



## Aviano T. Torres

June 8, 1995 - September 17, 2007

Aviano T. Torres, age 12, of Utica, went to live with the angels on Monday, September 17, 2007. His passing occurred in the comfort of his home with his devoted family by his side, after a courageous battle with Rhabdomyosarcoma.

Born in St. Luke's Hospital on June 8, 1995, Aviano is the son of Alexis Torres and Rochelle (Gaffey) Torres. He was also blessed with the love and guidance of his "Dad", Christopher Jadwick. Raised and educated in Utica, Aviano graduated from Hugh R. Jones Elementary School and would have been a 7th grade student at James H. Donovan Middle School this year.

A "golden egg", Aviano matured to become a great young man with an intuitive nature. His respect and politeness was truly a blessing to his parents, and he was an adored brother to his siblings. He had a sensitive and kindhearted personality, and was always concerned about others, especially his family. During his illness he was brave, strong, and accepting. Others learned from his courage and fortitude while he endured the stages of his challenges. He loved fishing, outdoor activities and adventure, especially 'anything that went fast', including motorcycling and dirt biking with his dad Chris. His other favorite activities were playing pool (which he considered himself a semi pro), basketball, kickball, video games (especially Xbox 360), and watching Adam Sandler movies. A pizza fanatic, Aviano was very particular and would only eat the best- Tony's Pizzeria. He always looked forward to summer because he enjoyed swimming, jet skiing, and boating. But

above all, Aviano loved to be with his family at get-togethers and vacations. The Make-A-Wish Foundation offered him the opportunity to swim with the dolphins at Discovery Cove in Florida which was a dream come true. He received his sacraments at Historic Old St. John's Church.

Aviano is survived by his parents, Rochelle and Chris; and Alexis Torres; his siblings, Alex "Geju", Candace, Shante, Shauna, Alyssa, Santia, Jovonna, and Amanie; and his grandparents, Ruth Gaffey, Sobeida Rodriguez, Bonnie Griffith, and John Jadwick. He also leaves his cousins, aunts, uncles, and lots of great friends, especially Dakota, and Danielle; and his canine sharpei and best friend, "Bear". He was predeceased by his grandparents, Ralph Calicchia, and Delphine Colon.

The family extends heartfelt appreciation to and are forever grateful for University Hospital, Syracuse, Pediatric Oncology Department, the Outpatient Department, and their devoted physicians and nurse practitioner Diane Groth; the entire staff of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center, especially Dr. Afsar Khan; St. Jude's Children's Hospital; Laurie Fazekas of Lifetime Care who has made the last few months so bearable through the compassionate commitment of the organization; the Songs of Love Foundation; Rooms To Heal; and Rob Esche Save of the Day Foundation who enhanced his life experience. The family was blessed with the love and support of Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc., especially Navaz who charmed herself into Aviano's heart. Thanks also to Fr. Buehler and Sister Sharon for their prayers and visits, the Columbus Community Church, the support of the Utica City School District, especially nurse Becky Kogut and her mother Marian Gerace, and to the many friendships who were unending and have endured the trials of Aviano's illness, especially the Mazza family. The outpouring of support and generosity from the community, even those personally unknown to the family who have shared in donations of their heart will never be forgotten by Aviano's family.

Visitation will be held Thursday (today) from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Aviano's funeral service will commence on Friday morning at 9:00 from the funeral home and at 10:00

at Historic Old St. John's Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall



“ dear Avi

*u are missed very much and we wish we could see u right now but u r in a better place and u r put out of ur missary*

*P.S i am with danielle and i cryed at ur funeral cause i miss u###imported-begin##olivia mundschenk ##imported-end##*

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March 06, 2008 at 11:08 AM



“ *Rachelle and Family*

*I am so sorry about AVI! Know that he is pain free and feeling like a kid again! He will be missed so much. I will miss talking to you in 5C!###imported-begin##KIm##imported-end##*

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September 25, 2007 at 10:22 AM



“ *Im just comin through to say im sorry for all that uve had to go through n im srii for the loved ones who lost you..*

*Miss U Much###imported-begin##Nicole Kelley##imported-end##*

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September 23, 2007 at 02:18 PM



“ AVIANO U WILL ALWAYS BE LOVED AND IN OUR HEARTS. YOU WERE A VERY STRONG BOY AND YOU PUT UP WITH A LOT. YOU WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. YOU ARE NOW WITH THE ANGELS IN A BETTER PLACE. NO MORE PAIN YOU ARE FREE TO GO. WE MISS U SOO MUCH AVIANO. AVIANO'S FAMILY I AM TERRIBLY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. ILL KEEP YOU GUYS IN MY PRAYERS. JUST KEEP YOUR HEADS UP HIGH! HES PROTECTING YOU AND LOOKING AFTER YOU..GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND TAKE CARE###imported-begin##BRITTANY###imported-end##

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September 22, 2007 at 11:30 PM



“ i miss u so much avi luv you love liv###imported-begin##olivia mundschenk###imported-end##

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September 22, 2007 at 03:47 PM



“ Rochelle, Chris, and family: Obbie, ... (with tears in my eyes)...a truly beautiful young man...who has inspired me as I saw him occassionally; so brave...so kind...so special...

*He is now home truly with the angels...*

*You have touched so many peoples lives, including mine. You will live in my heart forever...and may I be reminded when I am going through tough times...the brave spirit you always had while here on earth. Thank you to you and your parents for passing that strength on to me!*

*Love, Doreen K. Jadwick###imported-begin##Doreen K. Jadwick###imported-end##*

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September 21, 2007 at 03:43 PM



“ I WILL MISS U AVI U WAS MY BESTFRIEND AND I MISS U##imported-begin##SHI'AYLA WATSON##imported-end##

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September 21, 2007 at 08:47 AM



“ Avi i will miss u and i will see u some day in heaven

I WILL NEVER FORGET U >3333##imported-begin##Tori##imported-end##

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September 20, 2007 at 07:54 PM



“ Avi, you will be missed dearly. Look out after my brother and the rest of your family. To my brother Chris, Rochelle and everyone else that was an important asset in Aviano's life...Y'all hang in there. Aviano is in a better place and will always be with us all. Take care!##imported-begin##Heather Jadwick##imported-end##

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September 20, 2007 at 07:19 PM



“ To Avi's family..my deepest sympathy. He as a super kid with courage beyond his years. You can rest assured that you did evertthing humanly possible to help Avi in his fight. And to Avi...you are now in your eternal reward where you can live free of pain with the Almighty God. You are safe and comfortable in His loving arms watching down on us. You will be missed tremendously by your loved ones and by those of us who knew you for just a short time at Jones School. Rest in peace sweet Avi.##imported-begin##Marie Amodio##imported-end##

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September 20, 2007 at 06:56 PM



“ I went to Jones with Aviano. I prayed for him every night for him to get better. We know Aviano is in a better place now. I will never forget him. I love and miss you Avi.##imported-begin##Marissa Hobika##imported-end##

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September 20, 2007 at 04:09 PM



“ ROCHELLE AND CHRIS, I WAS VERY SAD TO HEAR ABOUT AVIANO. HE WAS TRULY A GOOD KID. I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HIS SMILE ,HIS STRENGTH, AND HIS COURAGE DURING HIS ILLNESS. I FEEL PRIVALAGE TO HAVE HELPED HIM AND TO HAVE KNOWN HIM. MAY GOD GIVE YOU GUYS STRENGTH DURING YOUR TIME OF SORROW. ALWAYS REMEMBER AVIANOS IN A BETTER PLACE NOW. THERE IS NO SUFFERING AND PAIN THERE ..ONE DAY WE WILL SEE HIS SMILING FACE AGAIN. LOVE YOU GUYS AND TAKE. CHERYL FROM THE LAB.##imported-begin##CHERYL JOHNSON ##imported-end##

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September 20, 2007 at 12:52 PM



“ My deepest condolences to your family in this time of great sorrow.

*In Sympathy,*  
Mrs. Beth Pedulla##imported-begin##Mrs. Beth Pedulla##imported-end##

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September 20, 2007 at 12:13 PM



“ Rochelle, Chris, & family, we are so sorry to hear of Avi's passing. He was such a special boy and a good friend to Nick. They had lots of fun playing video games at the hospital and at your home. That was a day that I know Nick will never forget. He is now an angel in heaven as he was on earth. He will be missed by all.##imported-begin##Barb & Dominick Busco##imported-end##

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September 20, 2007 at 11:48 AM



“ Alexis, Sobeida & family -

*My deepest sympathy in the loss of your son and grandson Aviano. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Frankito##imported-end##*

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September 20, 2007 at 10:59 AM



“ I am sorry for your loss,He is with God now and will not be in pain anymore.Rest your lil soul Aviano...##imported-begin##Angela Fazekas##imported-end##

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September 20, 2007 at 10:51 AM



“ Rochelle, Chris and Alexis,

*I am so very sorry for your loss! Aviano was such a pleasure to have as a patient at University Hospital! He was such a sweetheart, and I cared very much for him! I will keep you and your family in my prayers during this sad and difficult time.*

*Debbie Metallo, RN (7H)##imported-begin##Debbie Metallo##imported-end##*

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September 20, 2007 at 08:41 AM



“ *There are those whose lives death cannot diminish. Their love radiates forever in the hearts of friends and loved ones, and their light shines on in the lives they've touched. Rest in Peace, my dear little friend, who taught me the true meaning of courage.*

*With Love,*  
*Barbara##imported-begin##Barbara ( Marian Medical Lab)##imported-end##*

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September 20, 2007 at 12:24 AM



“ *To Aviano's family. We went to Jones with Aviano. We prayed for him every night and we're so sorry for your loss. We know Aviano is in a better place now. We will never forget him.*

*Katie and Arianna Wiaters##imported-begin##Katie and Arianna wiaters##imported-end##*

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September 19, 2007 at 06:06 PM



“ dear avi,  
r.i.p., i love you soo much your my fav. broo. a.k.a. my partner in  
crimee. i'm glad to no that ur pain is no more and u are now in a  
happy place. I know your waching down on me and ill miss  
you.Love you avi bears.  
love joey baers !###imported-begin###jovonna###imported-end##

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September 19, 2007 at 10:15 AM



“ Avi###imported-begin###Dad (Chris)###imported-end##

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September 19, 2007 at 09:16 AM



“ aviano i miss you so much and I am so sorry this happened to you. I  
love you so much.  
I hope your family is ok and our prayers are with your family. Love  
Kristyn Caruso###imported-begin###kristyn###imported-end##

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September 19, 2007 at 08:41 AM



“ To the family of aviano my deepest regrests on the passing of  
aviano he was a great friend to a alot of people he touch alot of  
peoples heartshe also was a great friend to all his class mates at  
jones school who will miss him very deeply aviano nancy will miss  
you you were a good friend to her and all the teachers and kids at  
jones###imported-begin###CharlenePerrotta###imported-end##

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September 19, 2007 at 05:19 AM



“ Alexis;  
*I'm sorry for the lost. May the Lord give you strenght to go on at this time. My family and I will keep you in our payers today and always. May God Bless you.##imported-begin##milly##imported-end##*

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September 18, 2007 at 11:23 PM



“ *I just wanted to say I'm sorry for your loss, I can't imagine how painful it is for you all right now. My prayers and thoughts are with you all!!! God Bless you all at this time of need.*

*Ann Dobbins##imported-begin##Ann Dobbins##imported-end##*

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September 18, 2007 at 09:50 PM



“ *Alexis, I am sorry for your loss, my prayers are with you.##imported-begin##tita##imported-end##*

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September 18, 2007 at 09:08 PM



“ *Alexis our deepest sympathy for you and your family in this tough moment. We pray to God that he may give you strength through these rough moments. Hang in there and remember there is nothing more beautiful than our memories that we hold and that God promises us to reunite one day in heaven. May God bless you always. We love you.##imported-begin##Amie & Debbie & Catin Santos##imported-end##*

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September 18, 2007 at 07:12 PM



“ Alex My Deepest Sympathy to you and your family in this time of sorrow. We know he's in heaven now with thee Angel. My prayer are with you. From Florida with Love (Magda friend) Cindy & Eddie###imported-begin##Cindy & Eddie###imported-end##

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September 18, 2007 at 07:07 PM



“ avi...we're going to miss you....at least your not suffering anymore....see you soon buddy!!###imported-begin##A friend###imported-end##

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September 18, 2007 at 06:35 PM



“ Alexis I am so sorry for your loss. I know that there are no words that I can say to take away your pain. He is at peace now and is in a beautiful place with God. He will always be with you in your heart. You and your family are in my prayers.###imported-begin##Janet R.###imported-end##

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September 18, 2007 at 06:02 PM



“ To Rochelle & the Family, Nothing can describe how sad I feel about your loss. Avi has left his mark on the hearts of everyone who has ever known him and now our hearts are wounded. He's at peace in heaven with the angels and will always with you. God bless all of you today, tomorrow and always.###imported-begin##Tom Singe###imported-end##

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September 18, 2007 at 04:15 PM



“ Rochelle, we cannot express how sad we feel for you and your family. Aviano was special while on earth and he is a special angel now that he is in heaven and at peace. He will be with you everyday--believe in that.

*May your soul rest in peace Avi.##imported-begin##Cathy Massoud and Nick Angerosa##imported-end##*

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September 18, 2007 at 02:48 PM



“ To Rochelle and family:  
Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the passing of Avi. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##David Roberts##imported-end##

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September 18, 2007 at 11:41 AM



“ To Rochelle and the rest of the family:  
I am so sorry for your loss. Avi was a special and brave young man whom I feel honored to have been able to get to know. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of all of your lives. I will think of Avi often and remember the time we shared together. My thoughts are with all of you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Laurie Fazekas##imported-end##

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September 18, 2007 at 11:29 AM



“ To all of Avianos family,  
I am so so sorry for your loss, i liked Aviano alot. I will keep you in  
my prayers, and I will always remember the fun we has at Jones  
School, and Aviano will be the classmate I will remember forever.  
Love Samantha Bossone###imported-begin##Samantha  
Bossone###imported-end##

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September 18, 2007 at 10:23 AM



“ Im am so sorry to hear what happened, Aviano was a great friend, I  
miss him so much, but now we know he's in a better place and all  
his pain is gone. I will never forget all the fun times we had together.  
I love && miss him so much###imported-begin##Danielle  
Morrissey###imported-end##

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September 18, 2007 at 07:28 AM



“ R.I.P. Avi###imported-begin##Luchy###imported-end##

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September 18, 2007 at 05:32 AM



“ Im so sorry for you lost. I Knew Avi and he was a great boy. He will  
be miss a lot. Love All Of Ya. R.I.P. Aviano###imported-  
begin##Luchy###imported-end##

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September 18, 2007 at 05:26 AM