



Garett Alan Montanez

December 3, 1966 - May 20, 2015

Garett Alan Montanez, age 48 of Bloomington passed away Wednesday evening at his residence, the 20th of May 2015. He was born in Islip, New York to Donald Montanez and Elaine Edmonds Montanez on December 3, 1966.

Garett received his Bachelor's Degree, graduating Magna Cum Laude from the University of Florida and went on to receive a double Masters Degree from Indiana University in both Library Sciences and Information Sciences.

He worked for the Indiana University Libraries since 2002.

Garett is survived by his wife Diane Dallis and their son James Dallis Montanez of Bloomington; sister Melissa Wainright and her husband Daniel of Bloomington; nephews Cole and Owen Wainright of Bloomington; brother Daniel Montanez of California; brother Scott Montanez and his wife Anjanette of Seattle, Washington; brother Eric Montanez and his wife Lora of St. Petersburg, Florida. Garett's father Donald Montanez of Morriston, Florida, also survives. He was preceded in death by his mother, Elaine Montanez.

Friends and family are invited to Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 South Old State Road 37 on Friday, May 29, 2015 from 4:00PM
until 7:00PM to share stories and celebrate Garrett's life.

In lieu of flowers emorial contributions may be made in Garrett's
memory to either,

Wonder Lab at

<http://fs4.formsite.com/WonderLab/form16/index.html>

WonderLab Museum of Science, Health and Technology

308 West 4th Street

Bloomington, IN 47404

or the Monroe County Public Library at

<http://www.monroe.lib.in.us/friends/donate-friends-library-mail>

Friends of the Library

303 E. Kirkwood Avenue

Bloomington, IN 47408

where Garrett so enjoyed taking their son James to.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at
www.allenfuneralhome.org.

Tribute Wall

JA

“*Garett and I were close friends during our late teens and played lots of music together. Over the years we both traveled far away from each other and lost touch, but Garett always shined in my memory as just the type of transparent, sincere, humane, creative, loving person we should all aspire to be in life. I always hoped we would meet again one day and share our life's journeys with one another, but that day will have to wait. I'm sorry to hear of his early passing, but I can tell by the comments left here that he never ceased being the extraordinary man he always was. My deepest condolences to his family. He will always remain a smiling and hopeful presence in my memory. Rest in peace, my friend.*”

James Lopez - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

CA

“*It's been almost 30 years, but I will never forget the first words Garett said to me, that were: "You look like someone that should go on a picnic." That was Garett...whimsical, sweet, funny and always in the middle of the social whirl in Tampa. You were a great friend and will be missed immensely. My heart goes out to all of his friends and family.*”

Carolyn Karpinski - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

MA

“*Diane, I just learned of Garett's passing - I'm so very sorry to hear this. You have my deepest sympathies, and you, James, and your families are much in my thoughts.*”

Marissa Priddis - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

KU

“ *Diane,*

My deepest sympathy to you and your family. You remain in my thoughts.

Kurt

Kurt Zorn - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

YO

“ *Dear Diane,*

I am so sorry to hear of Garrett's passing. My deepest sympathy go out to you and your family. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Take care - Yolanda

Yolanda Cooper - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

CA

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Garrett's passing! He was such a kind and gentle person, and always had a smile for everyone! My best thoughts and prayers are with you Diane, your sweet son, and your families.*

Cathy Berndt - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

DE

“ *Diane, I am so very sorry for your loss. You have never been far from my thoughts since I heard the awful news of Garrett's passing. I didn't know Garrett well, but any interaction I ever had with him was always a pleasure. My heart goes out to you and Jimmy, and all of Garrett's loving family.*

Debbie Thorson - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

CA

“ I only knew Garrett in a short interlude. However, he left a big impression. It as the 4th of July parade a year or so ago and my husband was "shooting" the event (photographing) with abandon. As a result, I had the pleasure of sitting with the three of you and enjoying the parade through James' eyes. Garrett was so welcoming and kind. As someone who was only touched in passing, I cannot imagine how substantial the loss must be to his loved ones. My heart and prayers go out to you, Diane. Cathy O

Cathy O'Bryan - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

DH

“ Diane,how very sorry I am to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you, James and all of Garett's loved ones.

Diana Hanson - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

MI

“ I was so shocked and saddened to hear of Garett's passing. I had the privilege of working with Garett, and I always marvelled at his calm demeanor, his never-ending curiosity, his kindness, and the positivity and wonder with which he approached life. He will be missed. My heartfelt condolences go out to Diane, James, and all of Garett's loved ones. I am so sorry for your loss.

Misty Walter - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

JI

“ I'm so sorry to hear this news. I worked with Garett and collaborated with him on several projects just recently. He was always a kind and gentle soul, and I don't think I ever heard him speak negatively of anyone. He will be sorely missed. My condolences to the family in this most difficult time.

Jim Halliday - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

AL

“ So shocked and saddened to hear about such a tragic loss of a beautiful human being. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. I am sending a special hug to my dear old friend Missy. I know the love you shared with your brother Garrett and I know it will go beyond this mortal world.
love to you all

Alison krumm - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

PH

“ Dear Diane,
So sorry to hear about Garrett; such a shock for you and Jimmy. Lots of prayers are coming your way. May you be surrounded by the love and affection of good friends and family.

Phyllis Davidson - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

CY

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I will miss Garrett and his kind words.
~Cynthia

Cynthia Ramlo - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

DA

“ I was very saddened to hear of Garrett's passing. He was a good friend in high school. I remember when we still called him "Gary" and when and why he asked to be called "Garrett." He was a wonderful person with nothing but nice things to say about everyone. We shared many good times at his house listening to records and playing in our little makeshift band. My thoughts are with his wife and child, his sister Missy and the rest of his family. May they find peace at this troubling time.

Dave Turney - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

LI

“ My deepest sympathies to all who were touched by Garrett. I have never met him but heard so many wonderful things about him through his sister Melissa. My heart is with you my dear sweet friend. Ava and I wish we could be there to support and care for you all. With all our love, Liz

Liz Carlos - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

JA

“ Garrett was such a warm and thoughtful presence in the Libraries. I will miss his kind smile. My deepest sympathies to his family.

Jackie Byrd - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

MI

“ Your family is in our thoughts. Garrett was a unique and wonderful person and the world is a smaller place for the loss of him.

The Sears Family

Michelle Sears - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

EY

“ Hello...I was an old high school friend of Garrett, and was so sorry to hear of his passing. He was a great influence to me and my friends in high school. If there is anything we can do let me know.

Again. So sorry. Wish we could be there. I'm located in Tampa or I would be there along with A LOT of others that knew and loved him.

Love and Light,

~Eyda

Eyda Punto - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

MB

“ I am stunned and so sad--I remember Garrett as a very kind, gentle-spirited person, and I really enjoyed the shifts that we worked together. My love and warm thoughts to Diane and the rest of Garrett's family during this time.

Melissa Walter Bruecks - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

RA

“ Diane,
So very sorry for your loss. Sending prayers and much love to you and your family.
Rachel

Rachel Slough - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

KA

“ Diane, I am shocked and horrified to hear about Garrett. I simply can't believe it. I will be praying for you all.

Kate Matthen - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

MO

“ I am so very sad that Garrett has gone. He was a wonderful , extremely talented colleague. He was a unique individual, quiet , never boastful, and always went out of his way to help others. I will miss him. Diane, James, and the rest of the family are in our prayers.

Moira Marsh - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

MI

“ *My heart is broken, my friend is gone. A part of me is gone too. Words cannot express my love for Garrett throughout the years. He brought so much to my young life and I will never forget him.*

Love and light to all those close to him, may his soul rest in peace.

I love you my brother and will always remember you.

Michael Riff - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

DA

“ *Heartfelt condolences for your tragic loss. Garrett was a gentleman and was always ready with a kind word.*

David Frasier - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

MO

“ *I will always remember Garrett's smile and his kindness. He was definitely a stand-up guy, and willing to help anyone. He had such a kind and gentle soul, and calming voice. He will be sorely missed. I am in total shock right now. Diane, my deepest deepest condolences to you and your family. If you need anything, I am here for you. I'm so very sorry for your loss. -- Mo*

Monique Threatt - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM