



Mr. Antonio Avila

June 12, 1987 - April 24, 2025

Mr. Antonio “Cago” Avila, 37 of Peoria, IL, passed away at 6 am on Thursday, April 24, 2025 at his residence.

Antonio was born in Chicago, IL on June 12, 1987 to Lolita Russell Flowers and Ricardo Avila.

Antonio moved with his family at the age of four years old to Peoria, IL. He was a graduate of Richwoods High School. During high school he worked at Red Carpet Carwash. He last worked at Landmark Recreational Center as a maintenance manager until his illness in January of 2025.

Antonio had a smile that would melt your heart and he loved his family and friends faithfully. He would give you the shirt off his back. Antonio’s musical gifts can be heard to this day. He was extremely talented.

Antonio’s children were a blessing to him; for he loved and cherished them dearly. Anytime spent with them would reflect in his smile.

Antonio leaves to cherish his memory, his mother, Lolita Russell Flowers of Peoria, IL; his son, DeAndre Holcomb of Peoria Heights, IL; one daughter, MaKynzie Lindsey; two sisters, Tiffany Flowers and Becky Gulley both of Peoria, IL; his fiancé and the love of his life, Elexus “Sasha” Dotzert of Peoria, IL; his maternal grandmother, Gertrude Russell of Chicago, IL; two nieces, Harmene Flowers and Lyric Flowers both of Peoria, IL; Godmother, Tracey

Crouthers of Chicago, IL; one uncle, Walter “Boo” Mahone of Hot Springs, AR; three cousins, Sherri Mahone of Atlanta, GA, Elliot Pleasants of San Diego, CA who checked on Antonio daily and Trent Wilkins of Peoria, IL; his adopted brothers, Sharif Campbell, Joe Lee Holbrook, Treye Collins, Justin Murdock and Taylor Murdock all of Peoria, IL and a host of other family and friends who loved him. He is preceded in death by his father; one brother, Eddie Flowers; maternal grandfather, John Russell and grandmother, Ethel Martin.

Even though Antonio could not walk or talk toward the end, his smile would always shine through.

POEM

I thought of you today, but that is nothing new.
I thought about you, yesterday and days before that too.
I think of you in silence, I often speak your name.
All I have are memories and your picture in a frame.
Your memory is a keepsake from which I'll never part.
God has you in His arms, I have you in my heart
Love Always,
Mama

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

SR

“ *Shari Rutherford lit a candle in memory of Antonio Avila*



Shari Rutherford - May 05, 2025 at 04:07 PM

SA

“ *I felt honored to be part of Antonio's life (as well as his dear Mother, Lolita and fiancé, Sasha while he was in and out of the hospital for the last few months of his earthly life. Thank you for allowing me to accompany Antonio and his family during those difficult months. I had the joy of baptizing him about 2 weeks before the Lord called him home.*

Praying for his family and friends.

In Christ,

Sister M . Andrea

Sister M. Andrea - May 03, 2025 at 10:07 PM

FH

“ *I am in disbelief that Antonio is no longer with us! I wasn't aware he was ill! My deepest condolences for your family!! I was very fond of him and I know Treye loved him like a brother!*



Felicia Hoskins - May 01, 2025 at 10:24 PM

DK

“ *RIP, you will never be forgotten and always be in our hearts. Sympathy to the family. May God help you through this 🙏*

Doris Davis keys - May 01, 2025 at 05:25 PM

DK

“ *Doris Davis keys lit a candle in memory of Antonio Avila*



Doris Davis keys - May 01, 2025 at 05:20 PM

RM

“ *Thank you Antonio for loving my granddaughter, Lexy as much as you did! You were the light in her life for many years! You will be truly missed!*



Rayeanne Maher - May 01, 2025 at 01:22 PM

JW

“ *RiP my bro you will be truly missed. And to the Family I am so sorry for your loss*



Jessie B. Wade - April 29, 2025 at 12:45 PM