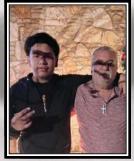
Precious Memories

























Active Pallbearers

Derrick Nelson Isaiah Leal Victor Campos Demarcus Dilworth Juanyae Taylor Sergio Vargas Derrick Nelson Cyris Parker

Manuel Ramos



The family of Elijah Gerard Leal wishes to express the greatest appreciation for the show of love and sympathy shown by everyone. Thank you all for the cards, flowers, calls, visits, words of comfort, and prayers. **God bless each of you.**









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Life's Journey

Elijah Gerard Leal was born March 29, 2006 in San Antonio, Texas to the parentage of Jessica Leal and Martin Mata. Elijah was also blessed with a bonus father who was a very important part of his life, Derrick Nelson. Elijah received his education in the Northeast Independent School District attending Roosevelt High School. He looked up to his older brother in the military. Elijah had dreams of becoming an entrepreneur owning his own business. Elijah accepted Christ at an early age at Texas Baptist Church.

Elijah had a great work ethic and had a passion for landscaping, painting, and moving furniture. He was known to be a happy person, a hard worker, assisting with providing for his family and always made friends wherever he went. People would gravitate towards him because of his loving and outgoing spirit. Everyone loved him dearly. In his last days he did what he knew and loved to do best, taking care of his family and praying.

Elijah was soon to be engaged to the love of his life, Alexa Solis. They had a beautiful bond and also called each other best friends. We truly loved Elijah but God Loved Him Best.

Elijah leaves to cherish his memory his daughter, Nalani Leal; siblings, Isaiah Leal, Anaiah Petterson, Ashanti Nelson, Donnetta Nelson and Derrick Nelson; stepfather, Derrick Nelson; grandmother, Maria Vargas; grandfather, Manuel Ramos; aunts, Angelica Leal and Juanita Rubio; uncles, Victor Campos and Sergio Vargas and so many important people that were a part of Elijah's upbringing.



When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, and I am not here to see; If the sun should rise and find your eyes are filled with tears for me; I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today. While thinking of the many things we did not get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you. And each time you think of me, I know that you will miss me too; But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand, That an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand, And said my place was ready, in heaven far above, And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love. But as I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eye, For all my life I'd always thought I didn't want to die. I had so much to live for, so much yet to do, It seemed almost impossible that I was leaving all of you. I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad, I thought of all the love we shared, and all the fun we had. If I could relive yesterday just even for a while, I'd say good-bye and kiss you, and maybe see you smile. But then I fully realized that this could never be, For emptiness and memories would take the place of me. And when I thought of worldly things I might miss come tomorrow, I thought of you, and when I did, my heart was filled with sorrow. But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me

When God looked down and smiled at me
From His great golden throne,
He said, "This is eternity, and all I've promised you.
Today your life on earth is past, but here it starts anew.
I promise no tomorrow, today will always last,
And since each day's the same way there's no longing for the past.
But you have been so faithful, so trusting and so true.
Though there were times you did some things
You knew you shouldn't do.

But you have been forgiven and now at last you're free.
So won't you take My hand and share my life with Me!
So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me, I'm right here, in your heart.