



Emanuel Christian Droz

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In Loving Memory of Emmanuel "Manny" Droz

It is with great sadness and deep loss that we announce the passing of Emmanuel "Manny" Droz, who gained his wings on March 12, 2025. Manny, 34, was a beloved son, grandson, brother, nephew, tio, and friend who will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Born and raised in Lakeland on February 12, 1991, Manny attended Evangel Christian Elementary and Middle Schools and Lakeland High School.

Though a man of few words, Manny's love for his family and friends was deep and unwavering, always putting those he cared for first.

Whether it was traveling, fishing, or just spending time together, Manny cherished these moments with his loved ones. He found joy in watching sports like football and baseball-but for those of us that knew him deeply- we understood his passion was for boxing, especially when shared with family and friends. These simple, but meaningful moments were some of the happiest of his life.

Manny's life was a reminder that love doesn't always need to be loud to make a big impact. Though he left us too soon, his memory will continue to live on in the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing him. Manny has joined his grandmother, Candita Droz and grandfathers, Fernando Vertoli Vicente Droz and Amilcar Padilla, in eternal rest, where their love and presence will continue to watch over us all. He is survived by his loving parents Vicky and Junior Padilla, and Samuel Droz, and grandmothers, Concha Vertoli and Rosa Padilla. He is remembered by siblings Michael, Madison, Sammy, Kingston, Aiden, and Evie. His legacy will continue through his nephews Jiovanni, Jaiden, Noah, and baby J, and niece, Azmarie. He is also survived by many aunts, uncles, and cousins who will miss him greatly.

Rest in peace, Manny. Your love will continue to be felt by all of us, and will never be forgotten.





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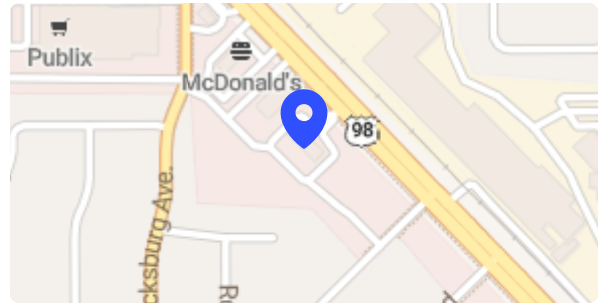
Celebration of Life

 **Friday**, March 21, 2025

 12:30 PM ET

 **Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Southside Chapel**

1727 Bartow Road, Lakeland FL 33801





Tribute Wall

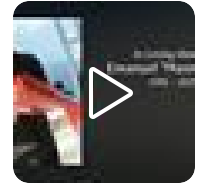
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Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes shared a **Video**.

March 21 at 6:25 AM



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes shared a **Webcast Video**.

March 19 at 12:28 PM



With Love, Randy & Julee Ferreira planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Emanuel.

March 24 at 8:21 AM



With Love, Randy & Julee Ferreira sent a Serene Retreat to the Droz family.

March 24 at 8:21 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Droz family.

March 21 at 9:57 AM



John And Vivian Browning sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Droz family.

March 21 at 6:42 AM





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Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Emanuel.



March 21 at 5:51 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Droz family.



March 21 at 5:51 AM



Karina Figueroa shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Always so humble RIP Manny. We'll miss seeing you at the gatherings 🙏



March 20 at 7:35 PM



Jei & Abby Rosario shared 9 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

We will cherish all the good times and will miss you forever Manny! Love you!



March 18 at 11:55 PM



Sheila Vertoli lit a candle in honor of Emanuel.

Dear Manny, You were such a precious soul—kind, full of light, and a gift to everyone who had the privilege of knowing you. I loved you more than words can ever express, and that love will never fade. I miss your laughter, your warmth, and the way you made the world a better place just by being in it. Though you're no longer here in body, I carry you with me in my heart, in my memories, and in the love that will always remain. I find comfort in knowing that your spirit is free, shining brightly beyond this world. But oh, how I wish I could hug you one more time, tell you again how much you mean to me, and hear your voice. Rest peacefully, sweet Manny. Until we meet again. I love you always, Tia Sheila 🕯️



March 20 at 3:32 PM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Droz family.



March 20 at 11:43 AM



Vanessa Rodriguez posted:

I will miss you always cuz

March 19 at 10:23 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Emanuel.



March 19 at 7:36 PM



Samuel Droz planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Emanuel.



March 19 at 12:38 PM



Samuel Droz sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Droz family.



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Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Emanuel.



March 19 at 4:34 AM



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Sandra Ramirez lit a candle in honor of Emanuel.



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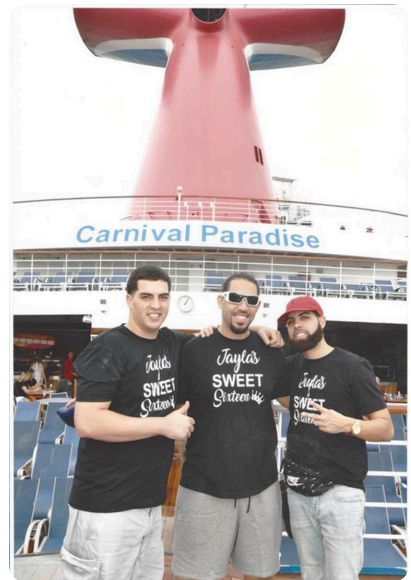




Jei & Abby Rosario shared 9 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

March 20 at 7:26 PM







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Memories only last if you share them

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



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