



Stephen Edwin John "Dido" Pierce

September 2, 1997 - July 27, 2013

PIERCE, STEPHEN EDWIN JOHN "DIDO"

Age, 15, beloved son of Brian Pierce, Nella Rogers, Marc Mirabal and Joseph Segura, passed away suddenly Saturday, July 27, 2013. Although Stephen never spoke a word, his life reflected happiness and energy that resonated volumes. He endeared himself to those around him, whether it was at home with Marc and Joe, at Hippo therapy, or with his teachers, aides and therapists. Stephen knew no strangers. He made a difference in those around him; he brought out the best in them by challenging them to give above and beyond. Who could ever forget the twinkle in Stephen's eye? As a friend has said, "A joyful light has gone out of this world and has been ignited in Heaven." Stephen is survived by his parents; brother, Paul; grandparents; aunts; uncles; cousins; and his friend and canine companion "Abi". The family would like to thank the numerous people who made a difference in Stephen's life. They are treasure beyond measure. Please contact family members for information regarding memorial services.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ Hey baby...thinking 'bout you always. Lots of love to you always.

joseph segura & marc mirabal - July 30, 2015 at 07:52 PM

JS

“ Hello Baby, Just wanting to come by and remind myself of how precious of a little boy you are. You showed me what life is all about, just wish we could have had more time together. Love you very much every day.



JOSEPH SEGURA - May 28, 2015 at 12:41 PM

CS

“ I worked closely with Stephen during kindergarten. I remember his love for pork and beans! he was a very intelligent young boy! God is with Stephan in heaven! They are watching you and smiling! Easter blessings to all!

Carol Scrimshaw - April 04, 2015 at 02:52 AM

JS

Thank you for visiting Stephen's space.

JOSEPH SEGURA - May 28, 2015 at 12:42 PM

CS

“ Carol Scrimshaw lit a candle in memory of Stephen Edwin John "Dido" Pierce



Carol Scrimshaw - April 04, 2015 at 02:43 AM

JM

“ Hello my precious angel. Hope you and your horse are riding fast and often. Thinking of you and the great life we shared, oh how I wish so many things were different. Cant wail till I can hold you again. Love always, joe

joseph segura & marc mirabal - March 27, 2015 at 08:58 AM

JM

“ Hello my Angel - Thinking of you and wishing you the best. Spent the day yesterday with you on my mind was good. Was remembering how much you enjoy mashed potatoes and kool-aid. Go ride your horse, ride fast and laugh please. Until we are back together again...I will miss you.



joseph segura & marc mirabal - November 28, 2014 at 12:10 PM

JM

“ Hello my angel Stephen, Thinking of you as usual and remembering all those special times we had together. I hope you get chocolate cake every day. Love you always and miss you daily,



joseph segura & marc mirabal - October 28, 2014 at 06:22 PM

JM

“ Hello my angel Stephen, Thinking of you especially today and hoping that you are okay. As each day passes I am glad that it brings me one day closer to you. Can't wait to hear you, touch you and hold your little face. Love you always.



joseph segura & marc mirabal - September 27, 2014 at 12:03 PM

JM

“ Wishing you Stephen a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**. I hope you get your chocolate cake. Miss you and think of you always. Thank you for the joy you brought to our home. Love always.



joseph segura & marc mirabal - September 01, 2014 at 09:40 AM

JM

“ Always on my mind, thinking about how you loved riding your horse, the drives to Sonic to get corndogs and a large dr. pepper, since you were a big boy now. Please save a place for me next to you....I LOVE YOU STEPHEN.



joseph segura & marc mirabal - July 27, 2014 at 07:41 AM

JM

“ I hope your well, happy and riding your horse daily baby. Miss you dearly and think of you daily. Love always



joseph segura & marc mirabal - July 04, 2014 at 10:17 PM

JM

“ Hope you and your horse are having fun in heaven, taking long rides and taking care of each other. Was just here thinking about you my precious precious boy and how fortunate we were for you to have been in our lives. We miss you and love you every day.



joseph and marc - June 19, 2014 at 06:03 AM

JM

“ Thought I heard you in the house a few days ago, even the dogs turned their heads. We were probably hoping the same hopes. Love and miss you daily.
Love always,
Joseph and Marc



joseph segura & marc mirabal - April 27, 2014 at 10:44 AM

JM

“ Hope your doing well and that your horse(s) are being good too.
Love you and miss you baby. Thanks for the wonderful dream earlier this week. Be good.
Love you,
Joe and Marc



joseph segura & marc mirabal - March 27, 2014 at 02:11 PM

JM

“ Joseph Segura & Marc Mirabal lit a candle in memory of Stephen Edwin John "Dido" Pierce



joseph segura & marc mirabal - February 25, 2014 at 06:38 PM

JM

“ I can still picture you riding on your horse and how much you loved that sport.
Miss you always.
Love you baby.



joseph segura & marc mirabal - January 27, 2014 at 11:43 AM

Joseph Segura

“ Thinking of my angel .



Joseph Segura - December 27, 2013 at 06:44 PM

Joseph Segura

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Joseph Segura - December 10, 2013 at 07:25 PM

Joseph Segura

“ Joseph Segura lit a candle in memory of Stephen Edwin John "Dido" Pierce



Joseph Segura - December 08, 2013 at 02:52 PM

JS

“ Hey lil' Cowboy. Thanks for visiting in our dreams.
Love you so much.



jsegura525 - November 27, 2013 at 10:22 AM

JM

“ Thinking of you always...Love you so much....

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ey-bdSNpT1Q&feature=c4-overview-vi&list=PLDD92272F030F7D78>



joseph segura & marc mirabal - October 27, 2013 at 05:00 AM

JM

“ Joseph Segura & Marc Mirabal lit a candle in memory of Stephen Edwin John "Dido" Pierce



joseph segura & marc mirabal - September 27, 2013 at 06:14 PM

JM

“ Hello my lil' Cowboy,
Just wanted to remind you that today is the day you came into our
lives 8 years ago on 9/17/05. You brought us so much that we
cannot ever
thank you enough...You are the Best Son Ever.

Strange that my favorite childhood song came true.

<http://www.repeatmyvids.com/watch?v=RC2tINmz4ao&kmdom=youtu.be>

joseph segura & marc mirabal - September 16, 2013 at 07:13 PM

DH

“ Dear Marc and Joseph,

Lynn and I want to extend our deepest sympathies on the loss of
your precious son, Stephen. We were saddened to read of his
passing and remember fondly our time working with him at
ExplorAbilities. He always had a twinkle in his eye and a happy,
joyful spirit that was contagious. We remember too, the
extraordinary relationship and connection you had with him. Please
know our thoughts and prayers have been with you during this
difficult time.

Thinking of you,

Denise Moedl and Lynn Holt-Russo

Denise Moedl and Lynn Holt-Russo - September 10, 2013 at 03:38 PM

JM

Hello Denise and Lynn....
Stephen enjoyed working with both of your caring soles.
Thank you kindly for your time and efforts....
I miss Stephen so so very much....
Joseph

joseph segura & marc mirabal - September 12, 2013 at 11:25 AM

JM

“ *Happy Birthday My Dear Son. You gave us so much love that we have some for every day. We Love You Very Much, Joe and Marc.*

I remember when we would listen to Sigur Ros and sometimes try to dance.

They did not need words either to make this world a better and more beautiful

place and that is exactly what you did.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3DIZ7cw2EEA>

joseph segura & marc mirabal - September 02, 2013 at 09:53 AM

JM

“ *Good morning my little man. Everyday goes so slow, but a month has already passed since you went to heaven. I just wanted to thank you for all the love you gave us. We can never say thank you enough times.*

Thanks for the eight wonderful years that you gave us you. We loved living with you, you are a perfect son.

I will never forget the many times when you would sneak up on one of us and kiss us on our head ever so lightly, then quietly walk on.

I still feel them kisses once in a while, thanks for letting us know you are still here in our home.

Your forever dads Joseph and Marc



joseph segura & marc mirabal - August 27, 2013 at 09:55 AM

JM

“ *Joseph Segura & Marc Mirabal lit a candle in memory of Stephen Edwin John "Dido" Pierce*



joseph segura & marc mirabal - August 21, 2013 at 03:11 AM

MT

“ *Hello Marc & Joseph,
We met when I was an autism resource teacher for the Albuquerque Public Schools and expect that you may not remember me, however, I do remember you, Stephen and your family. Stephen remains in my heart and mind as an example of what loving and dedicated families can and do accomplish. I saw such positive changes in him after he joined your family. Thank you for welcoming Stephen into your family, for loving him unconditionally, for advocating for him even when it was not easy and for knowing him as your son - past, present and future. It says in the Book "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." I hope that as you grieve the loss of Stephen, you can also give thanks for the time you had with him and know that the sacrifices you made on his behalf will never be lost or forgotten. With my deepest sympathy,
Maryann Trott*

Maryann Trott - August 19, 2013 at 10:24 AM

JM

Maryann - Thanks for for the gentle and kind words. How could we not remember you. You also commit yourself to helping. Stephen gave us so much, we will always treasure his life, he was so so special.

joseph segura & marc mirabal - August 22, 2013 at 10:16 AM

JM

“ *Joseph Segura & Marc Mirabal lit a candle in memory of Stephen Edwin John "Dido" Pierce*



joseph segura & marc mirabal - August 18, 2013 at 07:15 PM

JM

“ *Joseph Segura & Marc Mirabal lit a candle in memory of Stephen Edwin John "Dido" Pierce*



joseph segura & marc mirabal - August 16, 2013 at 09:41 AM

JM

“ *Joseph Segura & Marc Mirabal lit a candle in memory of Stephen Edwin John "Dido" Pierce*



joseph segura & marc mirabal - August 14, 2013 at 07:49 AM

ST

“ Marc & Joe

I just wanted to let you know that I made it home.

*Everything is so beautiful here.
I wish you could close your eyes and that you could see it too.*

Please try not to be sad. I would like to "Thank You" both for all you have done for me.

It is so peaceful here when all the angels sing.

I really have to go for now.

I've just got to try my new wings.

*All My Love,
"Dido" Stephen "The Little Witch Doctor"*



Stephen - August 10, 2013 at 11:43 PM

JM

Hey baby, I heard the angels singing for you yesterday. It was so beautiful, I pictured you sitting and listening to them too. I know your white soft wings will fit just perfect since they were made for you and you were a perfect son.

joseph segura & marc mirabal - August 11, 2013 at 12:15 PM

AG

“ *Aunty Grace lit a candle in memory of Stephen Edwin John "Dido" Pierce*



aunty grace - August 10, 2013 at 10:02 PM

MB

“ *Dear Woody and family, We are so sorry for the loss of this very precious boy. He was fortunate to be surrounded by so many loving people. Our sincere sympathies. We will remember him in our prayers. God bless you and yours!*

*The Brady Bunch:
Maryellen, Patty, Tigger and Billy.*

Maryellen Brady - August 10, 2013 at 10:48 AM

JM

“ *Joseph Segura & Marc Mirabal lit a candle in memory of Stephen Edwin John "Dido" Pierce*



joseph segura & marc mirabal - August 09, 2013 at 10:48 PM

“ Marc & Joe,

One More Star Shines in the Sky Tonight.

You were Genuine Guardian Angels to Stephen.

Stephen was the Angel in your Lives as well.

The Quality of Life you gave Stephen, the Life Stephen Brought to Your Lives.

Stephen opened many doors for you because your child saw things in a different way.

The loving care you provided Stephen on a day to day basis for the last 8 years is praiseworthy. You loved Stephen unconditionally, you fostered Stephen, cared for Stephen with so much love and protected Stephen. You taught Stephen so much. Because of you Stephen learned how to communicate and express his emotions.

You always did what was best for Stephen. You were always there for Stephen. Stephen was always wanted, always welcomed, always needed, always loved. Stephen always came first. You completed Stephen as Stephen completed you. Because of you Stephen flourished in so many ways and was a lively boy.

Marc & Joe the parental care you provided Stephen is truly admirable. You were great parents to Stephen.

Thank you for your devotion to this "Unique, Little Angel Stephen" and "Loving Stephen Unconditionally".

Thank you for sharing all your heart warming memories of Stephen. "Memories are a way of holding onto the things you love, the things you are, the things you never want to lose".



Marc & Joe you are always in our thoughts, you are loved, prayed for, and never, ever alone. We all share in your loss. Stephen was a special part of our family.

*Rachel Mirabal
Eva Lucero*

Rachel Mirabal - August 08, 2013 at 08:43 PM

JM

“ *Joseph Segura & Marc Mirabal lit a candle in memory of Stephen Edwin John "Dido" Pierce*



joseph segura & marc mirabal - August 08, 2013 at 03:26 AM

SA

“ *We were all blessed to have had Stephen gift us with his smile, his laughter, and his presence. I've read that "children are the closest we have to wisdom" and I truly believed this especially when I was with Stephen. He understood that there were no barriers that could hold back his boundless love, humor, and joy. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to get to know this awesome person.*

*All my love,
sahar*

sahar - August 05, 2013 at 11:15 PM

JM

Sahar - It is because of skills that you have that Stephen was full of the joys of life. Some may call it work, but in your case it is more pleasure than work, I saw your magic with Stephen.

Thank you.....

joseph segura & marc mirabal - August 06, 2013 at 08:33 AM

SV

“ *Marc,
I'm very sorry to read of Stephen's passing; I remember meeting him in the backroom at Stacy's Hmk and hanging out with him for a bit. My condolences to you and your families.*

Sharon Verone - August 05, 2013 at 03:05 PM

MT

“ *What a sad day to hear about Stephen. He was always a bundle of energy and joy in the classroom. My time with him in elementary school taught me more about teaching than any book. He was a gentle soul with a sunny smile and twinkling blue eyes. And, how he loved his snacks...especially peanut butter.*

Blessings and prayers for all of you on the loss of this wonderful child.

Ms. Mo (Maureen Trujillo)

Maureen Trujillo - August 05, 2013 at 10:07 AM

AM

“ *Heaven Away*
For Stephen by Andrew



A tear drop from Heaven the day you left ...

If one things certain, may we cherish every breath...

So young with innocence you left the world too soon

Your soul had a greater plan, now dancing in Heaven beside the moon...

Greatest teacher of all, little angel above, most innocent keeper of the purest love, all that remains are the memories left, kept in the most sacred treasure chest.

Unheard, unspoken, unseen, to keep going we must believe

Believe that this isn't the end ...so till than we'll play pretend

Something as simple as a spoon, or a little light up ball, you saw the world with different eyes you felt it from your heart.

So although your memory will never ever part, God has you in His arms

we have you in our hearts.

Andrew Mirabal

Andrew Mirabal - August 05, 2013 at 12:25 AM

JM

*Andrew - That beautiful poem is perfect for Stephen.
Thank you...*

joseph segura & marc mirabal - August 05, 2013 at 12:53 PM

JM

“ I was awoken in the wee hours last night, it was oh so quiet and I laid in bed not making a sound and not moving a bone. It was the most quiet I have heard in days, I laid there in hopes that I would hear a sound that reminded me of Stephen. I was laying oh so silent wishing that I would hear his chirp, his neigh, or simply the sound of his feet hitting the tile floor as he jumped, hopped and danced towards the kitchen as he had done thousands of times in the middle of the night and early mornings, or the simple sound of his tangible falling to the tile floor as he approached the kitchen. Getting to our doorway his presence would then alarm the dogs and then they would began to bark. But lately Stephen was not making the dogs bark. He was simply sitting at his chair at the kitchen table and if either Marc or I was not out there within minutes he would begin to chirp for a mid-night meal, breakfast, a drink of juice, or simply company. But those sounds that I was wishing for did not come tonight. As we all know Stephen was so full of love, never once did he display any violent behaviors, never raised his hand in anger, never uttered an evil word. Everywhere Stephen went he showered those around him with love and affection, he would reach out and grab someone's arm to smell them or their hair. Weather we were at school, the grocery store, at a meeting, at therapy or visiting somewhere, Stephen emitted total love, respect and affection, he was content. He treated people exactly like we all should do, he was not afraid to put his guard down and show his heart. As I continued to lay in bed I began to realize how lucky, fortunate and blessed Marc and I have been to have had these eight years with Stephen, he gave our lives true meaning. He made us work hard, he tested our nerves, and most of all he showed us the true meaning of love, he taught us how to care for others, he taught us about Stephen and to stand up for what is right, we are oh so thankful and grateful for knowing and growing with Stephen. Because of him we are better human beings. I know that everyone who ever knew, worked or sat with Stephen will go away with a little bit of him in their hearts. And if there is anything to learn from Stephen's life, it is that love is endless. There will be those times when I do hear those familiar sounds in

the middle of the night when it is quiet and dark, or when I am out working in the yard or just sitting on the sofa and I will know who it is and I will smile.

Joseph Segura & Marc Mirabal - August 04, 2013 at 03:37 PM

TK

“ *Vaya con Dios. You will be missed by many. Thank you for your short time here.*

George and Mary Ann Kindler



The Kindlers - August 04, 2013 at 02:55 PM



“ *Words can not describe how I feel about the loss of Stephen. I only got to see him twice, when he was not quite 1 and again the next summer, shortly before his 2nd birthday. I'm his Grandpa Carl's sister and live in NJ, and since I haven't been to NM since the summer of '99, I've definitely not played a part in Stephen's life. However, I would always ask about him and his big brother Paul whenever I talked to his Grandma Annette or Grandpa Carl. I know, deep in my heart, that Stephen is now a very special angel in heaven watching and protecting everyone still here on earth, along with his Uncle Tom. May you now rest in peace Stephen.*

Peggy Taylor - August 04, 2013 at 01:19 PM

RM

“ *It's hard to know just what to say.
When one so young is taken away.
Far too soon you had to part,
Your memory forever engraved in our heart.*



*We only knew you for a short while,
But the life you led made us smile.
You were so beautiful and oh so rare,
Life as they say just isn't fair.*

*Those gone before you will watch you with care,
Till the day comes when we'll all join you there.*

*Know Stephen is watching from heaven above,
And with each ray of sunshine, he's sending his love.*

*"Then the child opened its eyes, and looked up into
the angel's beautiful face, which beamed with
happiness, and at the same moment they were in
heaven, where joy and bliss reigned. The child
received wings like the other angel and they flew
about together, hand in hand."*

-Hans Christian Anderson -- The Angel

Auntie Rachel and Auntie Eva

R. Mirabal - August 04, 2013 at 12:36 AM

JM

Dear Rachel and Eva..... Thanks for the nice words and the phone calls.

joseph segura & marc mirabal - August 05, 2013 at 10:03 PM

AP

“ I am blessed and humbled by all of the stories, support, and kind words for dear Stevie. I was not involved enough while he was still with us, but I am so grateful for Joe and Marc and all of those who made Stevie a precious part of their lives. It is truly amazing to see how he impacted those around him and how much compassion so many have poured out to him over the years. I appreciate you all and cannot express my gratitude enough.

God Bless you all and know you are in my thoughts and prayers,
Andy Pierce (Stevie's Uncle)

Andy Pierce - August 03, 2013 at 02:28 PM

JM

Andy-Thank you for your kind words.....as you can see Stephen is a magnet for love, hugs and smiles.

joseph segura & marc mirabal - August 05, 2013 at 09:30 AM

JM

“ The "little witch doctor's" (one of Stephen's many nick names, also given to him by other similar boys in our home) most recent favorite movie was 10,000 BC. Stevie would run around his bedroom and the house hopping, jumping and making high-pitched sounds whenever the animals in the movies seemed in danger or in harms way.



Click on movie trailer below.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aRVpm7RfBY4>

joseph segura & marc mirabal - August 03, 2013 at 02:01 PM

EH

“ I lack words to express my sympathy with your loss, Woody, Brian, Paul, aunts, uncle, and of course Mark and Joe. Eternal rest, grant him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

Love and prayers;

Eileen Long Hessman, college friend of grandma Barbara, Bryn Mawr, Pa.

eileen hessman - August 03, 2013 at 07:40 AM

JM

Thank you Eileen

joseph segura & marc mirabal - August 03, 2013 at 08:38 AM

PM

“ Lit a candle in memory of Stephen Edwin John "Dido" Pierce. Stephen you hold a special place in our hearts now and forever!!!



Phillip Murphy - August 02, 2013 at 10:22 PM

JM

“ Joseph Segura & Marc Mirabal lit a candle in memory of Stephen Edwin John "Dido" Pierce



joseph segura & marc mirabal - August 02, 2013 at 08:41 PM

LM

“ Stephen, your little feet were the only ones aloud to track water through our house after getting out of the swimming pool. Your leftover bowl of food still sits in our refrigerator. We love and miss you so much and we will never forget that beautiful face. You were, and forever will be, a huge part of our family. Joe and Marc, there are no words to describe the love and commitment you had for Stephen. We know, and saw, and will forever see the positive impact he made in your lives. We love you Stephen!
The Murphy Family

Linda Murphy - August 02, 2013 at 10:23 AM



“ Serene Green™ Bouquet For Sympathy was purchased for the family of Stephen Edwin John "Dido" Pierce.



August 01, 2013 at 10:21 AM

JO

“ 5 files added to the album Dido at home and out and about...



joseph - July 31, 2013 at 11:55 PM

TC

“ JOSEPH & MARC, *What a terrible loss to have Stephen gone. I can only imagine the hurt and pain you both feel. He was your son for so many years and I pray that this little Angel gives both of you the strength, peace and courage. You both were so loving parents to this little guy. He knows it, I know it and everyone else knows it. What a beautiful family you were together. We are so sad for your loss, so very sad. We love and admire both of you for opening up your hearts and loving this little Angel as you did. You will now have your little guy watching over you. Don't hesitate talking to him because he is listening. Abrazos to my dear brothers, We all love you and feel your pain. God be with you, The Reynoso Family, California*



THE REYNOSO FAMILY, CALIFORNIA - July 31, 2013 at 11:04 PM

JM

Thank you my Friends, for your kind & gentle words. Stephen made our house a home. We will always honor and respect him. The Eight wonderful years we shared in our home was bliss. These last eight years taught us so very much about how to live, to love, to care. How this child enhanced our lives is beyond any words.

joseph segura & marc mirabal - August 01, 2013 at 03:12 PM

TC

“ **THE REYNOSO FAMILY, CALIFORNIA** *lit a candle in memory of Stephen Edwin John "Dido" Pierce*



THE REYNOSO FAMILY, CALIFORNIA - July 31, 2013 at 10:52 PM

GK

“ Stephen, you were such an amazing cousin.
You always made us smile, we miss you so
much. We love you.
Ashley, Kelly, and Sidney



grace kittrell - July 31, 2013 at 10:46 PM

GK

“ Stephen touched our lives more than we
knew. It was an honor to know and love him.
We love you Stephen- GOD bless you.
Aunt Grace & Uncle Chris



grace kittrell - July 31, 2013 at 10:42 PM

JM

Grace and Chris...thank you.

joseph segura & marc mirabal - August 03, 2013 at 02:03 PM

MJ

“ Lit a candle in memory of Stephen Edwin
John "Dido" Pierce



marc & joseph - July 31, 2013 at 08:58 PM

AS

“ *Stephen never spoke in words, however he communicated. He will be very missed by friends and family.*

Lots of Love, Grandma Smith

Annette Smith - July 31, 2013 at 02:53 PM

FF

“ *On behalf of the FRENCH Family of Companies we express our deepest condolences.*

French Funerals-Cremations - July 30, 2013 at 05:47 PM