



Edward "Eddie" Manuel Sotomayor, Jr.

November 4, 1981 - June 12, 2016

Edward (Eddie) Sotomayor Jr., 34 years old, of Sarasota, FL, passed away tragically, on June 12, 2016.

Eddie worked as a national brand manager for a travel agency serving the gay community. Eddie was charming and charismatic; he had sparkling green eyes and a quick wit. He enjoyed traveling around the world, meeting different people. He had a knack for orchids, a love he shared with his late grandmother "Tita." Eddie was adored by many and had connections all over the world. He created bonds and friendships that lasted a lifetime. With each relationship, he created a link that was as unique as the individual. He had an instant charisma people wanted to be around. He was a lovely, positive soul who could sit with you calmly and quietly in a moment of stress and in the next moment lighten the mood with his silly antics. Eddie was loved.

We are comforted in knowing that he achieved many things he had always hoped for; a great job that afforded him the ability to travel around the world, family and friends who adored him and a caring, committed partner, Luis Rojas. The night Eddie was taken, his sister texted him at around 9:50 PM and told him she read about a phone app. that stored all your personal health information for emergencies. She told him she wanted him to fill it all out for her just in case. His response was, "It's been done." Tragically, that same night, we lost Eddie to an act of senseless violence.

He is survived by his parents Sandra Wade and Edward Manuel Sotomayor, Sr., his sister, Kimberly Sotomayor (Jackson), her Husband Jamie Jackson, Grandfather, Jesus Sotomayor. Father's family members include, Edgar and Dalynn Sotomayor, Adaline Sotomayor (Williams), Larry Sotomayor, Rudy Martinez and Marc Pease, Justin and Melanie Sotomayor, Danielle (Sotomayor) and Edward Buddin, Autumn (Sotomayor) Laperriere, James Sotomayor. Mother's family members include: Patricia (Wade) and Robert Miller; Barbara (Wade) and Edward Caramanico; Shelly (Wade) Campbell; William Campbell; Harold and Diane Wade Jr.; Adam, Danielle and Madelyn Miller; Joshua Miller; Jessica, Greg and Lakota Bennett; Krystal and Jax Murphy, Wade Campbell; Jennifer, Campbell and Andie Graney; Kendall and Heather Wade; Andrew and Christine Wade; Daniel and Laura Wade; Lorraine (Wade) and Juan Leon. Angels carrying him home are: Harold and Joy Wade Sr., Irene (Tita) Sotomayor, Donna Wade, Kevin Sullivan, B.J. Williams, Bill Terry.

We have come to understand that many more friends and others he considered loved ones from the LGBT community will greatly mourn his loss as well.

We welcome all visitors who wish to pay tribute to Eddie and celebrate his life with us at 2 pm Saturday, June 25, 2016 at Robarts Arena, 3000 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota, FL., 34237.

Tribute Wall

JO

“ He will be missed by all he touched❤️😞

Joan - June 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I did not know Eddie. When the news broke early that Sunday morning, I contacted my son in SF to check on him and his Sarasota friends. With a heavy heart, he let me know he was very worried about Eddie. My friend and I prayed all day for Eddie, not knowing one thing about him other than he was very dear. The text from my son was simple. I called my younger daughter in the airport as she was in transit back to Houston, alone . I didn't want her to be totally alone hearing of her friend. Many many tears later, I write you and your family to share our grief and our journey in praying for Eddie , who I now strangely feel I know so well. Thank you all for sharing your grief and your love so openly; I hope you have been lifted up very much through this time by the peace and comfort of the prayers and hugs of friends and strangers . My family has a forever very special place in our hearts for yours . We send much love and more prayers for the peace of God which passes all understanding, hope and firm commitment to the joie de vivre which is Eddie . Debra

Debra Cottrell - June 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Kim we are heartbroken for you, Jamie and your family. But, we know Eddie will bring you warmth, love and beautiful memories, and that will help you heal.

Tom and Tracy Knight - June 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Dear Sandy & Eddie & Family, I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved son Eddie. It has been a long time ago but your mom Joy worked for Chris Hatton & myself at St. Armand's Bakery many years before she passed. I remember fondly, you & Eddie with little Eddie in tow, coming into the bakery often to visit your mom. Eddie already had the brightest eyes and specialness around him as he played at your feet and I see that he became an amazing young man. I've thought of your family over the years (what a great mom you had) and she will hold Eddie again with loving arms in heaven. May your cherished memories of Eddie carry you forward in this time of loss and give you some peace. Eddie's light will always surround you. Fond Regards, Melinda & Rick Tritschler

Melinda Tritschler - June 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM