



# Carmelo Young Caicedo

November 11, 2009 - March 28, 2020

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Carmelo Young Caicedo*

October 08, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Evelyn lit a candle in memory of Carmelo Young Caicedo*



**Evelyn** - November 02, 2020 at 06:51 PM



“ *Carmelo, thank you for being so kind to me even even during tough times. You were such a great friend and had the biggest smile. I wish you were still here. Thank you for being so awesome. Rest in peace Carmelo.*

*- Evelyn*

**Evelyn** - November 02, 2020 at 05:38 PM



“ *Carmelo was always one of the brightest kids in my grade, and was friends with everyone. I will miss him. Rest in Peace, Carmelo. You were an amazing person.*

*-rachel*

**rachel** - November 02, 2020 at 05:28 PM

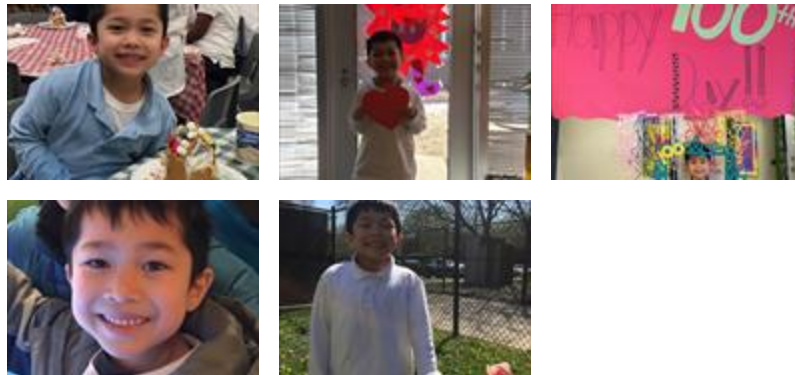
EV

*Agreed rachel, he was very kind and amazing.*

**Evelyn** - November 02, 2020 at 05:39 PM

LG

“ *I was Carmelo's kindergarten teacher during my first year at Chappell. Carmelo was the kindest, most loving, bright child, that I have ever had in my years of teaching. I was so lucky to have such a wonderful person in my classroom that would brighten up the room with his smile and would make me laugh on a daily basis. Carmelo even at a young age would always offer to help me or would be the first person to help anyone in the classroom that needed encouragement or even a smile. Even as a fourth-grader, Carmelo would always give me a smile in the hallway and say hello to his former teacher. My prayers are with you and your entire family at this difficult time.*



**Lauren Gutierrez** - April 16, 2020 at 11:47 AM

JJ

“ *Our hearts break for the family and we are lifting you all up in prayer. We pray for comfort during these hard times. We pray for peace. Ian was his classmate and said he was the nicest kid, and knew a lot of memes. He said he was a really good drum player too. He will miss him dearly. God bless your Angel.*

**Jenny Javier** - April 04, 2020 at 07:34 PM



“ Cheryl's Classic Gift Bundle was purchased for the family of Carmelo Young Caicedo.



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April 04, 2020 at 06:11 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carmelo Young Caicedo.



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April 03, 2020 at 11:56 AM

DD

“ Hello,

*My name is Danica Dagg and I am Carmelo's band teacher.*

*Every sentiment written here is true, but there is no real way to put into words Carmelo's presence. Words just can't do justice to the light and love Carmelo brought into a room. Even on a bad day, he brought such a warmth and gentleness everywhere he went.*

*Carmelo learned to play drums with me this year. He was in a weekly group with many friends and in a band with even more. He was almost always on time and if he missed by a minute or two, he'd apologize for being late. He walked in laughing with his friends almost every class but never let his fun take from his focus. Carmelo was a talented player with natural rhythm and the will and intention to always be learning more. I'm certain any teacher he had would say the same.*

*Carmelo was wise, thoughtful, kind, and FUN! He was not afraid to have hard conversations, to ask for help, or to have a really good laugh that could have you rolling on the floor if you weren't in school.*

*To Carmelo's band family: I love you all, and this is a loss we will feel for some time. Use the music we've made together to help guide you through when things get hard. It's okay to cry and it's okay to mourn. It's okay to lean on each other when you need a friend, and it's okay to laugh and share stories of Melo. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need to talk.*

*To Carmelo's family: Thank you for raising such an incredible kid and for involving him in music. I enjoyed having him in band so much and will miss him terribly. Thank you for working with me and him in our most recent conversation. I know I learned a ton from Carmelo and I think his peers did too. I cannot imagine the pain you are feeling and I am sending all the love and light to you I possibly*

can.

Carmelo,

*I see hundreds of students a week. I've taught thousands of beginners and hundreds of beginning drummers, but you were and are something special. Your work ethic and humor are everything a teacher could hope for in a student and a peer could hope for in a friend. I learned so much from you, and I have this mental image of you looking at me, cocking your head and rolling your eyes that I will cherish. Thank you for being such a wonderful addition to the Chappell band. Thank you for being good at drums, for being a good friend and teammate, and for making every class a little more productive and a little more fun. I will miss you very much, and I will never forget you.*

*With love,*

*Ms. D*

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**Danica Dagg** - April 03, 2020 at 10:26 AM



*Matt and family so sorry for your loss*

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**Meghan Ocho** - April 09, 2020 at 12:47 AM

KR

“ Our sweet sweet Carmelo. What a beautiful kid and what a hole he has left in our hearts. Carmelo was a student of ours at Kumon for well over 3 years. He became very close with us over the years and we considered him one of “our” children. He wasn’t just a student, he became part of our “family”. A few words that come to mine when we think of Carmelo are sweet, kind, gentle, funny and sensitive. Sometimes he would come into the Center walking on air because he was so happy. Other times he needed comfort because he was sad. Often times he would open his heart and share his feelings. In any case, we always paid close attention to him because he was such a loving child who loved our attention. Last June, we had a party celebrating our Students Success, combining the party with Mister John’s birthday because it was the same day. Carmelo brought Mister John a gift. Carmelo was so proud to give it to Mister John and Mister John was so touched by Carmelo’s thoughtfulness. It was a special moment.

*Our sorrow is deep. We cannot even imagine what you are going through. It is beyond comprehension. I do know that you raised a wonderful, respectful young man with whom you should be so proud. We congratulate you for that. May God bless you and help you through these very difficult times. Miss Kathryn and Mister John from Kumon of Andersonville.*

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**Kathryn A Richardson** - April 03, 2020 at 09:27 AM

AN

“ Carmelo,

*Thank you for showing me what being a parent with your gugu Brian will be like. Thank you for always being so sweet and caring whenever I'm around. I remember the day after we played Life and you asked if I was tired and needed to go home after so many board games. But I wasn't because of your laughter and your cheating ways of winning every single game we played brought me to life. Your smiles and words always made everyone around you smile and wonder how in the world did you come up with the things you say. Now go find Rice and share your smiles up there. Zei ze will always love you and we'll play board games when we meet again.*

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**Anita** - April 03, 2020 at 02:00 AM



“ *This is Gemma. Amina's mom. When we found out about dear Carmelo's passing we were so deeply saddened. The first thing Amina told me was that Carmelo was the only boy that was nice to her in Kindergarten and that he always made her laugh. I always remember when I dropped off Amina in the mornings to school I would see him in line and he always had a smile on his face and would make all the kids laugh. He exuded this great positive energy that made all gravitate towards him. I remember on one occasion I took my kids out to eat at Longhorn restaurant and we saw him while we were waiting to be seated and he and Amina were making silly faces at each other the entire time and laughing. The laughter was so contagious we were all laughing. It was so cute. I'm extending my deepest condolences to the family and we will be donating to a charity for the homeless in his memory. If there is anything I can do please do not hesitate to reach out to me. Sending love and prayers your way from our family to yours. God bless*

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**Gemma EI** - April 02, 2020 at 10:20 PM

AD

“ Carmelo,

*I am still at a lost for words and have spent these past few days thinking about all the things I wish I had said to you. Watching you grow up, you were always kind, easy going, and super thoughtful. You always put others before yourself. You seem to never take things for granted and really took in every moment. I knew you were mature beyond your years.*

*I always saw you as someone who brings a light so great to this world that even though you are gone, your light remains. I will watch over your mom and the rest of the family. I will remind them to see the light that you continue to shine upon them everyday.*



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**Amy D** - April 02, 2020 at 08:16 PM

JG

“ *I only knew Carmelo through the stories my daughter Valentina would tell us. She described him as a fun-loving, creative boy who enjoyed making his friends happy. What an amazing young man. Our hearts are broken over your family's loss. Carmelo obviously brought smiles to so many faces despite the few years the world was blessed with having him in it. He will not be forgotten, even by those of us who only heard cute stories about him. Thank you, Carmelo, for being such a wonderful person. May your beautiful soul be in peace.*



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**Julissa Gonzalez-Kotvasz** - April 02, 2020 at 06:27 PM

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Amy D - April 02, 2020 at 06:00 PM

DO

“ So many memories in my time knowing you, but the one that will always be a my favorite is you giving me an invitation to your birthday party at ignite. I will never forget you Melo!!!



Dorian - April 02, 2020 at 05:24 PM

ML

“ Mello

*Poem by Mackenzie Lofton*

*He left so young and that is true but up in heaven a life is now new  
Father god has open his heart and now comforting him through light  
and dark*

*Even though he has left he is never far place you hands to your  
chest and you can hear him call*

*Smart, brave, and loving as we all new*

*but he was god child first so there is nothing we can do*

*As we sit here and grief you can hear the stomps of his little feet*

*Up in heaven he plays as we need to bow are heads and pray*

*Knowing he's not far behind we need to take this time to say  
goodbye*

*Place your hand on your heart and remember the times he use to  
make us laugh and the times he made us cry*

*Those little memories will never will never die*

*because he was are world and may he rest his head and go to bed*

*As now his angle flys overhead so again we pray from Mello a spirt  
so new and true*

*Oh are dear loving Mello you left so soon*

*Oh are dear loving Mello will se you soon*

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**Mackenzie Lofton** - April 02, 2020 at 04:46 PM

RG

“ Rita Goerges

*Hi I'm one of Chappelle 5th grade student ,  
I'm so sorry for your loss no amount of words  
can express the pain that you and your family  
are going through. We are sending you all  
love and prayers and hope you and your family are able to find  
strength during this dark time.*



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**Rita Goerges** - April 02, 2020 at 04:02 PM

AC

“ Carmelo was a great young man, I had the honor of seeing him grow in park kids for a little over the past three years. He was a bundle of joy. Never gave attitude, never disrespectful, and never in a negative mood. He was such a happy, athletic, and outgoing kid. Carmelo greeted me with the biggest smile and a “hey Mr. Alex!” every single day. He was all around an amazing young man. You will be deeply missed, Carmelo. You did a wonderful job raising a wonderful child who showed grit every single day and who never gave up! My Condolences to you and your family.  
-Mr. Alex

Alexander Cortes - April 02, 2020 at 03:50 PM



“ Carmelo, one of my son Ayden’s best friends through the Chappell school years. You will be missed and always remembered. Rest in heaven, sweet little angel.



Joanne Perez - April 02, 2020 at 02:54 PM

AK

“ I've known Carmelo since he first became a student at Chappell and I am utterly devastated by his passing. Carmelo was such an awesome kid and a joy to be around. He was always a thoughtful and kind student who got along with nearly everyone in his classes. He will truly be missed.

Anna Kim - April 02, 2020 at 02:28 PM

EV

“ My sweet Lily and family,  
I can't imagine what you're going through. I know that nothing I will say will take your pain away and there's nothing I can do to make you feel better...but as a friend I want to tell you that I love you so much. Carmelo was an amazing, smart and funny boy. Mikel and I are thankful to be part of Melo's and your life. We had the honor in sharing memories together with him. We were deeply saddened when we heard the news. He will be missed dearly. Melo will never be forgotten. We love you, our prayers to you and your family.



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**Evelyn** - April 02, 2020 at 12:48 PM

ER

“ Dear Carmelo's family,  
I was a fan of Carmelo and how he would always bring amazing vibes to where ever he went! He always had a smile on his face and never looked down. I wasn't super close to Carmelo but I was a junior coach last year and whenever I was coaching his class, I would always see a smile on his face and he would never be the one to get in trouble. He would try and keep himself and his friends out of trouble.  
I hope you are holding up well! I'm sending all my prayers just to you 🙏



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**Elliana Riddle** - April 02, 2020 at 12:24 PM

CG

“ *Mi más sentido pesame para los padres de Carmelo no me puedo imaginar lo que están sintiendo en este momento Dios me les de mucha fortaleza y rezare por ustedes.* 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

**Cristina García** - April 02, 2020 at 12:02 PM

WI

“ *Dear Carmelo's Family,  
I am so sorry to hear about Carmelo. I can't imagine what you are going through. I couldn't feel my legs, and my heart was pumping so fast when I heard the news. Carmelo was a good and friendly kid. I went to park kids with him. He was really, really nice and I am going to miss him.  
With Sympathy,  
Winnie grade 2*

**Winnie** - April 02, 2020 at 11:54 AM

MT

“ *Melinda T purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Carmelo Young Caicedo.*



**Melinda T** - April 02, 2020 at 11:54 AM

JR

“ Hi my name is Jackie I was one of the staff who worked with Carmelo during the strike days and really got to know him. He had such a kind heart and was very sweet. My heart broke to hear of his passing. I am praying for his family. I remember one day he looked so sad during lunch, i asked him whats wrong and he told me its about his classwork and i remember telling him not to worry to explain to the teacher what he needed help with and to not stress and eat and enjoy recess that comes right after. He said your right and started to eat and talk with his friends and looked happy again. He always made his table at lunch laugh.

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**Jacquelyn Rosado** - April 02, 2020 at 11:53 AM

SF

“ My grandson is a student at Chappelle. We didn't know Carmelo personally, but we want to extend our most heartfelt condolences to his family. May you RIP sweet angel.

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**Solis Family** - April 02, 2020 at 11:40 AM

JA

“ Dear Carmelo's family,

*Carmelo was a very nice kid and I am sorry for your loss. Carmelo never said anything mean to anybody, Carmelo always played with everyone and was a great friend. I knew Carmelo through Park Kids. We always played knockout with a ton of other kids. Everyone liked Carmelo and he was friends with everyone. I always saw him solving his rubix cube and he always completed it. I definitely couldn't solve one of those. He would sometimes let me mix it up for him. Anyway, he was a great friend and a nice kid all around. I will miss him. This was very unfortunate.*

*Sincerely, his friend, Jackson*

*5th Grade*

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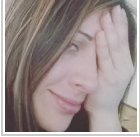
**Jackson** - April 02, 2020 at 11:29 AM

MW

“ *The Trammell family is so sorry for your loss. Both of our children knew Carmelo and they say he was a very kind boy. Our thoughts are with your family and we know the Chappell community will keep his memory alive.*

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**Mollie Whitehead** - April 02, 2020 at 11:19 AM



“ I am Clara (mom of Kimberly) who was sitting at the same table with Carmelo. I am truly sorry for the ordeal with which you are dealing. I wanted to offer my sympathy and support. If there is anything you need, I am available.



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**Clara Rodriguez** - April 02, 2020 at 10:53 AM

CH

“ My heart is aching for your family and I wish you all my love. I was Carmelo's second grade teacher and he truly brought a ray of sunshine to our class. He always had a smile on his face. You couldn't help but be happy when you were in his presence. He will be missed by all who knew him.  
Carolyn Holmes

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**Carolyn Holmes** - April 02, 2020 at 10:46 AM

IM

“ Hi,  
I'm sorry about your loss...I know there aren't any words that can make your hearts heal..I just pray that your family can heal from your loss...he would want you guys to be happy..hang on to that thought when you feel like you can't take the pain.  
God bless you guys!❤️❤️❤️

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**leasha McMullan** - April 02, 2020 at 10:43 AM



“ Hi my name is Marie and I’m a 5th grade mom at Chappell. I am completely sorry for your loss. My heart and prayers go out to your family. My family are heart broken over Carmelo’s passing. My son Danny played in band together and said he was one of the nicest friends he had. Please reach out to us if we can do anything for you all. Praying for peace

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**Marie Johnson-Saller** - April 02, 2020 at 09:46 AM



“ Hi my name is Brennan. I liked his little chuckle. He was nice and really funny. And whenever I forget my sweater and I couldn't go outside, he offered one of his sweaters. I miss Carmelo, and now you know why.

*Brennan P. Mullin*

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**Brennan Patrick Mullin** - April 02, 2020 at 09:37 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Carmelo Young Caicedo.



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April 02, 2020 at 09:10 AM

CL

“ Hi it’s Amaya Lopez’s (4th grade, Chappell) mom, Carla, I’m sorry for the loss. I remember him always with a smile & kind to everyone. I know you and Amaya had great times at school all these years. Rest easy handsome angel.💛

Carla L. - April 02, 2020 at 08:25 AM

MI

“ Carmelo,  
I remember the first time I met you and your mom at Ignite, and you loved gaming just like Mateo! I had the opportunity of taking you and Mateo to school for a few weeks this year and you were always making us laugh. I remember making coffee in the mornings and I'd always ask if you wanted a cup (jokingly), to which you'd make a funny face and shake your head "no!". Thank you for sharing new, fun facts every time you came to our house - we learned so much! You'll always be family to us, and always have a place in our hearts. Rest in peace, precious angel.



Mia - April 01, 2020 at 10:41 PM

LE

“ Carmelo, it was a joy to have you come over in the mornings before school. I remember I would ask you if you wanted anything for breakfast and you'd say "One egg. Over easy. Please!" before running over to watch TV. I will miss your funny character and walking you and Mateo to school. You'll always be our "little Carmelito". - Leonor (Mateo's grandma)



Leonor - April 01, 2020 at 10:18 PM

Cheryl  
Bever

“ My son, Christian, always had wonderful things to say about Carmelo. They played together at Park Kids all the time. Whether it was a game of tag they invented or basketball, they could always be found playing together. He will be missed for sure! Our deepest sympathy to you and your family.



Cheryl Bever - April 01, 2020 at 08:53 PM

MR

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Misty Romero - April 01, 2020 at 08:38 PM

MC

“ Carmelo, you were a great person in my life. We had a lot of great memories together we played a lot of sports together. You had a lot of joy. I miss you Carmelo.  
your friend Max

Max Coleman - April 01, 2020 at 08:32 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Carmelo Young Caicedo.



April 01, 2020 at 08:17 PM

MR

“ You were a good friend, Carmelo. You got so involved and determined with solving your rubix cube. I was fascinated by how you could make friends with everyone. You always tried to see the good in people and bring it out.

Thank you for four years worth of good memories. I'll miss you, dude.

- Esai



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Misty Romero - April 01, 2020 at 08:03 PM

LI

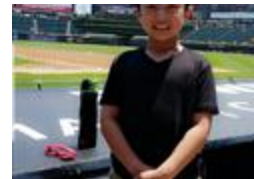
“ Carmelo,

*You were such a blessing in my life, you changed my life when you came into this world. I love our morning conversations in the car on the way to school. You were so curious about the world and had so many questions about life.*

*I love making you laugh every chance I get. I love hearing the sound of your voice and your laugh. You are very witty and smart. I love that we created "Carmelo's Menu" that consist of your favorite foods that I cook for you. I love going through your baby pictures with you and telling you stories about yourself when you were a baby. I love your funny story creations that you share with me. I love our "Carmelo and Mommy dates". I especially love your drawings.*

*You make me proud every time you brought home a medal from school and I would tell you to "Collect em all!" You make me even prouder when I hear how your teachers talk about you at parent/teacher conferences. You were blossoming and growing up so much before my eyes.*

*I am proud to have a son like you. You have touched and brought happiness to so many people. I know you are in a better place now. I want to make sure that you are happy and safe. Don't worry about mommy too much, I am going to be okay. I will always love you and miss you. Rest in peace my beautiful angel. I love you Carmelo.*



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Lily - April 01, 2020 at 07:53 PM

MV

“ Love you always sweetie pie! You have taught us so much! Live, laugh, and love, was that your motto, it should have been . Guess good things do come in small packages...we will love you forever you beautiful soul. Thank you so much for being in our lives ❤️❤️❤️  
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**Maria Venegas** - April 01, 2020 at 07:44 PM

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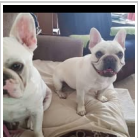
“ Carmelo, you were so happy and a ball of joy. When you enter a room, it just brightens up because you just made everyone happy with all of your silly antics (Except when going to Kumon. You hated it with a passion, but I hated a tad more than you). You taught me so much, like how to play some of your games on your computer and most of your board games. I admire how confident you were and your persistence. You always followed through with your passions. Like learning how to solve your Triangle Rubik Cube, getting better with playing ping pong and baseball.

One of my favorite memories is when I taught you how to ride a 2-wheel bike. You were so scared the first time. But after the 3rd time of practicing you were sort of used to it. Then the next day you went to summer school and rode a 2-wheel bike all by yourself. When I found out I was so excited for you because all of your hard work paid off.

You were a simple soul. You only wanted the basic things in life. Always trying to share and make sure everyone had everything they need. Instead of taking care of you, you made it, so you were taking care of me. You brought us so many happy memories that I will cherish for the rest of my life. I love you and will miss you. This is not a goodbye but a till it see you next time.

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**Brian Chiem** - April 01, 2020 at 07:25 PM

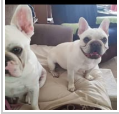


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**Lisa Dunne-Ragucci** - April 01, 2020 at 07:25 PM



*Always playing sports! We will miss you everyday.*

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**Lisa Dunne-Ragucci** - April 01, 2020 at 07:26 PM

CY

“ *I remember we all played video games at mateos house and you ordered pineapple pizza. We also watched animae, specifically Naruto, together. You were always very nice and I miss you very much. -your friend Colin.y*

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**Colin Yeboah** - April 01, 2020 at 07:17 PM

SU

“ Carmelo, you were so mature beyond your years. You taught me so much on life and how to appreciate the little things..and I taught you how to eat Cheetos with chopsticks :)

*I love your ambitious and persistent nature. You never gave up. I remember the day that you finally solved the rubix cube...after countless of weeks and countless YouTube tutorials, you finally figured out the algorithm. You were shocked but so happy! I remember how you loved showing us your progress and successes ...you made us so proud!*

*You were never one to break promises and turn back on your words. Last year I told you we were going to workout at 5 am. I, of course, over slept..but you got up at 4:45am and Skype chat messaged me a "hello, good morning".*

*Carmelo, you were such an old soul...you loved board games, swedish fish, vanilla ice cream and watching the news. You knew what you liked and no one can deter you from it.*

*I know you are in a better place Carmelo, don't worry to much about your Chiem Fam Clan. We will be strong and take care of each other. Take care Carmelo, be safe, be happy and be free. "Ee-Ee" will always miss and love you.*



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**Susan** - April 01, 2020 at 06:22 PM

JG

“ One of my favorite memories of you was seeing you sit down at your first gaming PC at Ignite, admiring all the RGB peripherals and trying to adjust your headset that was too big for your head. Hearing your little voice over Discord was too precious, and was one of the first times I felt like I connected with you in something we were both passionate about. That eventually turned into the priceless face you made when Brian and I built you a computer for Christmas.

We will always remember and eat your favorites, sweet and sour fish, Oreo bon bons, spaghetti and meatballs, mango smoothies, eggs, spam, and rice. We'll binge watch the Office and Naruto from time to time. Can't promise you I'll get into Fortnite, but gaming sessions will still be had and we'll leave a spot reserved for you in Discord.

You were the best, kid. One of the most selfless humans I've ever met, and wise beyond your years. As much as we raised you, you raised us, showing us ways to grow even past our adolescence.

We'll miss you and we love you, Carmelo.

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**Jonathan Garcia** - April 01, 2020 at 05:51 PM

MV

“ One of my favorite memories with Carmelo was when I walked to school with him every single morning.” - Mateo



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**Mia Venegas** - April 01, 2020 at 05:15 PM