



## Johnny Ray Molina

September 11, 1987 - December 27, 2008

Johnny Ray Molina, 21, of West Hartford, passed away Saturday December 27, 2008 in Pittsburgh, PA. Born in Farmington, son of Myra Gonzalez Rivera and his step father, Jaime Rivera of West Hartford and Johnny Molina of New Britain, he lived in West Hartford for the past 16 years. He was a graduate of Conard High School, Class of 2005, and attended Capital Community College in Hartford.

Besides his parents and step father, he is survived by his maternal grandmother, Elby Colon and maternal great grandmother, Grace Maisonet, both of New Britain; three sisters, Alyssa Rivera of West Hartford; Melysha Rivera and Briana Rivera, both of Glastonbury; two brothers, Jordan Molina of Meriden and Eric Molina of New Britain; two aunts, Elby Gonzalez-Schwapp of Avon and Keilani Nunez of New Britain; and several cousins.

A Memorial service will be held Saturday 11 AM at South Church, 90 Main Street, New Britain. Calling hours are Friday 12 noon to 4 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Ray's Hope Foundation, 168 Abbottsford Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06110. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by clicking on "GUESTBOOK" at the bottom of this page. "Where there is love, there is hope...."



# Tribute Wall

EC

“ *Forever miss you and forever love you.*

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**Elby Colon** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ *It's been 3years 5 months since you've been gone, and My heart still hurts so much. My Johnnyray I loved and will always love you so much. So many things have changed. We were so united and now the family has been slowly separating since you've been gone. It hurts so much. Sister has grown to be a beautiful girl. Your girl cousins are into sports,boys n music. the boys are growing and reminding me so much of you.The other day Jaiden said that his legs were hurting him n suddenly I said oh your just growing n then I remembered all the times I would say that to you.I had to hide my face so Jay wouldn't see the tears . Chris is has a collection of hats and sneakers just like you did. Did you notice the other day with his new sneakers,walking with his feet really straight so he wouldn't get a greased on the sneakers. One of your tactics. It gives me so much comfort when they are with me cause I see you ! Many don't understand that. By the way papito I did love the dream that I had with you,skating in "Heaven" how beautiful was that ! All my grandchildren will one day grow up ,I will probably be very old but Ray I will never ever forget you. I love you so much that it hurts.. You are my number One man in my life. I love you papito ,till we meet again my son. Many hugs n kisses to you and all my love ones in Heaven. I love you ...Mama*

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**elby colon** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MC

*You once danced with you cousin Danielle and are dancing again. Miss all my family. Today you got most of them with you JR. Until we see each other again one day. RIP*

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**Minerva Colon-Ramirez** - November 20, 2025 at 07:05 PM

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**elby colon** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ Four months later and we still feel so much pain..Mother's Day was a bittersweet day for us..We gather together at Johnny Ray's restaurant..We know that if you were here you would be asking to go every week....Papito they will be dedicating a room just for you and they will also include a picture and your story...on how strong you were and all that you when through..It's amazing...From the top of my lungs " I Love You JOhnnny Ray.....always mama

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**Elby Colon** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ to johnny's family..i just heard about johnny,actually i had asked at the hospital earlier that day how he was and then the news came back to me that he passed. he was a bright, brave kid who put up with me more than he wanted i'm sure! he was an inspiration to me and many others. and i am glad to have met him. god bless all of you for all you have been through. love, valentine the clown

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**valentine the clown** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Johnny Ray is a student I will always remember. He had a wonderful smile that brightened our days in fifth grade at Wolcott School. He stopped by to visit from time to time, even through high school. Thinking of you, Myra, and your family at this difficult time...

Kerry Jones

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**Kerry Jones** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Hey Ray,  
This is not goodbye, it's just a... see you later. I know that you're in a better place. Resting until the rest of us can come and join you. You were a miracle from day one and I feel blessed to have been apart of your life. I love you cousin, god bless and until god says I can come to see you. Your memory will live on in your whole family extended and all.

Love always,  
Mia

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**Mia Johnson** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ We are so sorry for your loss and will continue to keep your family in our prayers, Johnny Ray is at peace and suffering no more for he is in a far better place than any of us. Hold on to your wonderful memories and you will see him again one day. We are very happy God allowed us to meet such a wonderful loving family as all of you and will always cherish your friendship. Johnny Ray was a very brave warrior and he fought hard but God had other plans for him, God needed another angel and Johnny Ray will be one of the brightest angels. Please know we are always here for you all if there is anything we can do for you. God Bless and be with you all. Love Always your friends from South Caroliba, Myra and Kenneth Cantrell

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**Myra Cantrell** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I love you Ray and I know you will be looking down on all of the family from heaven. You were always like a little brother to me and i will never forget you. I'm with you always my brother.

To Jamie and Myra- I love you guys very much even though we are not around, we are always with you and our thoughts and prayers are with you guys always. Love you all.

Danny

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**Daniel Morales** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ Myra,  
I am so sorry to have heard of the loss of your son. Had I known earlier I would of paid my respects. Through, my co-worker I found out today after lunch, she was just telling me she went to a wake at lunch and in talking I figured out it was your son. As a mother my heart aches for you, but only your faith can get you through this loss. Stay close to God He will help you through this. Your son will always be with you, just be aware of all the signs. My prayers are with you and your family.  
Love, Frances

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**Frances Mirmina Caron** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ To Ramon and the entire family of Johnny, we're sorry we had to miss the services but please accept our condolences. We'll keep Johnny in our prayers and pray that God gives you the strength to persevere.

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**Tim & Kristen Wilk** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Johnny Ray, you are now among the angels in heaven. You will be truly missed here on earth. I know your spirit will be with your family now and through all eternity. God bless you.

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**Cindy Leander** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ I fall asleep humming "Silent Night" I wake up at all hours during the night with the same tune. I feel like part of me is gone..My Shadow, My Sugar....I will truly miss you papito..You were such a fighter , you have made me so proud of just being your grandma..I have so many memories of you..I could go on and on just talking about you. I know that you are in a better place and not only that but that you have a perfect body, free from pain, free from all the scars..I love you so Johnnyray...My firstborn Grandson...You are and will always be special..Mama

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**Elby Colon** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ To rays family, there are no words to describe the sadness we are all feeling but the only thing to do is hope it passes quickly and to never forget the happiness ray brought to us all. I am forever at a loss for there will never be another person as uniquely funny friendly and wonderful as ray.

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**Joel Nieves** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ I'm very sad to hear about Johnny Ray. I've known him since middle school.. we lived on the same street till the end of high school. He could always put a smile on someones face. My heart goes out to his family. Everyone who knows Johnny Ray will truly miss him.

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**Gwen Phan** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ Dear Johnny Rae, I know you are in better place resting and watching over us. We will all miss you so much. God bless you and to the rest of the family. You will always be remembered.. Love Mellissa

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**Mellissa Irizarry** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ My heart goes out to Johnny Rays family. I work with Elby his grandma at HSC for 11 years and throughout these years she would always talk about Johnny. I remember the time I made a big basket for him when he had the transplant. I really got to know him and what things he liked by asking Elby . I was so happy he liked it. I wear the fundraiser shirts that were made for him with great pride. He is a hero for fighting and not giving up hope. He is resting now with great courage and pride. I especially want to say my heart goes out to Johnnys mom for staying by his side and never giving up.. You stay strong and know that he will be watching you forever..God bless and take care to all his family..

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**Stacie Thebeault** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ MY THOUGHTS, LOVE AND HEART ARE WITH YOU. I LOVE YOU ALL. RAY I KNOW YOU ARE AT PEACE NOW. WE HAVE ONE MORE ANGEL LOOKING OUT FOR US. GOD BLESS. YOUR CUZ,  
ARLENE AND FAMILY

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**ARLENE CRUZ-NIEVES** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Dear Johnny Ray, your an angel today just like mama said. I'm sure your hanging with Dani, dancing, laughing and singing. Our family will miss you dearly, but rest assure that the peace you have today is worth every tear shed. love you lots,be at peace superman. Happy New Year in heaven to you, Dan and all the rest of our loved ones that have passed. titi

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**Minerva Colon** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ To the entire family my deepest sympathy! My prayers and thoughts go out to the entire family. Heaven has truly received a beautiful angel. I know that Johnny Ray is watching over you all and guiding you also.

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**Jennifer Tyson** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ I did not know Johnny Ray that long, but he is truly an inspiration to not only myself but my entire martial arts academy. My deepest sympathies to the family and please know Johnny Ray lives on.

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**Joshua Ryer** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Myra and family,  
I was so sad to hear that JohnnyRay died. I will always remember taking care of him as a baby and through out the years at Hartford Hospital and CCMC.  
He touched many lives through out his illness and short life. He will be missed so much by many people. Thank you for the priviledge of watching him grow up from an adorable baby to a very handsome young man.  
You are all in my prayers.  
Love,  
Debby Pember

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**Debby Pember** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

IC

“ I LOVE YOU AND ALWAYS'S WILL...I KNOW YOU ARE HAPPY NOW WITH OUR FATHER IN HEAVAN  
REST IN PEACE

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**IRMA CRUZ** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. I am very sorry for your loss. Where there is love there is hope...*  
*Sincerely- Erinn MWCI - Medical Unit*

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**Erinn Dolan** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM