



## Antonio Rivera

November 27, 1990 - May 5, 2024

Antonio Rivera, age 33 of Summerville, South Carolina, transitioned peacefully on Sunday, May 5th, 2024, surrounded by the love of his family.

Family and friends are invited to attend a visitation from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday, May 13th, 2024, at James A. Dyal Funeral Home, 303 South Main Street, Summerville, South Carolina, 29483. A funeral service will take place at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel. Burial will immediately follow at Dorchester Memory Gardens.

Antonio was born November 27th, 1990, in Lansing, Michigan, son of Jose Rivera and Kendra Smith. Tony was a remarkable soul whose presence left everywhere he went a little bit better. He married the love of his life, Austin and devoted himself to her and their children Kamyah and Antonio, Jr. He was a husband, father, son, brother and friend to so many, embodying the qualities of kindness, generosity and unwavering loyalty. Tony enjoyed working around the house with his daughter and relaxing while reading his Bible. He also loved to be on the water working and leaving his mark on the Lowcountry, one dock at a time. He was a dedicated employee and his commitment and work ethic were unmatched. There was rarely an occasion clients did not go out of their way to express gratitude for their experience working with him.

Beyond his personal relationships, Tony found solace and joy in the tranquility

of fishing where he connected with nature and found peace. Anywhere Tony went his fishing pole, went with him. He loved his animals and they were as loyal to him as he was the people he loved. His benevolent spirit knew no bounds, as he was known for his boundless giving and selflessness, leaving an indelible mark on all who were fortunate enough to know him. A man of God, Tony's faith guided him through life challenges, especially this last year. His positivity and humor brought light to even the darkest of days for all of us. His unwavering smile stuck with him until the end. His unique blend of humor warmth and positivity made him truly one of a kind. He left behind a legacy of character, integrity, love, and laughter that will be cherished perpetually. Tony will be forever missed and celebrated by all of the family, friends, clients, and community that he graced with his love.

He is survived by his parents; step-father, Ron Smith (Tami); loving wife, Austin Rivera; his loving children, Kamyah J. Palmer, "Monk" and Antonio T. Rivera, Jr. "Junebug"; his siblings, Wesley Smith, Alexis Smith, Paloma Rivera, Gabriel Rivera and John Rico; his best friend Nicholas A. Dawson "Nick", his stepfather who raised him Ron Smith, (Tami), as well as numerous beloved friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Dorchester Memory Gardens

11000 Dorchester Road  
Summerville, SC 29485  
<http://www.dorchestermemorygardens.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 13.** 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home  
303 S. Main Street  
Summerville, SC 29483  
(843) 873-4040  
<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

## Service

**MAY 13.** 3:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home Chapel  
303 S. Main Street  
Summerville, SC 29483

# Tribute Wall

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“ Austin R. purchased the Plastic Cemetery Vase with Spike for the family of Antonio Rivera.



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**Austin R.** - September 21, 2024 at 11:03 PM

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“ Aunt Judy, Craig & Lynn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Antonio Rivera.

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**Aunt Judy, Craig & Lynn** - May 13, 2024 at 08:27 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Antonio Rivera.



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May 13, 2024 at 08:27 AM

JL

“ Jim and Sheri Lorik planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Antonio Rivera.

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**Jim and Sheri Lorik** - May 13, 2024 at 06:39 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Antonio Rivera.*



May 13, 2024 at 06:39 AM



“ *Tony began as an employee and quickly became family to us. He had the ability to bring peace, joy and laughter into any circumstance. Tony will forever be a part of our story and we will honor his memory by passing on the kindness and love he showed to so many people. He never came to work without a fishing pole. There are no words to express how much he impacted our lives in a positive way. The day he passed we were on the water praying for him and doing exactly what he would have been doing if he could. The world will never be the same without you bud. It's not goodbye, but see you later.*



Jocelyn Graham - May 11, 2024 at 09:27 AM



“ *The Charleston Dock & Repair Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Antonio Rivera.*

The Charleston Dock & Repair Family - May 11, 2024 at 09:20 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Antonio Rivera.



May 11, 2024 at 09:20 AM



“ Megan Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Antonio Rivera.

Megan Smith - May 10, 2024 at 07:16 PM



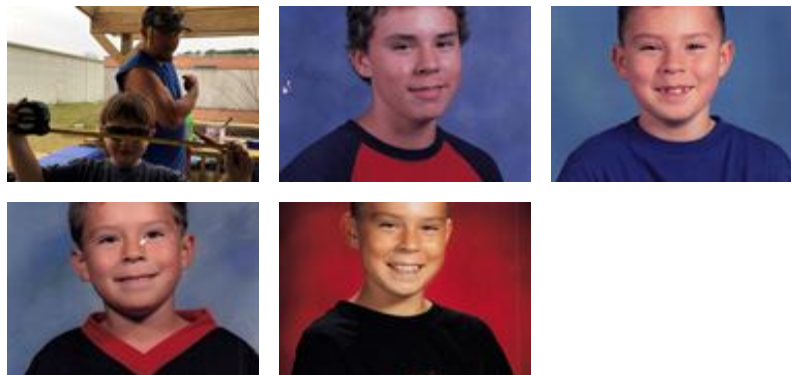
“ Megan Smith purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Antonio Rivera.



Megan Smith - May 10, 2024 at 07:16 PM



“ 99 files added to the album LifeTributes



James A Dyal Funeral Home - May 10, 2024 at 01:41 PM

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“ *Ann Sidener lit a candle in memory of Antonio Rivera*



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**Ann Sidener** - May 08, 2024 at 10:29 AM

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“ *Adele lit a candle in memory of Antonio Rivera*



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**Adele** - May 08, 2024 at 09:28 AM

NG

“ *Nikki Godwin lit a candle in memory of Antonio Rivera*



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**Nikki Godwin** - May 08, 2024 at 09:23 AM

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“ *I had the pleasure of meeting Tony and Austin and their family in church. I am truly sorry for your loss.*

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**Nikki Godwin** - May 08, 2024 at 09:23 AM