



## Austin James "AJ" Verbanac

September 27, 1989 - March 9, 2022

On Wednesday March 9, 2022 Austin James "AJ" Verbanac, 32 of Bonita Springs, FL passed away suddenly. Austin was born on September 27, 1989 to Michael Joseph Verbanac and Kimberly Ruth MacLaren in Naples, FL. He graduated from High School in Naples, FL on July 15, 2008. He attended Edison Community College for a short time and found his passion for the love of the outdoors which consisted of fishing, hiking, camping, and saw palmetto berry picking. Additionally, his passion to help those whom were suffering from food, clothing or money insufficiency motivated him at times to give the shirt off of his own back. His compassion for those whom were suffering has changed many that knew him.

The most important person in Austin's life was his daughter Sophia Rose. She was the love of his life and dreamed of the day that he would be able to overcome his challenges in life to become that father he wanted to be for her. His daily routine with her was a "good morning my love" phone call to wish her a great day and a "night time call to tell her to have sweet dreams and I love you baby".

Austin touched everyone he was around and, in a way, became a teacher of those to experience him through consequence of actions vicariously. He was a good man and a kind soul.

Austin is survived by his mother Kimberly MacLaren, his father Michael Verbanac, his daughter Sophia Rose, his brothers, Camron (Jessica) Verbanac, Casey Verbanac, his sister Jennifer (Peter) Abreut, and his niece Bailey Verbanac, nephews Aiden and Lincoln Verbanac all located in Florida. Additionally, his grandfather Joseph Verbanac. In addition to numerous aunts and uncles, and cousins in Florida, Michigan, and Washington State.

He was preceded in death by Grandmother, Dolores (DeeDee) Verbanac, Grandfather William Mark MacLaren, Grandmother Esther MacLaren and his Aunt Kristine Brown.

Friends are welcome from 1:00-3:00 P.M. on Sunday March 20, 2022 at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home & Crematory, 28300 Tamiami Trail South, Bonita Springs, FL. where a Funeral Service will follow at 3:00 P.M.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial donations to made, in Austin's name to: Harry Chapin Food Bank at 3760 Fowler St., Ft. Myers, FL. 33901. w [www.harrychapinfoodbank.org](http://www.harrychapinfoodbank.org)

To sign Austin's guest register or leave online condolences, please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com)

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home & Crematory Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 20. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home  
28300 Tamiami Trail So.  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134  
(239) 992-4982  
bonitafhbill@comcast.net

## Funeral Service

MAR 20. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Austin James "AJ" Verbanac*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *My prayers and sympathy with you all. May AJ's memory always be good and positive. I share your feelings in difficult times. We always care for the young ones and move forward with the parent in our hearts and soul forever.*

**Gregg Rosenthal** - March 19, 2022 at 04:20 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Austin James "AJ" Verbanac.*



March 19, 2022 at 03:40 PM



“ *Rest easy brother . We may have not always seen eye to eye on things but you were always in the back of my mind . I love you and will miss your silly sauce obsessed ass. I'll make sure you've got some ranch dressing with you.*

**camron verbanac** - March 19, 2022 at 12:41 PM

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“ *May Austin's memory always be a blessing to the family. The love he had for his family and daughter will always be remembered. Prayers and hugs being sent from IL. My deepest sympathies at this difficult time. - Karen Rosenthal*

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**Karen Rosenthal** - March 18, 2022 at 06:04 AM

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“ *Your smiling face and "I love you MoM!" every time you walk out the door or hang up the phone. xoxo forever 💔*

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**Kimberly MacLaren** - March 16, 2022 at 08:06 PM