



Juan Bautista Escalera Jr.

June 3, 1979 - October 12, 2025

With profound sadness and endless love, we announce the passing of Juan Escalera, a devoted husband, father, and friend, who departed this world on October 12, 2025, after a long and courageous battle with ALS.

Juan was born on June 3, 1979, and throughout his life, he touched countless hearts with his strength, creativity, and compassion. He began feeling unwell in 2014 and was officially diagnosed with ALS in 2017. Though given only three years to live, Juan defied every expectation and fought bravely for eight long years — inspiring everyone who knew him with his resilience and unbreakable spirit.

Despite his illness, Juan continued to live fully and meaningfully. He became an active member and leader in the ALS community, supporting others and spreading hope wherever he could. His passion for art and music never faded — he expressed himself through drawings and songs, leaving behind pieces of his heart that will forever speak for him.

Above all, Juan was a family man. He was a loving and dedicated husband and a proud father to his beloved daughter. His family was his reason to keep fighting and his greatest source of joy. Those who knew him will remember his warm smile, sense of humor, and his deep love for life even in the face of hardship.

Juan's journey was one of courage, faith, and unconditional love. His life reminds us all to cherish each moment, love deeply, and never lose hope.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday, October 19, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Kingsgate Church, 25 Andrews Drive, Woodland Park, NJ 07424. Burial will follow on Monday, October 20, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Crest Haven Memorial Park, 750 Passaic Avenue, Clifton, NJ 07012.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made through the family's GoFundMe to assist with funeral expenses and to honor Juan's memory.

Juan will forever remain in our hearts — a true warrior, an artist, and a man whose courage will continue to inspire long after his passing.

Cemetery Details

Crest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery

750 Passaic Avenue
Clifton, NJ 07014

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **19**. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Kingsgate Church
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Burial

OCT **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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