



Mario Fabian Miguel Martinez

November 20, 1981 - April 3, 2023

Mario Fabian Miguel Martinez passed away on April 3rd, 2023 at 41 years old. He was preceded in death by his parents, Belinda and Jose Martinez, and his younger brother, Diego. He is survived by his sisters, Angelica and Andriana, and his brother Aaron Martinez.

Mario was born and raised in Independence, MO and attended William Chrisman High School. He was a jack of many trades, working in plastics manufacturing and most recently traveling across the country, facilitating emissions compliance training on behalf of the EPA. He was also an ordained minister, good with a wrench, great with a line from a movie or song and so much more.

The most important thing in Mario's life was his family and friends - he loved them all and they loved him right back. Mario's greatest gift was his way with words. And although he could use them to do anything he put his mind to, if you ask anyone that knew Mario what his words did most often, it was to make them laugh. And not just laugh, but laugh more than you might think you're allowed to laugh. Everyone around Mario was drawn to him like a moth to a flame - eager to feel his light and warmth. He could call someone out for the slightest infraction or faux pas and, coming from anyone else, it might seem mean or malicious. But from Mario? It felt like a compliment. An invitation to participate in his amazing sense of humor - to be a part of his

world.

Mario did have his vices and struggled with addiction, but he always thought of how it affected those around him and sought to be better. And as much as he worried about how his actions might affect those around him, ironically, he might not have known how positive of an impact he really had on people's lives.

Mario was a loving brother, son, nephew, uncle, godfather, friend, person. He was a truly original soul and his friends and family will miss him like no one else.