



# Michael Alexander Rivas

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## **Michael Alexander Rivas**

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**M**ichael Alexander Rivas, 31 of Old Hickory, passed away on Thursday, May 17, 2012 as the result of a tragic accident. Services to celebrate Michael's life will be held at 2 pm Sunday, May 20, 2012 in the Chapel of Spring Hill Funeral Home conducted by Pastor Keith Enko. Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 on Saturday and from noon until service time on Sunday. Interment will be in Spring Hill Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Emmanuel Lutheran Church Building Fund. Online condolences and memories can be shared with the family at [www.springhillfh.com](http://www.springhillfh.com) Michael was born on August 17, 1980 in Nashville the son of Dr. Alejandro and Beverly Ann (Branson) Rivas. He was a member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church. He graduated from Donelson Christian Academy and Middle Tennessee State University. Michael had worked in several restaurants. Michael was a very kind, loving and giving person who loved and was devoted to his family. He will be missed by all that were blessed to have known him. Surviving are his loving family including his parents- Alex and Bev of Old Hickory, brother- Christopher and his wife Margaret Rivas of Mt. Juliet, grandmother- Mary Branson of Old Hickory, the light of his life were his niece and nephew- Emma Grace Rivas and Carter David Rivas, he is also survived by his extended family and a host of friends. Michael was greeted in Heaven by his maternal grandfather and paternal grandparents.



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**Anonymous** posted:

Mis mas sinceras condolencias en nombre de mi familia y en el mio propio por la perdida irreparable de su hijo Michael Alexander. Mi mama me dijo que le acusara recibo de los recordatorios que le mando y que siempre los tiene en sus oraciones a Ud. y rest Cony Villagra

August 20 at 8:31 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

gone but not forgotten JERRY & SUSAN DURBIN

May 23 at 3:47 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult. We will all miss his smiling face on Sundays. Andrew Flakoll and family

May 22 at 7:47 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I just returned from a week's vacation and was stunned to hear of Michael's accident. Please accept my deepest sympathy. I have been acquainted with Michael since approximately 1993 when I started playing the organ at Emmanuel. He was always so nice an Jan Watson

May 21 at 4:25 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Michael was a youthful and energetic person. The term "young at heart" fit him as well as any I have ever met. I knew him as a hard worker, an entertainer of his fellows always seeking to get a smile or a laugh, a somewhat eccentric man of quirky and insi Stephen Delius

May 20 at 6:41 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Dr. Rivas, Mrs. Rivas, and Chris, I am so sorry for your loss. Michael was such a beautiful soul and I am grateful to have known him. I always have thought fondly of Michael and always will. He was so sweet and young at heart. I remember nights in high sc Ashley Corby

May 20 at 12:30 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dr. Revas and Family,You did my husbands colon resection and chemo port in 2009 and he is doing wonderfully. We appreciate you so much and are so sorry to hear about this terrible loss to you all. We have two sons and can not conceive of the pain this los Gary and Jerry Ann Cook

May 20 at 11:29 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

micheal u were loved bunches by us joey and loretta and i mandye will miss u and ur tender heart ..and always remember i own this---- ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, the thomass

May 20 at 11:01 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

To the Rivas Family,Praying For You! Remember that even those "gray days" include tiny miracles that help see us through to tomorrow. Julia Martina Crain

May 19 at 6:51 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dr. Alejandra&Mrs. Rivas,A prayer of heartfelt sympathy to this family-May your cherished memories give you comfort at this time of loss.Mr.& Mrs. Bobby Parker Bobby Parker

May 19 at 6:42 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Dr.Rivas and family, I am so sorry for your loss. No words can ease your pain only God and time can. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Bless your son, He is in Gods hands now. Sylvia Broadrick

May 19 at 5:16 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

So very sorry to hear about Michael's passing. It feels like the whole town is grieving your loss, and like me, sending you love and prayers. I didn't know Michael. I wish I had, as I've heard he was a very loving and giving young man. God bless your fam Leslie Salzillo

May 19 at 5:10 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dr.Rivas and Family ,I just wanted to take a moment and let you know how deeply sorry we are for the loss of your son Michael.Our hearts go out to the family and we are praying for you as you go through this time of grief .May the peace of God be felt in Michele McDonald Owens

May 19 at 4:58 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I'm deeplySaddened by the loss your family has encountered. I remember Michael while growing up and being friends with chris. Loss is never easy when it comes to family especially parents and siblings. I loss my father a few years back suddenly so I know Adam whitaker

May 19 at 2:13 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dearest Rivas Family,I had the pleasure of meeting Michael years ago while he was a co-worker with my children, Nicole & Thomas. One thing was guaranteed when Michael was working, a smile. He was such a joy to encounter and quite naturally brightened wh Mary Louise Neville

May 19 at 10:32 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

so very sorry to hear of your loss. I will always remember all of the good times at Lakewood Ballpark. Suzanne Seckman Walker

May 18 at 11:40 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Michael was so full of life. He was so energetic and excentric. I loved spending time with him. I always looked forward to working with him at LP field. He was so much fun to be around. He was always so helpful with other people. I have a lot of goo Lauren

May 18 at 11:04 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My family expresses love and kindness to the the Rivas family. So deeply sorry for the loss of a very special young man, Son, Brother, Grandson and Uncle. He is in his heavenly home. God Bless and ease your sadness. Darlene Hall

May 18 at 9:53 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

So sorry for the family's loss. Jessica Bravender

May 18 at 8:56 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear sweet Rivas family, We are so sorry for you, our hearts ache for you. Michael was loved by so many and he will be sadly missed. We love you, Ed and Debbie Prater Ed & Debbie Prater

May 18 at 6:58 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

To Alex, Beverly, Chris and family...so, so very sorry to hear about Michael. Though I haven't seen any of you in years now, we were all very "close" during the boys' years of bowling. Please remember all of your good times with him - I know you all will Mark Hubbuch

May 18 at 4:20 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Dr Rivas and Beverly, We are so very sorry for you loss. Your family will be in our daily thoughts and prayers. May you find peace and comfort in knowing that Michael is home with his Heavenly Father. Bill, Teresa & Trey Stamps

May 18 at 2:27 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU THE ONLY THING THAT HELPS ME IS KNOWING WE WILL SEE THEM AGAIN... DEBBIE HUNTER

May 18 at 1:21 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Michael. Was such a guy. I will keep his family my prayers. ann consiglio

May 18 at 1:09 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

God has another angel in heaven.....Michael, you will be truly missed. We love you. Dan, Soraya & Henry

May 18 at 12:57 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Micheal I know we havent seen each other in ahile but you were always my friend. I hope you may rest in peace and you will be missed very much I was thinking of you the other day and all the sudden I got the tragic news. I am praying for you and your fami Jason Disspayne

May 18 at 12:37 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I NEVER MET MICHAEL; BUT IF HE IS " A CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK" OF DR RIVAS; HE WAS A GOODHEARTED CARING PERSON. I WISH ALL THE BEST TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS.  
CHARLOTTE

May 18 at 10:49 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

I am Cookie's sister - I only met Michael once, at Chris & Margaret Mary's wedding. He was so sweet and made our family feel right at home. I noticed how much he loved the children (especially Emma!) and how much they loved him! I know there are no wor Peanut & James Eric

May 18 at 6:59 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We have wonderful memories of Michael and will miss him. Mark & Rachel Prater

May 18 at 6:37 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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