes close to being like you. You will forever be my one true love, my soulmate. I really REALLY miss you! Happy Birthday, my Sugar Bunny, I love you!



Jentia Diaz - March 09, 2022 at 09:07 PM

JD

<https://youtu.be/qLnoYEAoJ-M>

Jentia Diaz - March 09, 2022 at 09:22 PM

JD

https://youtu.be/S_E2EHVxNAE

Jentia Diaz - March 09, 2022 at 09:23 PM

JE

“ <https://youtu.be/qQN0EA8OaJI>

Jentia - January 30, 2018 at 12:30 AM

JE

“ <https://open.spotify.com/track/1AM1o0mKbgAK5oMpY8B3Z7?si=6Asz5GipTluXPkqqfJz3oA>

Jentia - January 30, 2018 at 12:04 AM

JE

“ Jentia lit a candle in memory of JUAN CARLOS DIAZ



Jentia - January 29, 2018 at 11:43 PM

JE

“ Jentia sent a virtual gift in memory of JUAN CARLOS DIAZ



Jentia - January 29, 2018 at 11:42 PM

JE

“ My beloved Sugarbunny and Gladiator,

Well, today has marked 3 years since our world was shaken, with our loss of you and you became heaven's gain. Though we are confident you are well and quite happy to be in your eternal home in heaven, we do miss you always. A big part of us is still missing, and always will be. Our lives have not been the same without you. It's definitely a challenge, raising Destyna without you. She was so much closer to you than with me. She misses you so much and longs for you, and so do I. I try hard to be a good mom, but nothing I do can ever make up for loss of you. I can only pray that she knows I love her and that I'll do my best to always be there for her. We love you and miss you so very much, Mijito. Though we can't see you nor hear you, I imagine you are watching over us. Until next time, rest in peace, my beloved Sugarbunny and Gladiator.

Jentia - January 29, 2018 at 11:40 PM

JE

“ Jentia sent a virtual gift in memory of JUAN CARLOS DIAZ



Jentia - July 25, 2017 at 02:32 AM

JE

Missing you, my big teddy bear! We all do. Now, we're missing Albert as well...Did you know he was going to be up there with you so soon, because we sure didn't. It was such a terrible shock, none of us can still believe it. That's life, right...But, God knew, even if you had not known...He continues to work in mysterious ways. He brought Albert home from the road, before taking him...that alone was a miracle. Anyways, you two stay out of trouble up there, and look in on us from time to time. We love you both! 😘💋💕

Jentia - July 25, 2017 at 02:45 AM

JD

“ Jentia Diaz lit a candle in memory of JUAN CARLOS DIAZ



Jentia Diaz - January 29, 2017 at 09:00 PM

JD

“ Jentia Diaz sent a virtual gift in memory of JUAN CARLOS DIAZ



Jentia Diaz - February 07, 2016 at 11:06 PM

JD

“ Today was Super Bowl 50! I knew you would have loved to watch it if you were here...so Destyna and I watched in honor of you. It was Carolina Panthers vs Denver Broncos...you loved going for the under dogs, so I went with the Broncos for you...and Guess what, **THEY WON 10-24!!!!**

Jentia Diaz - February 07, 2016 at 10:59 PM

JD

“ Jentia Diaz lit a candle in memory of **JUAN CARLOS DIAZ**



Jentia Diaz - February 07, 2016 at 10:55 PM

JD

We love you and miss you so very much!

Jentia Diaz - February 07, 2016 at 11:02 PM

JD

“ Jentia Diaz sent a virtual gift in memory of **JUAN CARLOS DIAZ**



Jentia Diaz - January 29, 2016 at 07:58 AM

JD

“ *Jentia Diaz lit a candle in memory of JUAN
CARLOS DIAZ*



Jentia Diaz - January 29, 2016 at 07:56 AM

JD

Where has the days and months go, Mijito, has it really been a year since you left us? It sure doesn't seem so, nor does it feel like it. It still seems like yesterday, since everything happened. It's like a video in my mind, that rewinds and repeats playing automatically, over and over again. The whole month of January is a video all to its self, the scenes from it just keep playing. From Albert coming to visit for the first time the first week of January, to you having surgery again for another crazy fistula on the 21st, you and Destyna, seeing who could do the best Beyonce walk, which I had to judge....that still makes me laugh, by the way...you guys were hilarious, especially you, because it was the same night after your surgery and you were still a little wobbly from the medications. It was so much fun watching you guys do that and having a blast doing it. Besides for the usual pain and the pain after surgery, you went to bed feeling okay, but it was a whole different story when I woke up early in the morning and found you shaking badly, while you were still sleeping. I woke you up and asked you if you were cold...and helped you out sweatshirt and sweatpants on after you answered yes, which I had hoped would get you warmed up, but you just continued to shake. I took your temperature, which was a little above 99. It was only the day after your surgery, so I was worried about a possible infection...I called the dialysis center, since it was a dialysis day and let Deanna know I was taking you to the ER. I don't know how I managed to keep you up walking from our room to the van, I should have just called for the ambulance, but somehow, I managed to help you get in the van and we went to St. Luke's...from there, things just went from bad to worse. It's unbelievable how fast things had changed over night. They admitted you immediately...you spent almost one whole week in the ICU, under critical care, and then we lost you that early Thursday morning on the 29th. We've all been missing you! We miss your love, your hugs and kisses and warm touch; your silliness and great sense of humor. We also miss your playfulness. I miss your strength and support. It's so strange living without you. Destyna reminds me so much of you. She's been so brave, strong, and tough, but I know she's breaking to pieces inside. I am so proud of her for going to school today, even though it was hard. I think she's starting to play games on her phone and tablet like you used to, to help with the pain. She hides her emotions and most people may think she's okay, but I know better. Ohhh Mijito, how we miss you! As you probably know, I still haven't heard anything from Ayanna. I know how heart-broken you were and really wanted to see her and for her to at least talk to you before you died...I'm sorry that didn't happen. I haven't talked with Juanito a whole lot, but you're about to be a grandpa, as you probably already know. It's hard to believe and imagine, but it's true. Anyways, I just wanted to come on here and let you know I miss you. If only heaven had Skype or a telephone...it would sure make this grieving process much easier.

Jentia Diaz - January 29, 2016 at 09:26 AM

JD

“ Hi



Jentia Diaz - December 25, 2015 at 08:37 AM

JD

It felt so strange going into the New Year with you being gone....it just doesn't feel right....it's hard to think we had you with us at this time last year, and now we don't. I really didn't want to go in into the New Year, but God is the One that's in control, not me. You probably already know, but we got mom her first computer...a tablet. We wish we could have seen her open the box to find it...I'm sure she was very surprised. She had mentioned during the spring that maybe someone would gift her with one, so she could video chat with us. We couldn't get it for her birthday, but God made it possible for Christmas. She's not all sure how to use it yet, but I think she's having fun with it and enjoying it so far. I set it up for her before sending it. She's waiting for Betito to come so he can show her how to really use it. In the mean time, she's trying to figure it out on her own...she figured out how to message me last night...she did good, even though she said the letters were disappearing on her. I think she'll really enjoy it, once she learns how to use it and what all she can do with it. Well, love you and missing you so much my love...wish we could hear your voice and see you.

Jentia Diaz - January 01, 2016 at 11:13 AM

JD

“ Jentia Diaz lit a candle in memory of JUAN CARLOS DIAZ



Jentia Diaz - December 25, 2015 at 12:24 AM

JD

Hi my love. Well, Merry Christmas! It's your first one in Heaven, and our first one without you...YES, we're sad and miss you, but I'm glad you're spending Christmas with our Lord. I wish you could call me and tell me what Christmas is like up there. I know Heaven must be indescribable. I can't wait to be there one day, when it's my turn. It's hard, but I'm really trying to be patient. I love you and miss you so much, Mijito! Say Hello to Dad for me, and everyone else that we knew and now have up there. Love you and thinking of you always...and sending lots of hugs and kisses to Heaven. 💕💕💕💕

Jentia Diaz - December 25, 2015 at 08:34 AM

JD

“ *Jentia Diaz sent a virtual gift in memory of JUAN CARLOS DIAZ*



Jentia Diaz - November 11, 2015 at 10:06 PM

JD

“ *Jentia Diaz sent a virtual gift in memory of JUAN CARLOS DIAZ*



Jentia Diaz - November 11, 2015 at 10:06 PM

JD

Semper fi my faithful Marine. You probably know I've been thinking of you. I love you and miss you Gladiator. You proudly gave up your life to serve our country...and oh, how you painfully suffered, as a result of that...but I know you would have chosen to serve again, if you could have. You will always be a hero to me, Mijito. Thank you for all that you did and went through for all of us. We miss you this Veteran's Day and everyday. Rest in peace mi principe.

Jentia Diaz - November 11, 2015 at 10:22 PM

JD

Hi Mijito. "I'm redeemed" by Big Daddy Weave came on this morning. As I listened to it, I was thinking about that night when you had me look it up and play it over and over for you. I can't remember what the date was exactly, but I could tell you were very bothered by what was on your mind. I knew what it was. You were feeling guilty again from your pass...what happened during your service in the military and other things. We had talked about that before, and I had tried to reassure you that God loved you, and that you were forgiven for everything, by the mercy and grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ...but you were still blaming yourself. It saddened me to see you that way, but I guess that was how I always felt when I saw you hurting. It hurt me a lot. I just wanted to do whatever I could to give you comfort. Oh, I do miss you, Mijito...I miss you so much, and I always will. I am however, happy that you don't ever have to be sad or be in pain again from anything. I love you mi amor, and I miss you!!!

Jentia Diaz - November 18, 2015 at 09:24 AM

JD

I thought I was done for now, but I guess I'm not yet. That morning before you went to be with Jesus, I wanted so much, to play "I'm redeemed" one last time for you, but I couldn't get it to play on my phone. I wanted to reassure you one last time, that you were redeemed. I was sad that I wasn't able to play it for you, but I believe in my heart that I was still able to give you that reassurance before you left. I hated so much to let you go, and I'm still having a hard time since you have been gone, but God is faithful to help me keep going.

Jentia Diaz - November 18, 2015 at 11:39 AM

JD

“ *Jentia Diaz lit a candle in memory of JUAN CARLOS DIAZ*



Jentia Diaz - November 11, 2015 at 10:05 PM

JD

“ *Jentia Diaz sent a virtual gift in memory of JUAN CARLOS DIAZ*



Jentia Diaz - November 01, 2015 at 12:08 AM

JD

“ *Jentia Diaz lit a candle in memory of JUAN CARLOS DIAZ*



Jentia Diaz - October 31, 2015 at 11:58 PM

JD

Just thinking of you and missing you, my sweet love. It's so hard accepting the fact that you're not here. I love you and miss you!

Jentia Diaz - November 01, 2015 at 12:02 AM

JD

“ *Jentia Diaz sent a virtual gift in memory of JUAN CARLOS DIAZ*



Jentia Diaz - August 31, 2015 at 11:06 PM

JD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jentia Diaz - March 09, 2015 at 11:09 AM

JD

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Jentia Diaz - March 09, 2015 at 11:03 AM

JD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jentia Diaz - March 09, 2015 at 11:02 AM

JD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jentia Diaz - March 09, 2015 at 10:55 AM

JD

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



JENTIA DIAZ - March 09, 2015 at 09:53 AM

JD

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



JENTIA DIAZ - March 09, 2015 at 09:46 AM

JD

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



JENTIA DIAZ - March 09, 2015 at 09:10 AM

JD

“ *Juan Carlos Diaz was a true gladiator. He fought and stayed up for as long as he could, before falling and staying down. He was a family man, a very loving husband, devoted father, and a great friend. He had many family and friends, who loved and admired him. He was full of life and brought joy to all of us who had a chance of really getting to know him. He was always very loving and supportive. He was my Prince Charming, my Sugarbunny, and my Gladiator whom I loved very much and was very proud of. Boy, do I miss him! Thank you all in advance, for your: love, thoughts, and prayers, but most of all, thank you for remembering and honoring my beloved husband, Juan Carlos Diaz. God bless you all!*

~ Jentia Diaz ~

JENTIA DIAZ - March 09, 2015 at 09:05 AM

JD

“ *My Beloved Gladiator,*

We love you and miss you so very much! We're always thinking of you. :) Today is your birthday, here on Earth. You would have been 46 years old. Before you left to go to your eternal home, I had been thinking of ways we could celebrate your birthday. I had thought of throwing you a little surprise party, or take you to one of the fancy Japanese restaurants, where you could have your Sushi. :) Then again, it would have depended on how you would have felt today, whether you would have felt too in pain or too tired, or perhaps you would actually have felt okay. If you were still here, the good thing would have been, thank goodness, you're birthday fell on a non-dialysis day...yay! I know you would have been so happy about that, and we would have been happy for you too, Mijito. :) Well, we may not be celebrating your birthday in the ways that I had thought we would, but I am still happy and rejoicing for you today. Yes, I am missing you like crazy, but it helps me to know that you are with our Heavenly Father, healthy and happy. I rejoice in the fact that you never have to worry about going to that crazy dialysis again, or having to take 20 or so different medications, which some being multiple times during the day. You never have to worry about going to another doctor's appointment or having to cancel and reschedule doctor's appointments, or being prescribed another medication. You never have to worry about that crazy sleep apnea problem, or ever have to listen to another doctor mention to you about how you need to lose weight. You never have to worry about anyone telling you about how you can't eat this or that, or you can't drink this or that. Now, you're no longer so limited as to what you can do physically, since you are now young and in the best shape of your life than you've ever been. :) Yes, I am missing you like crazy, but I would much rather have you being healthy and happy, than to have you be going through all of that nonsense that you had to go through for so long. Today, I can wish you Happy Birthday, knowing that you really truly are happy. :) Love you and miss you, Babe! Rest in Peace!

*Love always,
Your Angelbunny*

JENTIA DIAZ - March 09, 2015 at 08:50 AM

JD

“ *JENTIA DIAZ lit a candle in memory of JUAN CARLOS DIAZ*




JENTIA DIAZ - March 09, 2015 at 07:49 AM

LM

“ *Lisa Morrison lit a candle in memory of JUAN CARLOS DIAZ*



Lisa Morrison - February 07, 2015 at 08:35 AM


Danielle
Renee

“ *Danielle Renee sent a virtual gift in memory of JUAN CARLOS DIAZ*



Danielle Renee - February 07, 2015 at 02:12 AM

TP

“ *Dear Diaz family and friends, I knew Carlos from pl high and jr high. He ran track and was a pretty funny guy. I'm so saddened to hear this news. I'm very proud of him and I thank him for his service. God bless*

trish, carmel-bhatti pham - February 06, 2015 at 11:43 AM

JD

Thank you Trish, for your contribution and sharing about Carlos. I'm sorry for just now responding to it. I wish you could have known him later on in his life. I was certainly blessed to have been married to him. Thanks again, for sharing your memories of Carlos. God bless you.

Jentia Diaz - August 31, 2015 at 11:01 PM

CV

*“ We will miss you Juan you made us all smile and filled our hearts. We know you are with our creator now, and to Jentia and Destyna our hearts are with you and we love you.
Chris and Sarah Volzer*

Christopher Volzer - February 06, 2015 at 10:46 AM

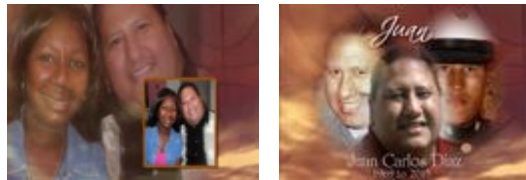
IS

“ Juanito was a wonderful friend , his compassion , love and optimism was always felt by his family and friends. Being in his presence was always uplifting . He was a unique, fun, caring, silly , smart , Christ like person. I feel honored and grateful to have met him and for him to call me his friend. I will forever keep you In my heart. Thank you each moments we share. Until we met again my dear Juanito.

Ionne Simmons - February 05, 2015 at 09:14 PM

CV

“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - February 05, 2015 at 12:38 PM

LA

“ I have known Juan for several years as a "choir dad" in the choir that Destyna is in. This summer I got to know him as a friend. I will always be grateful to him for "rescuing" my website and working so hard last summer to design and rebuild it. Not only did he create a great website, but he was a very patient teacher in teaching me how to effectively use it. I came to realize how much talent he had to share, if only he could be free of his medical issues! Despite continual frustration he tried so very hard to keep a positive attitude and remain optimistic. Destyna, he was so very proud of you. I saw it every time he was able to come to hear you sing. Tia, you made his life as comfortable as possible given the circumstances. You have been a wonderful wife to Juan. Perhaps now Juan, free of these earthly chains, will be able to watch over you as you so selflessly watched over him all these years.

With love and respect,
Lisa Alleman

Lisa Alleman - February 05, 2015 at 09:01 AM

JN

“ Juan's is the epitome of the true example of who should be considered a real hero, He served his country honorably, he loved his family, and contributed to the youth in his community with selflessness. I believe that he loved and served the Lord. I am certain he was greeted in heaven with "Job well done good and faithful servant." All who knew him loved him and will miss him. our love and prayers are with Tia and Dustina, and the entire family.



Jon & P at Nyler - February 04, 2015 at 09:01 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of JUAN CARLOS DIAZ.*



February 03, 2015 at 07:23 PM



“ *Holly sent a virtual gift in memory of JUAN CARLOS DIAZ*



Holly - February 03, 2015 at 02:33 PM

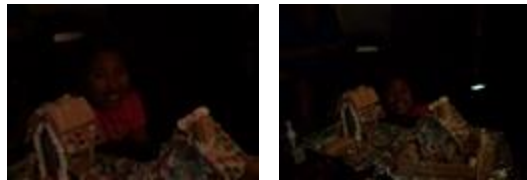


“ *Wish I had had the chance to get to know him more! He sounds like a wonderful husband, father and friend! Very sorry for your loss. Our deepest condolences.*

Amy J. Delph - February 03, 2015 at 09:39 AM



“ *2 files added to the album New Album Name*



Holly - February 03, 2015 at 09:37 AM

HO

“ Holly lit a candle in memory of JUAN CARLOS DIAZ



Holly - February 03, 2015 at 09:34 AM

JD

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~ Jentia Diaz ~

Jentia Diaz - February 03, 2015 at 01:15 AM

JD

“ 7 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Jentia Diaz - February 03, 2015 at 12:55 AM