

From the Arturo and Yadira Martinez Family:

Arturo and Yadira from Mexican descent met at the Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla in México when they were nineteen years old and were studying at the law school. Both in love with each other shared more than just a life together, since they established a shoe business in a 6 ft by 6 ft store and selling from door to door to support themselves and pay for the college education. Arturo's mother suffered from an illness, leaving her with consequences which impede her from continue providing for her family and supporting them with their college education. Arturo, the oldest of three siblings; two of them still living in the mother's home. All of them lost their financial stability and therefore were unable to support themselves in every aspect of life. Since Arturo was the oldest, he became the head of the family.

Yady (Yadira's nickname) was the oldest of five children of a family living in a small community in Hidalgo, Mexico who put their dreams on her becoming the leader of the family and perhaps helping them to have a better life. Since opportunity of employment was limited and scarce, the lack of means excluded them from achieving the greatest developments in life.

The shoe store wasn't enough to provide and meet all their needs and due to this, they decided to unite their lives forever and continue striving together. Trusting in the love they have for each other. They got married and celebrated their marriage with just a hug and sharing with seven family members. They decided to migrate to USA looking for the American dream and for a way to provide for their respective families. During their fifteen day journey to the USA, they emptied their pockets to survive from a simple supply of cookies and water under the burning sun and slippery and tilted mountains. Finally, they arrived to Los Angeles looking for help. They were denied by the Mexican community. For a few days they walk from street to street looking for an honest job. That's how their American dream began, working in Taco Bell, car washing, packaging vegetables, and in any other honest job to have a little bit more money to survive, sleeping only a few hours a day. Seeing each other only for a few hours a day, but supporting each other greatly, their love became stronger.

They learned that up north there were better jobs and more opportunities for them to reach their American dream. They decided, to move to Las Vegas, Nevada, full of hope, love and with only few dollars in their pockets. They arrived to a friend of friend's home and began looked for jobs doing works they already knew like fast food preparation. They knew that construction work was hard and heavy duty, but a good option. So, she started working in a fast food restaurant and he found a job as an electrician apprentice.

They kept their promise of sending money to their families; to his brother to pay for his college education to become an engineer and to her mother to support her and her youngest brother to keep him in school and sacrificing their own comfort, they work as hard as they could, paid taxes, and humbly bought a modest house.

Later on, they were blessed with their first child KARLA EDITH, who is Arturo's life, his princess. The realization of their love. He tells everybody Karlita (Karla's nickname) will be a great woman as her mother Yady is. Karla was a beautiful, playful, dynamic, energetic, and very loved girl. He referred that he had the two greatest loves of his life, his Queen Yady and his princess Karla, a complete family. By all their hard work, dedication, and sacrifice gave to them the greatest award. Their American Dream!. They love this country which has given them hope, a light at the end of the tunnel, support, and the way to provide for their family.

They are blessed again with their second child, Cristofer Arturo who is intelligent, sentimental, loving, peaceful, playful, and noble as he can be.

Art always has been outstanding, excellent and a hard worker in every job he has held. He has gotten promotions, recognized for his great responsibility, and welcomed into the electrician brotherhood, truthful co-workers day by day at the Electrician Union of the State of Nevada.

Art and Yady enrolled their princess Karla now five years old and Cristofer in gymnastics, karate, boxing, athletics, etc.; always looking to have them involved in extracurricular activities to help them become good, honorable, and successful people. That's their way of thinking; they lived a true American life, the eagle that was added to their American life. The Martinez family happily keeps growing and Alejandro Khalil, their third child, was born. He is playful, bold, perspicacious, and loving.

Yadira was a striving woman, hard worker, and of good principles who instill into her children, the love for God and respect for others. She was a stay at home mother dedicated to the care and education of her little angels and caring for her husband; and in her spare time she sold perfumes to help her and him with the financial situation of the house whole.

Sports are something they loved and during this recession they decided to propel the economy, by opening a gym with the life savings they had. During the day, Art works an electrician while Yady works in the gym and take care of their children. In the evenings, Art worked as trainer in the gym, always putting children and school first. He knows the importance of having a good education, something that life took away from him; of being prepared for life, and of taking advantage of opportunities.

Now, their America Dream has been snatched away from them, soiled, stained, by this outrages act. After they came back home from a gathering and while they were resting in their modest home, Queen and Princess were brutally murder, and their Champion, Art left devastated, with a destroyed family, and severely injured, struggling between life and death, perhaps with severe consequences, and with a harsh future to come.

What kind of humanity are able to commit sublime acts such as this evil terrible atrocity?. This crime has caused a great physical, mental, and emotional harm to this family which now is immerge in uncertainty and pain. Relatives, friends, neighbors, and community in general are dismayed and praying for this family.

Art and his sons will never recover from this act of hatred and of what has been taken away from them. He is in great need of your help and support. Your donation will be greatly appreciated. Please do your donations in Arturo Martinez Name to the account of:

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Gaudia Martinez

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Art's Sister

Art's Brother