



## Shawn Christian Gonzales

May 14, 1996 - March 9, 2025

It is with profound sorrow and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Shawn Gonzales, a brilliant soul whose light shone brightly for just 28 years. Shawn was a man of extraordinary talents, a computer genius whose mind could weave magic from code and innovation. Yet, it was his boundless kindness, unwavering love for those around him, and his undeniable ability to make everyone feel seen and valued that made him truly special. Shawn was preceded in death by his beloved grandparents: Ernest Williams, Daryl Adkins, and Bennie Gonzales, first cousin Debbie Kennedy, and his best friend, Tony Cesario. Though they are no longer with us, their love and memories will forever live on in the hearts of those who remain. He is survived by his loving parents, Chris and Fudge Gonzales; his grandmothers, "Gramsie" Janet Adkins and Timmie Gonzales; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family, and friends. Shawn's furry companions, Sasha, Apollo, and Keefe, were never far from his side, and their love for him was as constant and pure as his love for them. Shawn's passion for life extended beyond the screen and keyboard. He had a deep love for cars and racing, a pursuit that ignited his spirit with every twist of the wheel. The roar of an engine was music to his ears, and the thrill of speed mirrored the fierce energy and zest for life he carried with him everywhere. Whether racing through the streets or immersed in his favorite video games, Shawn found joy in the simple, yet powerful moments that made his world his own. To know Shawn was to be touched by a kindness that was rare and pure. Shawn was a

dedicated and passionate swimmer, competing for 13 years starting at the age of 4 with the Pueblo Swim Club. His love for the sport continued through his years at South High School, where he was known for his perseverance, sportsmanship, and team spirit. He cherished his parents, family, and friends in ways that words often fall short of expressing. The depth of his love for those closest to him was immeasurable, and he never hesitated to show it, with a smile, a laugh, or a comforting word. Shawn had a way of making everyone feel like they were the most important person in the room, and in his presence, no one ever felt alone. His family, friends, and loved ones are left with hearts full of both sorrow and gratitude. Sorrow, because we must now navigate a world without his infectious spirit and magnetic presence. Gratitude, because we were blessed to have known him, to have shared moments with him, and to have witnessed his incredible journey. Shawn touched every life he encountered, leaving an indelible mark of love, brilliance, and joy. Shawn, though you have left us too soon, your legacy will live on in the hearts of all who knew you. Your work, your passions, and your love will continue to inspire us every day. The world is less bright without you, but we will carry your light within us always. Rest in peace, Shawn. You will forever be loved, remembered, and missed. In honor of Shawn's memory, we ask that those who knew him celebrate the joy he brought into their lives by continuing to love fiercely, live passionately, and share a laugh or a smile with those around them, just as Shawn did every day.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Romero Family Funeral Home  
110 Cleveland St.  
Pueblo, CO 81004  
(719) 583-1313  
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# Tribute Wall

KH

“ I coached Shawn in swimming from a young boy through high school. Shawn was a solid swimmer. Great teammate. Always making the state team. Kept a positive attitude. It was an honor to coach him. As his high school coach, I always knew him as the " go to "guy if I needed something done.  
Kathy Howard

Kathy Howard - March 21, 2025 at 12:10 PM

BM

“ Barbara Matuzak lit a candle in memory of Shawn Christian Gonzales



Barbara Matuzak - March 18, 2025 at 11:59 PM

TC

“ I work for Pueblo County Facilities. I met Shawn the first time I called for help with my computer. He arrived with a positive attitude and a friendly smile. We conversed the whole time he worked on my problem. I really enjoyed his company. What a great young man. this is a tragedy. I would use his seVICES again and see him here and there as my job gets me around. Always that great smile and a warm greeting. Why does god take all the good ones so soon in life. He will be missed by myself and any others who knew him. My sincere condolences to his family for your horrible loss.

Tom Clementi - March 17, 2025 at 03:09 PM

DD

“ Such a wonderful guy! You have always had a special place in my heart Shawn. The last time I saw you was at Timmie's birthday party. I was so happy to see you and gave you a big tight hug! Our loss is Heaven's gain. Your time on earth was our blessing.

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**Dennis L. Sisneros - Debaca** - March 17, 2025 at 09:06 AM

JV

“ I've known you since you were in Jr. High...my daughters friend that very soon became mine! You always gave me a big hug when you would see me, I will truly miss, and always talked to me 😭 Shawn, I will miss your beautiful smile and friendship 💔 Fly with the Angels my dear boy. 🙏🕊️🕊️🕊️

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**Jane Villarreal** - March 15, 2025 at 01:25 PM

JH

“ Shawn, so shocked and saddened, didn't know him long but the minute you meet Shawn, friends forever. He did more for CSU in one day than an entire cadre of others from elsewhere. We are so grateful for having known and worked with this bright super smart young man of service! JR Hall

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**JR Hall** - March 15, 2025 at 11:50 AM

VE

“ It is with a heavy, but prideful heart that I write this but it was a pleasure to have known Shawn. Shawn forgot more knowledge about electronics, computers, and A/V, than most of us will ever know in a life time. He would always be the first one to offer his help. When I moved into my first apartment, Shawn offered to help install a surround sound system my dad gave me. When he showed up he had a bag full of stuff he bought to make the equipment work properly. We set everything up, (I moved things around and watched him, nodding me head, pretending to know what he was talking about.) When it was all set up, I tried to pay Shawn for his help and the equipment he purchased of course, he declined vehemently and insisted it was a gift to congratulate us on the new apartment. We sat and enjoyed cold beer and listened to the music. When I moved out of state, we did it all over again this time over FaceTime. (I still don't know what I'm doing) 😞 I'll miss you friend, save me a seat. Until next time. Cheers.



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**Vert** - March 15, 2025 at 11:32 AM

CH

“ We grew up together... you are loved forever.



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**Chrissy** - March 14, 2025 at 11:34 PM

LS

“ Shawn I am sure that you and your friend Angelina are lighting up the sky. Fudge and Chris I am so very sorry for your loss



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**Lorraine Sisneros** - March 14, 2025 at 09:59 PM