

Memorial Book



In Loving Memory of

Joshua Andrew Gonzales

(March 17, 1989 - January 22, 2007)



Be open to your dreams, people. Embrace that distant shore. Because our mortal journey is over all too soon.

David Assael

This memorial website was created to remember our dearest **Joshua Andrew Gonzales** who was born in **Gallup , NM** on **March 17, 1989** and passed away on **January 22, 2007** at the age of **17**. You will live forever in our memories and hearts. You were a wonderful son we could not have asked for a better son than you to have. I know you are in the sweet arms of Jesus now no more pain or suffering to go through. Mom and Dad and your sisters and brothers ,Grandpa Larry , the rest of the family, and friends all miss you so much you are such a loss to our lives we will never forget you and all your memories you left to us. We were lucky to have those 17 years with you what a blessing. It just ended all too fast, your just so young to leave us !!! I wish we could of kept you here on earth with us forever but that is selfish when Jesus needed you up there with him. We love and miss you son.

Love mom dad nathan adrianna lynsey and Lawrence

Gonzales and Grandpa Larry

The image features a textured, light brown background with two roses. One rose is smaller and positioned higher and to the left, while the other is larger and more open, positioned lower and to the right. The word "Gallery" is written in a white, elegant cursive font, centered between the two roses.

Gallery

so sweet, so unforgettable...



josh newborn



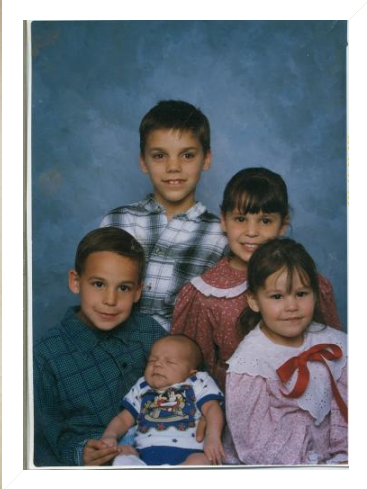
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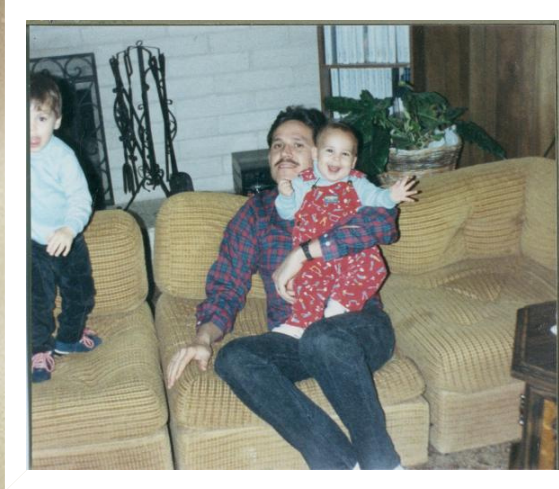
Josh holds his cousin Alyanna



dad,mom,nathan&josh



the kids



dad & josh



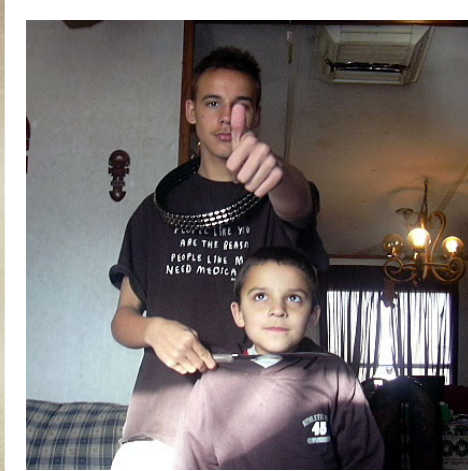
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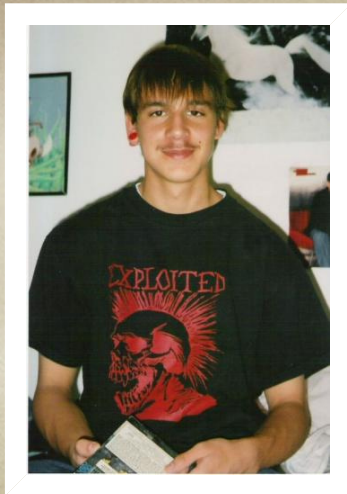
nathan , josh



josh 9thgrade



J messing w/ bro



younger me



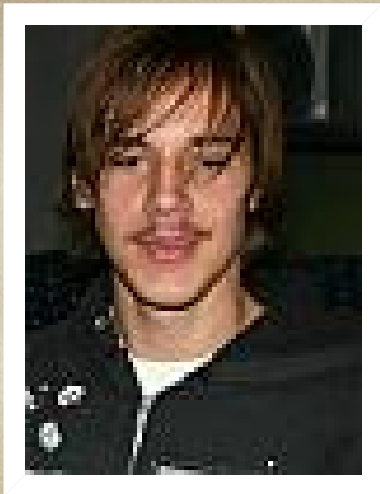
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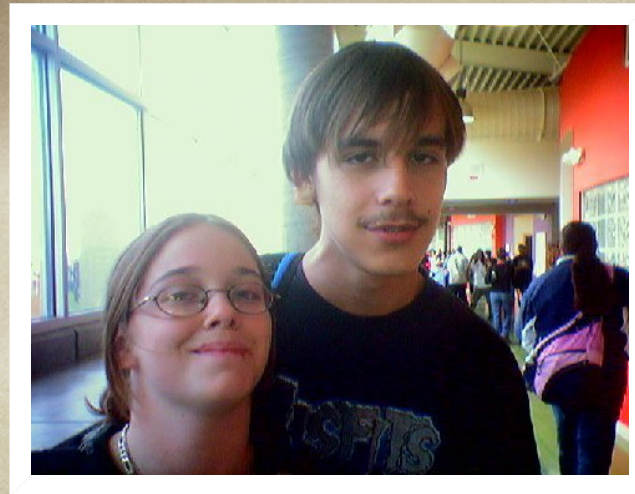
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KC, David, Josh



Josh 16



Racheal and Josh at school



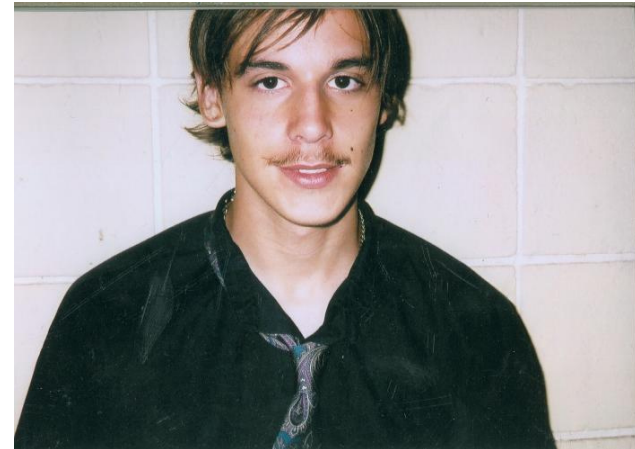
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Josh Friends



josh 15



josh 16yrs old



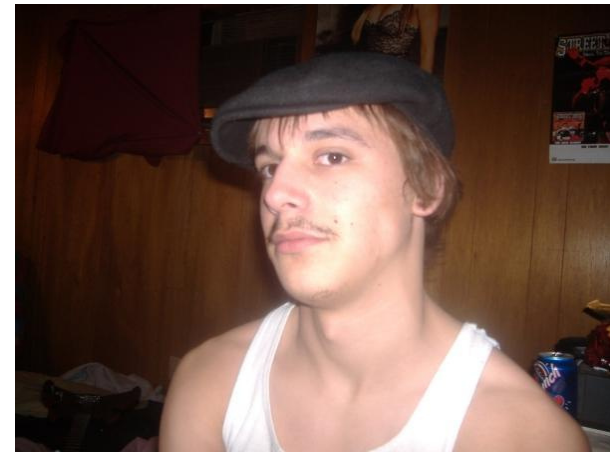
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matt, KC, Josh, Shawn, David



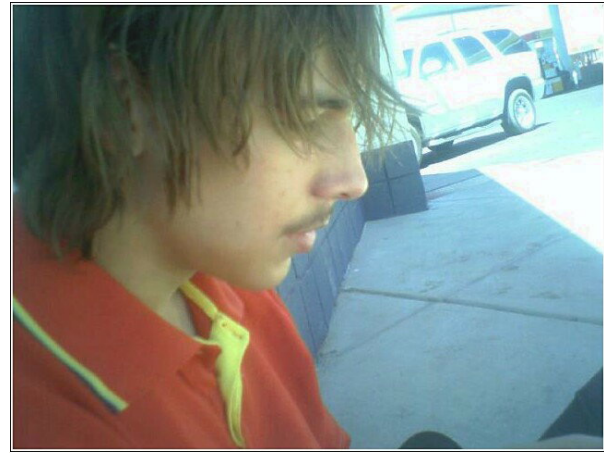
Josh & Geisha



josh 17



Josh at Jeremeys



Wendys working



Daniel&Josh



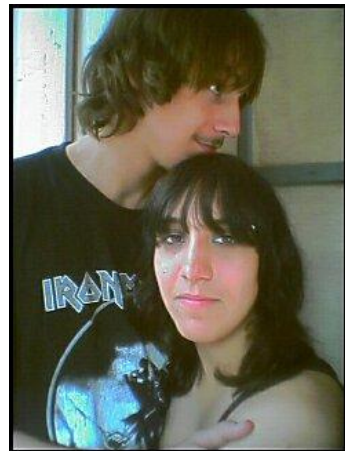
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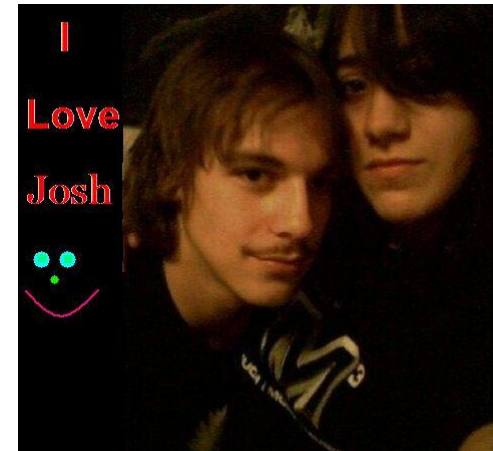
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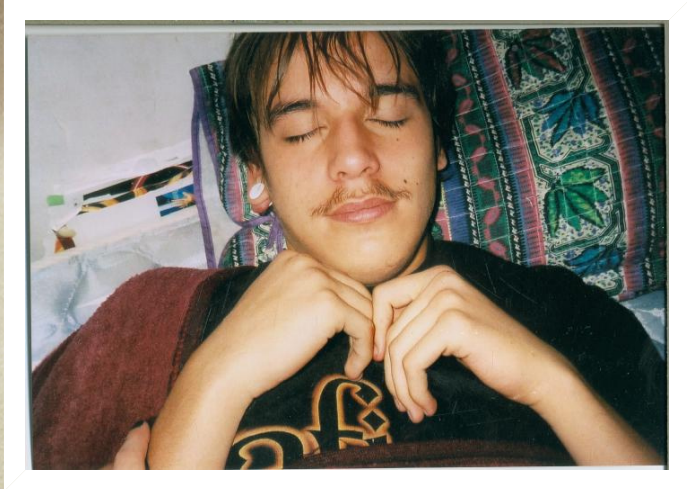
Cristmas 2006



josh and geisha



josh and geisha



Josh sleeping again



josh&Mr.sleeping



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Memorial Candles

our words, your light...

09/22/2007

mom

Its been 8 long months since you left us son. We miss you like crazy and yet I still can't believe you are gone son.love you!!

08/27/2007

Mom

Im thinking about u son miss u bunches love and kisses

08/11/2007

Donna

I'm sorry i couldnt finish the thing you asked me to josh. still trying though, miss you and love you. see you soon

06/14/2007

mom

Josh I miss u so much. wishing u were here with us miss u with all my heart

06/06/2007

Pat, Beth's Mom

My heart aches for all of you to lose this wonderful young man, so handsome, so much potential. Be with your Mom, Josh.

05/22/2007

Loretta

It's 4 months today have gone by and you still haven't left my thoughts. Thinking of you.

05/21/2007

Caley Volante

Josh i still remember you were nice to me when everyone else picked on me i miss you.

05/15/2007

Geisha Portillo

Oh man Josh I truly miss you with everything. Youre constantly in my thoughts and will be for the rest of my life. I love you Josh

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05/14/2007

Mom

Mothers day just passed and it was awful without u here Josh I love you so much and miss you even more honey. Loving and missing

05/02/2007

Talia

Just thinking of you and remembering the fun memories! Life just isn't the same! Love ya Josh!

04/25/2007

Mom

Oh josh its been a litte over 3months since we lost you. We miss you so much son the tears will never stop

04/24/2007

Debi: A Mom who understands

A special candle for u Josh. May you fly high with my Angel Andrew and send luv & kisses to your family. RIP

04/24/2007

Loretta (Geisha's mom)

It was 3 months on Sunday, thinking of you Joshy.

04/10/2007

Sierra

You're a true inspiration whose endeavors are to be admired. I'll never forget you and the impacts that you had on me.

04/05/2007

April

:) thinking of you...

03/27/2007

Loretta

You gave me something I always wanted. When you were around the house, it was like having a son. Hope you are at rest Joshy.

03/27/2007

MOM

I'm just thinking of you son missing you so much wanted to say hi and i love you i wish you were still with us son.

03/27/2007

Talia

I miss you!!! I am sorry we lost touch...I just hope you knew how much you meant to me before you left us! Love Ya Josh!

03/27/2007

wayne

You taught me lifes greatest lesson i only wish i could thank you.

03/26/2007

jessica l.

Hi bud.i miss you more than can be put into words.you are always, always present in my thoughts.i love you :)

03/26/2007

April

We just LOVE you and you still make us so happy :D

03/26/2007

Matt

Not a day passes by where I don't see or hear something that reminds me of you. I love and miss you bro, hope your happy now.

03/25/2007

Angie, Michael's mom

For you and your family Josh. I can tell you were a beautiful person, a beautiful soul. Rest in peace.

03/25/2007

Karen, Valerie's Mom

Josh, the world misses touching you but God's love is holding you tight in His sublime peace.

03/25/2007

Geisha Portillo

Josh, i miss you more and more each day you will always be the love of my life and the greatest boyfriend Ive ever had I love you.

03/25/2007

Karen, Joey's Mom

I hope you and Joey have met in heaven

03/25/2007

Judy, Michael's Mom

I feel sad for you and for me and for all of us who have lost our precious children. Josh is beautiful, and in the arms of Jesus

03/25/2007

Jessica(passing by)

U seen to have many ppl who love you, may you watch over them and make sure they are blessed as they were by you

03/25/2007

Shawn Thill

Your memory guilds our lives. your memory gives us strength. your memory gives us hope. your memory helps us love. thanks.

03/22/2007

wayne

We miss you

03/21/2007

Mom

It's been 2mo. since you left us now so i'm gonna light a candle for you son.

03/17/2007

teri (mom)

Its your birthday so i'm lighting you a candle for today. Love and miss you son

Two roses are positioned in the upper right quadrant of the image. The rose on the left is smaller and more tightly curled, while the one on the right is larger and more fully bloomed. The background is a mottled, textured olive-green color.

Condolences

from the deepest of our hearts...

Gabby Venegas

To All Who Loved Him.

June 24, 2007

I'm Sorry.

I Really Dont Know What Else To Say.

I Wish I Could Make The Pain All Go Away, I Wish I Couyld Go Back And Time And Stopped This.

I Wish I Knew What To Say....

All I Know Is That Hes Safe Now, From Evryone And Everything. Josh Will Never Hurt Again And Thats What Should Keep Us All Going, Just Knowing That Hes Beyond Happy Now, And Always Will Be.

Luv Always,

Gabby

Loretta (Geisha's mom)

poem

April 24, 2007

Here's a poem I found about a year ago. I wish I could give credit to whomever wrote this, but I don't know the author's name.

Weep not for me though I am gone

Into that gentle night.

Grieve if you will, but not for long

Upon my soul's sweet flight,

there is no need for tears.
For with your love I was so blessed
for all those many years.
There is no pain, I suffer not,
The fear now all is gone.
Put now these things out of your
thoughts,
In your memory I live on.
Remember not my fight for breath,
remember not the strife.
Please do not dwell upon my death,
But celebrate my life.

Debi

Another Grieving Mom

April 24, 2007

To Josh's family,

If I had the ability to take away your pain, even as a total stranger, I assure you that I would. I've suffered the loss of our son for 21 months now and unfortunately, I now see that the first year was an absolute blur of emotions, disbelief, anger, fear and loneliness. It saddens me to read other sites and to know without hesitation, that I truly understand how you feel. Living it means understanding the things that so many others don't comprehend...words like: "At least you had him for 18 years", or "It was just his time to go", or "You still have your daughters." I see now that all of those phrases make sense, however, at the time, I didn't want to hear anything from anyone. I just wanted to be left alone. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. This adjustment is still very, very new for you and I know that Josh is up there in Heaven with Andrew wishing that none of us left here on earth, would be sad or cry or question why. Feel free to email me anytime @ debi.lynn@hotmail.com

Also, please visit Andrew; it means so much to me.

<http://andrew-collins.last-memories.com>

Take Care,

Debi Collins

*From one Angels
mother to anot*

*May Joshs' Memory be gentle on your
heart.*

March 30, 2007

We Thought of You (Author Unknown)

We thought of you with love today,
But that is nothing new.
We thought about yesterday,
And days before that too.
We think of you in silence,
We often speak your name;
All we have now are memories,
And your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake,
With which we will never part;
GOD has you in his keep,
We have you in our heart.
It broke our heart to lose you.
But you didn't go alone,
For a part of us went with you...
The day GOD took you home.

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There's no right thing to say to a parent who lost a child. Every time i see you my heart breaks for you and your family. I only had 3 months 18 days with my daughter, I could never imagine having had 17 years before she left. The only thing I can tell you is that one day you will be able to breathe again. It never gets easier, Josh will never leave your thoughts, your heart will always break with his name, but one day it won't hurt as bad. I wish you and your family the very best.

susan (from allsup)

my babies page:

[http://www.sidsfamilies.com/index.php?sec=nursery3&id=1039&Kylee\\_Exandria\\_Selfridge](http://www.sidsfamilies.com/index.php?sec=nursery3&id=1039&Kylee_Exandria_Selfridge)

***Just a vistior***

***RIP Josh***

***March 29, 2007***

I never knew you or your son, but he was a very good looking young man. God Bless u and your family  
RIP Josh!!!!!!

***Loretta (Geisha's mom)***

***Joshy***

***March 27, 2007***

To Richard and Terry,

This by far has not been easy for anyone who knew Josh. He affected so many in so many ways. My mother met him maybe three times, and she was so saddened to hear he passed. Just to let you know, Josh was so respectful to my parents, and my grandmother, he gave them a hug when we got their house, and

hugged them when we left. My parents thought the world of him. Just remember that you are surrounded by people who loved Josh very much.

***to everyone***

***to leave a condolance***

***March 26, 2007***

to leave a condolance just put the pointer on leave a condolance and wait for the box to

pop up and write it in. thanks Josh's mom

The background is a textured, mottled olive-green or taupe color. In the upper center, there are two roses. The one on the right is larger and more open, while the one on the left is smaller and more tightly closed. Both roses are rendered in a light, almost white color, making them stand out against the darker background. The overall aesthetic is soft and elegant.

# *Shared Memoirs*

*all the gray you turned into colors...*

## **Gabby Venegas**



*Gabby*

*Joshy.. Well Evryone I Know Of Loved The Kid. I Remember How He Had The Wierdest/Best Taste In Music. He Always Knew How To Cheer Me Up When I Was Feeling Bad Or Lonely. Josh Was Very Political... I Hardly Ever Knew What He Was Talking About When It Came To That Stuff But I Went Along With It Anyway.*

*I Miss You, Josh!*

*Always,*

## **Loretta (Geisha's mom)**



*My favorite memorie of Josh, was during the summer when we all went camping in Ruidoso. The "camp site" wasn't a place to rough it, it actually had a hot tub, a swimming pool and small game room. Josh, Geisha and Faith all spent their time either swimming or playing games, they all looked like a bunch of little kids rather than two teens and a preteen. Everywhere he went in Ruidoso he seemed to have soaked it all up. One of the things we did we went to the "Horse" Museum in Ruidoso, and I knew it wasn't his cup of tea but we went anyway, and as sure as anything he found a way to make the best of the museum...I looked up, and there goes Josh waddling across the museum like he had stepped in something a horse left behind. I stood there laughing because it was so unexpected and as Geisha would say, it was so "random". He is such a quiet person at times, I wasn't sure what he thought of the trip and I finally asked Geisha what he thought of it. She told me he wished we never had to leave. That was like an ultimate*



*compliment to me. I was glad he went with us and I was hoping he could go again with us in August 2007.*

*There hasn't been a day that has gone by that I haven't thought of that young man, not only because Geisha is in a world of hurt because she loved him dearly, but also because Josh was an intelligent child who had the capability of making a difference in this world.*

## **Teri Gonzales**

**Josh was the most special person. He was a great friend to many and he was a true friend. Even to his mother he was my best friend we could talk about anything and everything. He loved his computer, lifting weights, writing about politics and religion. He loved his music and a good movie. Definally a real ladies man true to his friends. We could laugh , cry, depate and talk about things all night sometimes. We were parters in crime in some areas (funny stories about that) . I love my son he took a part of my heart with him when he passed away. I will never get that back till we are together again. I love you son!!!!!!!!! Love Always and forever my beautiful son, Love mom**

The image features two roses, one smaller and one larger, positioned in the upper right quadrant. They are set against a textured, olive-green background that resembles aged paper or parchment. The roses are rendered in a soft, slightly faded style, blending into the background.

# *Life Story*

*every hour, every thought, every smile...*

***March 17, 1989***

Born in New Mexico Gallup , NM on **March 17, 1989**.

***January 22, 2007***

Passed away on **January 22, 2007** at the age of **17**.

***March 22, 2007***



It has been 2 long months since we lost our beautiful baby boy Josh. He was born in Gallup, N.M. at a whopping 8lbs. He was a healthy wonderful baby our second son. His older brother Nathan just adored him so much. When he was 2mo. he was hospitalized with reflux and a collapsed lung. We made it through all of that when there was little hope. I nursed him till he was 18mo. Then he became a big boy him and his brother always together playing. Then he got a little sister named Adrianna he was thrilled with his baby sis. And along came another one another girl named Lynsey. The kids would play so nicely together and were the best of friends. A few years later we were blessed with yet another son Lawrence. The 17 years we had Josh he never gave us a hard time he was a perfect son (as perfect as they get). We will cherish his memories for life and he will live in our heart forever. The Gonzales Family and Grandpa

*Our Deepest Sympathy*  
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