



Derek Aragon-Mendes

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Derek Aragon-Mendes was born October 28, 1963, to Celeste A. Mendes, in Los Angeles, CA. He later moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, where he met and married Juanita Trujillo, together they had a daughter. They later divorced, and after several years he had a son who he raised as a single father. After years of playing the field and being single he met and fell in love once more with his Fiancé Amanda, with whom he had spent the last 8 years with. Derek was a devoted Friend, Fiancé, and above all a loving Son Father and Grandfather. He was fearless, strong, and he was known to be a fighter, which he was, until the very end. At the age of 60, He courageously fought his last battle against Liver Cancer, and took his last breath on the early morning of Sunday, August 18, 2024, surrounded by his loved ones in person and in spirit. Leaving us all heartbroken and with an unfillable void.

From childhood, he always had a passion for drawing, which with time evolved into a career as a Tattoo Artist. He loved listening to oldies and would do so for hours on end just getting lost in the music. He had so many hobbies and countless skills from restoring old grandfather clocks, making beautiful wooden jewelry boxes, and building model airplanes and cars. Amongst other things, he enjoyed fishing, going to new places, and trying new exotic cuisines. He loved eating and enjoyed cooking even more! You name it, he could make it! His favorite dishes to make were Italian, and boy were they amazing.

He is survived by His Mother Celeste A. Mendes, Daughter Sela Mendes Gallegos (Carlos), Son Derek Orlando Aragon-Mendes, Fiancé Amanda Miller, her children Troy, and Alisa (Triston),

Sister Koko Aragon, Brother Jesse Fernandez, 6 grandchildren: Victor, Natalia, Andrew, Emira, Tracy, and Catalina, several nieces and nephews, Extended family and many good friends.

We are sad that he is no longer here with us, yet happy he is no longer in pain. He will be missed tremendously by many dear friends, clients, and especially his family.



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We would like to extend our thanks to Dr. Thota and her whole team for their great loving care and to his hospice team who supported us through this short but extremely difficult time.

We love you Always and will miss you Forever Dad, fly high in paradise and enjoy this new pain free chapter!!! I am so proud and honored to have you as my dad- Sela

Derek is preceded in death by many family members and friends.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, August 31, 2024, at 4:00P.M. at Murray Park (pavilion #1)

420 E. Parkside Drive, Murray, Utah 84107

This will be a potluck, so please bring your favorite dish or snack to share

In lieu of flowers you can make donations through Venmo to: @sela-mendes (Sela Gallegos) or through

GoFundMe: <https://gofund.me/f5a80dee>



Events


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Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, August 31, 2024

 4:00 PM MT

 **Murray Park Pavilion 1**
Murray UT 84107



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SM

Sela Mendes posted:

DAD, I CAN'T BELIEVE IT HAS BEEN 5 MONTHS WITHOUT YOU. IT STILL FEELS LIKE YESTERDAY. THE HURT IS STILL SO FRESH. I MISS YOU SO MUCH. WHAT I WOULDN'T GIVE TO HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH YOU AND JUST GIVE YOU THE BIGGEST LONGEST HUG. I LOVE YOU SO MUCH. I AM GRATEFUL YOU ARE NO LONGER IN PAIN AND THAT YOU ARE FREE OF YOUR AILMENTS, I JUST STILL WISH YOU WERE HERE. I HAVE VOICEMAILS FROM YOU THAT I LISTEN TO FREQUENTLY JUST TO HEAR YOUR VOICE. THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS HAVING MY BACK AND LISTENING TO ME WITHOUT JUDGEMENT, I WAS ALWAYS ABLE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT LITERALLY ANYTHING AND YOU ALWAYS HAD SUCH WISE WORDS OF ADVISE. YOU ARE LOVED AND MISSED MORE THAN YOU'LL EVER KNOW.XOXOXO, YOUR DAUGHTER, SELA

January 24 at 4:43 AM

JU

Juanita posted:

Derek, you were my 1st husband, very young when we got together then married. Our beautiful daughter is a great mix of us both. I learned a lot from you. The last 10 yrs you became a big part of all my kids life. I will always remember all our good times. Fly high Derek and please keep an eye on us all. Give Mom a big hug and kiss for me

September 18 at 5:16 PM

AN

Anthonette Navarro posted:

I met Derek aka Toker about 36 years ago or longer at El Centro Del Pueblo he used to hang out with me and Rudy aka Joker Bird in Echo Park, we were really good friends, we use to party together, He had left to the Army and we lost touch and just a few years ago he found my son on FB and found me through him and we have been talking about the good old day's since. He had invited myself and my family to visit him in Utah. The last time we talked he told me he was sick and I prayed with him and prayed for him all the time. The last time I reached out to him was on August 8th on messenger and I didn't hear back from him then I seen the message on FB that he passed on the 18th, I will miss talking to Derek... Until we meet again Toker tell Rudy I said hi 😊 God bless you...

September 16 at 3:11 PM



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Marina posted:

Oh Derek how we're going to miss you soo much. The laughters you would bring us with your stories and laugh. That's all I can hear is your laugh when I think of you. You've touched so many people lives in so many different ways. I remember when you did our group most nose piercing.

#nosepiercegang lol we love you! Forever in our hearts □□□□□□

September 15 at 5:01 PM



Tonya Segura posted:

R.I.P My Dear Toker... I'm beyond Blessed I got to see you when I was out there couple months ago I'm truly Bkessed that I got to know you All these years... our talks our laughs your crazy jokes and always no matter what you were Always uplifting! I know when ever I needed a Friend I could call on you and you were always there no matter wat and I will cherish All our memories all our talks and All you were for me my friend Forever!Love always and Forever your homegirl! Tonya Segura ❤️ P.S thank you for Blessing us all with your Beautiful jita 😊

September 15 at 6:33 AM



Betty Burton posted:

I remember the day you was doing a tattoo on my leg you said my writing looked like a 2 year old writing but it is the best tattoo ever because it came from the heart of the best friend

September 15 at 5:21 AM



Irene Abarca Dominguez lit a candle in honor of Derek.

My #1 I will miss you so much , I know you are not hurting anymore. We had such good times we went way back , you were always at our house with my brother's. We had good times in Jr High. My #1 love ya until we seen each again 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏. Sela my family sends their condolences. Remember I am here for you.



September 7 at 6:34 PM



Kimberly Doyle posted:

Aww Derrick, I will forever love your strawberry tamales I always talked about how delicious they was.... thanks for giving me my first tattoo.! Please give my husband a hug for me. R.I.P sending prayers to all his loved ones.

August 31 at 9:56 AM



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SG

Sela Gallegos lit a candle in honor of Derek.

I miss you Dad.

August 26 at 4:56 PM



JA

Jan posted:

Derek, I'll always remember how you and Sela would go back and forth; she'd make jokes and you'd follow right back, we would just laugh and laugh for hours around the dinner table... you guys always had me cracking up. Your stories of how you grew up and the things you did- i always loved and was so entertained by those. Thank you for always asking how my mom was doing every time i saw you, and thank you for being a great example of what a father and grandfather should be. Lastly thank you for Sela i know you will forever be very proud of her, watch over her and the kids. We love you and you will be missed immensely!- Jan (shrimp) and Family.

August 26 at 10:20 AM

NA

Natalia posted:

I loved & love my grandpa very much, he always tried his best to understand me & my rebellion as a teenager. I am his granddaughter & when me & my mother fought he was always trying to stick up for me. I remember one time I got in trouble & he was on the phone with my mom while she told him about me being in trouble & he told us a funny story about how he was wild when he was younger & was driving his car on acid & proceeded to lighten the mood trying to be on my side. I'll always love him dearly & he'll forever hold a place in my heart. I will never forget him.

August 26 at 9:10 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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