



## Carlos Brandon Cruz Palos

October 3, 1974 - August 16, 2015

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Carlos Brandon Cruz Palos passed away August 16, 2015. On October 3, 1974, beloved husband and father, Carlos Brandon Cruz Palos “Car,” was brought into this world by his mother, Roberta, and late father, Joe Palos, in the town of Tehachapi, CA. Carlos was one of five children, which included his older brother, Marco Palos, and his three younger sisters, Sarah Sosnowski, Lacy Gage, and Samantha Palos.

While growing up, the Tehachapi native developed a passion for football and other sports while attending Tehachapi High School. After he graduated from Tehachapi High in 1993, alongside his high school sweetheart, Sofia Rodriguez, he began pursuing a career in aviation as an electrical technician for BAE Systems, where he gave 19 years of service. On June 27, 1998, Sofia Rodriguez and Carlos Palos happily tied the knot in Las Vegas, which happened to be one of his favorite getaways, all the way up to the end.

Throughout the remainder of his blessed life, Car shared his love of sports and passion for music with his wife and his son, Brandon Payton Palos. For those who knew Carlos, the moment they stepped into his house, they were stepping into Chicago Bears and Los Angeles Dodgers territory. As cliché as it might be, he didn’t just love beer, but more so had a passion for the art of beer. For every craft beer that Car could get his hands on, beer was one of his ultimate joys in life. From India pale ales to blondes, if there was a beer festival, he was most likely there, always with his partner in crime, Sofia, the love of his life, at his side.

Living day to day, Carlos tenaciously loved and cared for his family as this was something that Car had always considered to be his number one priority. Anything that brought family and friends together, whether it was throwing BBQ’s or going for bike rides, Carlos was always pushing for quality experiences. There was so much that Carlos gave to his family and friends; however, it may have been mostly his genuine passion and love for life that

he offered to those around him. Always a vibrant face in the shadows of yesterday, Carlos blessed us with his personality and kindness. His life was forever lived for the sole purpose of loving his wife and son, as well as the rest of his family.

Carlos Brandon Cruz Palos was preceded in death by his father, Joe Palos; and is survived by his wife, Sofia Palos; and son, Brandon Palos.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, August 27, 2015, at 11:00 a.m., at St. Malachy's Catholic Church. The Rite of Burial will follow at Tehachapi Public Cemetery - Westside. A reception is being held on Thursday, at 3:00 p.m. at the Tehachapi VFW Hall, located at 221 West Tehachapi Blvd. As a form of remembrance, anyone who will be attending his funeral and memorial service is asked to wear their favorite sports attire, as this is what he would have wanted.

“I’ve understood feelings and I’ve understood words, but how could you be taken away?”  
“Had Enough, Said Enough, Felt Enough ... I’m Fine” - Pearl Jam

God Bless our Carlos “Carloco”; though he is gone, he will forever be loved and missed.

Arrangements were made with the assistance of Wood Family Funeral Service, Inc.