



Rodney Michael Marlin

November 28, 1962 - October 20, 2019

Born in Los Angeles, grew up in Detroit, Michael, at a very young age always knew that he would live in California.

In his youth, Michael loved football, horse racing and theater. His mother introduced him to harness and thoroughbred horse racing that led him to travel to Canada and throughout the USA. Racing tracks from coast to coast, the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs in Louisville being the highlight.

A year before graduating at Eastern Michigan University, he left Michigan and moved to Los Angeles to live out his dream. He held various jobs including back lot work and warm up act at Paramount Studios. He completed his formal education with a Masters Degree in Clinical Psychology at Antioch University. He also worked for the City of San Francisco in the Social Work and Therapeutic Field for several years before settling back to Southern California.

A longtime friend introduced him to Palm Springs and he set out to reside in the neighboring city, Desert Hot Springs. He purchased his home in 2016 and was married to his spouse, Orestes, in 2017.

Michael will be remembered for his deep love for his family, friends, career, travel, arts, tennis, horse racing and football.

He is survived by husband Orestes Chua, brothers Kenneth, Darryl and wife Susan, sisters Caroline, Cynthia Jackson, Wanda Weems and many nieces, nephews, cousins and a multitude of friends and coworkers.

Preceded in death by George Marlin (Father), Anthony Marlin (Brother), Lucille Marlin (Mother), Judy Penny (Sister).

He left us too soon, but his legacy will never be forgotten.

Tribute Wall



“ Rodney Michael Marlin

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“ Michael will be truly missed by his Telecare family. I had the pleasure of getting to work alongside Michael as administrators of the mental health urgent cares we both managed. He had amazing strengths and passion for this work and was an advocate for providing quality care to persons affected by mental illness. Michael had a compassionate spirit. I know his team will truly miss him!

Lisa Hecker - October 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ Hello, I only had the pleasure of meeting Michael once but his warm smile and friendly demeanor was so welcoming, My deepest condolences and prayers to his family and friends. Cherrlynn

Cherrlynn Hubbard - October 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ Rodney and I were roommates for many years, you will be missed more than words can express. Rest In Peace and see you in our next life. Love always Leo

Leonard Aragon - October 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM