



Ricardo Pizano III

February 9, 1991 - February 2, 2022

Ricardo Pizano III, age 30, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, February 2, 2022. He was born in Portage, IN. He was a 2006 graduate of Yavapai High in Cottonwood, AZ. Ricardo was preceded in death by his father- Ricardo "Ricky" Pizano II. He is survived by his grandmother -Karen Beers, grandfather- Willie Carter; mother- Carrie (Steve) Jarosak of New Mexico; son- Ricardo Pizano IV; sisters- Aeriall (Vince) Pizano of Hebron, IN, Emma Griffin of Portage, IN; brothers- Chandler, Kyle, and Ryan Griffin of Portage, IN, and Matthias Tigner of Gary, IN; aunts- Tanya (Robert) Carter, Michelle Cwetna, Pattie (Bill) Apodaca, Tracey (Doug) Breez; uncle- Larry (Julie) Jarosak; niece- Amelia Pino, nephew- Grigio Pino; great grandmother- Judy Turner, great uncles- Tom and Robert Beers, great aunts- Lisa Jakich and Cori (Darius) Dilosa. Ricardo was also survived by many cousins including two very close cousins, Jesse Beers and Cassidy Niewiadomski. Jesse and Cassidy were Ricardo's lifeline and joy many times in his life. He also was survived by many great-great aunts and uncles. He was one of the funniest people ever and will be greatly missed. Ricardo's humor, his laugh and his ability to look all adversity in his life as just his walk, laugh and rise above it. Rest in peace my baby boy, my first-born grandson. Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 10, 2022 from 5 p.m. until the time of the funeral at 6:30 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point.

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Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

FEB 10. 6:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

FG

“ Faith Green lit a candle in memory of Ricardo Pizano III



Faith Green - March 19 at 01:41 PM

MO

“ Mason Olson lit a candle in memory of Ricardo Pizano III



Mason olson - January 06 at 12:02 PM

DD

“ Hey i just watched the tv episode. I was glad to see this man was freed from the system. I send my condolences to your family

Donald D - November 21, 2025 at 12:09 PM

DK

“ David K lit a candle in memory of Ricardo Pizano III



david K - November 21, 2025 at 12:08 PM

SA

“ One way train by savannah Dexter dedicated to you my love...my song to Ricky love and miss you so much

Sabrina - November 20, 2025 at 12:34 AM

ZB

From one addict to another, I pray for sobriety and healing for you Sabrina. If you ever need someone to chat with in tough times just email me and I will send you my info zbyrdplus5@gmail.com

Zac Byrd - November 26, 2025 at 05:56 PM

DU

“ I had to look up this young man because I followed his story on tv and saw that he passed away. Absolutely heartbreaking. I could tell watching him and listening to him talk that he truly had a good heart and was a kind young man. Prayers to his family.

Dusty - July 10, 2025 at 02:02 AM

SA

Where can I find this at have not seen it yet?

Sabrina - November 19, 2025 at 11:41 PM

GI

“ Shame to the very first person at the top of of the commemorative page that remarked 'once a criminal, always...'. A typical throw-away response from ignorance and lack of empathy about how fragile a human life can be when disadvantaged from early life by circumstances beyond their control. We need to understand the depth and complexity of the human condition, empathise, make good, help, and not make cruel comments. A very selfish attitude to carry in life, but we must also forgive the person that made such a comment: it's the humane thing to do.

Giorgio - April 14, 2025 at 05:06 AM

SD

“ *Saw this kid on TV and knew he was bound to fail. Once a criminal always a criminal*

seymour dick - April 01, 2025 at 05:50 PM

MJ

Wow you had to say that on his memorial. Let him rest in peace and let his family grieve. I will pray for u

Megan Jenkins - April 02, 2025 at 02:14 AM

GI

My very same feeling, Megan!

Giorgio - April 14, 2025 at 05:07 AM

ZA

Love the completely moronic name you chose to use on a funeral homes memorial page, dumbass!

Zac - September 09, 2025 at 06:07 PM

SA

Maybe he did on accident but I forgive him and I wish that stuff like that didn't happen I wish he was still alive and doing well I miss him a lot and things were left unspoken with our relationship and he's still my booski and I appreciate his relationship with me but yeah it did happen my mom just had to remind me about him pushing me but I don't remember. That I try to remember the good times with us only have had a really hard time since he passed things have been really upsetting been in and out of jail and was strung out bad but have 5 months sober and feel a little better but not a lot but long story idk how my life is still going on it's so unknown how

Sabrina - November 19, 2025 at 11:53 PM

AN

“ *Anonymous lit a candle in memory of Ricardo Pizano III*



Anonymous - April 01, 2025 at 09:39 AM

ES

“ *My heart aches. I watched this young man on TV. I was so sure this young man was going to make it. May he rest in peace.*

Elizabeth Spais - February 18, 2025 at 06:07 PM

BS

Same I was just watching him and I looked him up to see how he was doing. So sad... I am just like Ricky and I've been clean 5 years and was hoping he found the same peace... rip Ricky! I see he had a son though to carry his name on...

Bobby Sagliani - February 18, 2025 at 06:36 PM

TM

“ *My heart hurts for this young man whom I felt a connection through the screen, as if I've known him for some reason and after completing the episode, I see why.*

During the episode, I was rooting for him because he seemed very focused-driven and well versed in how he formed his sentences and thoughts.

He drew me into him.

I hung onto his every word and didn't want to miss him, his story and how he spoke to me.

I wanted to listen, I wanted to see HIM. Therefore, it broke my heart to read his story update and I cried for 2 hours following.

I wish that the outcome had been different for him, for all of them, but he, he was different.

I felt his difference.

He produced hope to me,

And I am a 51 year old woman.

He touched my soul.

Such smart individuals like Ricky,

Well missed, and well misunderstood. Rest my child,

Rest!!

(Tashathegreat1@gmail.com)



Tasha Mayfield - July 09, 2024 at 10:17 PM

KS

“ I’ve watched his episode a couple of times. I could see he was closed off but get soft and still had a good heart. I’m sad to know he lost his life. I hope before losing his life he finds it. He was soft spoken. I could tell the lady CO took a liking to him and he seemed to be open with her to an extent. I hope he found true love before he lost his life and I hope he was able to turn his life around. God bless anyone who reads this.
Kelly S.

Kelly S. - July 09, 2024 at 01:27 PM

SA

Hey what episode are you talking about? What's it called and where can I watch it at? On what? Thank you

Sabrina - November 20, 2025 at 03:05 AM

ZB

Just google his name and you will find the show episodes, it's Lockup Lake County Juvenile

Zac Byrd - November 26, 2025 at 05:59 PM

MC

“ My condolences to the family. I'm not known by him, just saw a documentary of him on YouTube.

Michael Cutler - April 20, 2024 at 03:41 PM

SA

Can you post it on here???

Sabrina - November 20, 2025 at 03:08 AM

RT

“ Robert Charles Thompson lit a candle in memory of Ricardo Pizano III



Robert Charles Thompson - January 02, 2024 at 03:07 AM

RT

“ First my condolences to the family of MANY. I watched the Documentary("REMEMBERING RICKY") and was so impressed with his "changed" attitude & goals. But, I'm saddened to learn of his passing(age 30) but I hope he DID BECOME A WELDER, one of his goals and had a son. Robert Thompson(robert23@shaw.ca) BC CANADA

Robert Charles Thompson - January 02, 2024 at 03:02 AM

SA

Tell Karen I hope we can see her dcfa still has little Ricky with fostor parents has she seen him??

Sabrina - November 20, 2025 at 03:09 AM

SA

Can you post video I can't seem to find it

Sabrina - November 20, 2025 at 03:12 AM



“ I have just finished watching a documentary of you dated 26 February 2009. I was very impressed by your documentary. I hope you were able to fulfill some of your dreams of that time and wrote so in the comments. I know you cannot read it now, but perhaps your family can. I do hope your son Ricardo IV will be proud of the way you had struggled through your life and then tried to turn it around. May the Lord Bless you and keep you and may you RIP. From Laankebygg in Australia.

Odd Steinar Dybvad-Raneng - September 01, 2023 at 11:42 AM

SA

Can you post the video pretty please

Sabrina - November 20, 2025 at 03:13 AM



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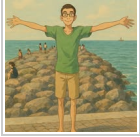
João Victor Euclides - September 01, 2023 at 02:35 AM



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“ *Although I didn't know him, I saw a documentary in which he appeared when he was 18 years old and since I found out that he was gone, I have been very sorry and praying for his soul. Réquiescant in Pace, amém!*

Obs: I would love to talk to someone in his family about him

João Victor Euclides - September 01, 2023 at 02:33 AM



“ *Ricky I just wish you were here so I could tell you all the things I tell your photos... Remembering you in everything I do. Sue*

Susan Sacco - February 02, 2023 at 03:00 PM



Hi sue

Sabrina - November 20, 2025 at 03:13 AM

SB

“ I'm your baby's mother Sabrina Michelle Burns. I miss you to death and im still alive out here in Indianapolis but have had nothing no car no home no money been living on the streets staying place to place. I miss you and love you. I will love you for a very long time. I promise

Sabrina Burns - December 05, 2022 at 01:37 PM



Were you his girlfriend and mother of his child?

João Victor Euclides - August 31, 2023 at 02:51 PM

RM

Sabrina how can I contact you?

Ruben M - September 04, 2023 at 03:29 PM

MF

hey sabz ricky was a cool guy you sound cool im in uk marco fozzano hope u well +44 07459318989

Marc ANTHONY Foster - February 23, 2024 at 09:29 AM

SA

Sabrina where you the girl in end of documentary?

sam - March 03, 2024 at 02:25 AM

KA

My grandson accomplished many of his goals an had a good life. Unfortunately, he met and father a child by this Sabrina, who was the death of him. There was not a woman in that documentary except his aunt picking him up that day. Thank all of you for your prayers and kind words. He was one of a kind, and dearly missed. The woman Sabrina only posted on here most likely to try and scam and harm others. I pray for her soul.

Karen - March 25, 2024 at 12:46 AM

JA

Karen, I know how you feel. I searched this girl and found her mugshot along with her criminal charges, so I understand why you're warning others of her scamming them. I've lost 4 friends to overdose in the last year and there was always a Sabrina in their life who dragged them to their early death. Karen, I'm so sorry for your loss and for the immense grief you have been going through non stop since your Ricky died. There is no addiction, no pain, no violence, no tears in the afterlife, and I promise you his soul is resting in God's arms. He will stay near you until you meet again. He seemed like such a good kid. I'm so sorry he left you so soon. Best wishes to you and your family. Take care.

J Allen - April 02, 2024 at 06:02 PM

TH

Sabrina Burns was a normal loving person until she was exposed to Ricky. He pushed her onto the ground so that she hit her head and caused irreparable damage. He is responsible for that and if I'm not mistaken he went to jail for it. So any of you casting aspersions on Sabrina Burns don't know what you're talking about. She's a good person who is made worse off by her association with his gentleman.

T H - May 02, 2024 at 12:52 PM

KB

TH, her history speaks volumes of her MANY years before my grandson ever met her. He never harmed her, and certainly never went to jail for such an offense. You must be talking of another person she targeted. U fortunately for her, all bad things began early in her childhood.

Karen Beers - June 18, 2024 at 11:47 AM

SA

Ricky had never put his hands on me! We got a long good we never fought maybe had words but never put each other in danger that way. He never went to jail over me. I miss him so much not a day goes by that I don't think of him 3 years and still love him dearly wish I could hold an hug him again been doing not so good with this life still has some bad bounds just don't understand I hope all is doing well an happy and safe hope to hear from you guys too miss you all wish we known each other better

Sabrina - November 19, 2025 at 11:34 PM

SA

What TV show and when was it out and on????

Sabrina - November 19, 2025 at 11:34 PM

AG

“ *Ariel Gonzales lit a candle in memory of Ricardo Pizano III*



Ariel Gonzales - March 29, 2022 at 06:34 PM

SA

Hey have you heard anything about little Ricky? He's still with the same family???

Sabrina - November 20, 2025 at 03:14 AM

SA

Get a hold of me maybe we can ask see him together sometime???

Sabrina - November 20, 2025 at 03:14 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ricardo Pizano III.*



February 10, 2022 at 07:51 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Ricardo Pizano III.*



February 10, 2022 at 12:52 PM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Ricardo Pizano III.*



February 09, 2022 at 12:42 PM



“ *I'll never forget someone who gave me so much to remember...*

*Love,
Sue Sacco*



Sue Sacco - February 07, 2022 at 04:37 PM

CP

“ *My son giving a turtle the finger for getting caught on his fishing line. This was my son.*

I love you son..



Carrie Pizano - February 07, 2022 at 01:32 PM

SB

I love you with all that I ever was. I cannot believe I still love you this long. It's been over a year and I still get jealous over not having you or thinking you are with someone else. I can't seem to find you but I miss you so much. I would've loved you for the rest of all my lives. I can't believe your gone baby daddy. Me and your baby loves you. I cry thinking of you all the time. I miss you I have been homeless and alone having not even a car to my name no money nothing literally just so alone all the time. I hate this.

Sabrina Burns - December 05, 2022 at 01:26 PM

SA

Hi Carrie

Sabrina - November 20, 2025 at 03:16 AM

CP

“ *I love you my sweet baby boy.*



Carrie Pizano - February 07, 2022 at 01:26 PM

CP

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Carrie Pizano - February 07, 2022 at 01:21 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ricardo Pizano III.



February 05, 2022 at 04:31 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ricardo Pizano III.



February 05, 2022 at 02:41 PM