

## Emmanuel Morales, February 17, 1986 - May 1, 2022

Emmanuel Morales, age 36, of Ambler, PA died Sunday, May 1, 2022 at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia.

Born in Philadelphia, Emmanuel is the son of Clara L. Arrecis De Morales of Philadelphia, PA and Manuel Morales-Arias of Haverford, PA.

Manny worked in various roles at IKEA for 14 years, both in the retail store and within Supply Chain Management.

He attended CAPA (Philadelphia High School for Creative and Performing Arts) and won many awards and accolades as a talented visual artist. He cared deeply for world issues and those in vulnerable situations. While Manny began his collegiate career in Vermont, he eventually received a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from West Chester University. This led him to travel to Mumbai, India to learn and understand about the lives of those living in the city's slums. He also traveled to the mountains of Peru to learn from the Quechua and lived abroad for 14 months in Malmö and Lund, Sweden, working at the global IKEA headquarters in Älmhult.

A member of the First United Methodist Church of Germantown, Manny volunteered with FUMCOG's youth group to mentor and support high school students. This led him to Haiti where he worked with The Association of the Peasants of Fondwa (APF), an organization that supports local grassroots empowerment. APF focuses on increasing fundamental rural skills through higher education, with local college graduates returning to their home communities and creating economic opportunity through small business incubators. Manny also traveled with the youth group to volunteer in Detroit at The Heidelberg Project (HP), an outdoor art environment with a vision to inspire people to improve the lives of their greater community. HP provided the perfect balance of allowing Manny to help others through his love of art.

Manny loved all things about the fall season - cool weather, Halloween, everything pumpkin, festivals,

flannel/sherpa, apple picking, and most importantly football. He was passionate about local craft beers, particularly pumpkin beers. Manny often spent time outdoors walking, hiking or kayaking and found peace being in nature. He enjoyed traveling to New England and especially loved vacationing in Maine.

Manny had a very inquisitive nature and a desire to learn through reading and listening to podcasts. He had some interesting tastes in movies (such as Star Wars and Bloodsport, to name a few). Manny was a collector of vinyl records and enjoyed a wide variety of music, including rock. He was well versed in old school rap and hip hop and could name every single artist.

Manny loved all Philly sports teams, his favorite being the Broad Street Bullies (aka Flyers) and also loved Gritty! He also participated as a Mummer with the Froggy Carr Brigade.

He had a love of cooking and was known as a grill master and world class guacamole ninja. Being a big kid at heart, Manny loved juice boxes, fruit snacks, goldfish, etc... probably why his niece and nephews loved him so much.

Manny was a loving, caring and kind person who never liked being the center of attention. He had an infectious laugh that brought joy and happiness to all who were lucky to meet him. Due to the circumstances of his disease, Manny's organs were unable to be donated as he would have wished. To honor him, his tissue has been donated for further research in understanding and finding a cure for Castleman Disease.

Emmanuel is the beloved partner of Megan Harakal of Ambler, PA. He is the son of Clara Arrecis De Morales of Philadelphia, PA and Manuel Morales-Arias of Haverford, PA; dear brother of Luz Morales (Eóin Kearney) of Leiden, Netherlands; brother-in-law of Dawn Farno (Eric Farno) of Ambler, PA; son-in-law of Dave and Denise Harakal of Allentown, PA. He will be greatly missed by his niece, Samantha, and nephews, Andrew and Ryan.

*The world is  
indeed full of peril,  
and in it there are  
many dark places;  
but still there is  
much that is fair,  
and though in all  
lands love is now  
mingled with grief,  
it grows perhaps  
the greater.*

*J. R. R. Tolkien*



*Celebrating the life of*  
**EMMANUEL MORALES**

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**Saturday, May 14, 2021**  
First United Methodist Church of Germantown



**Musical Selection** *“Angel”* by Sarah McLachlan, sung by Leah Brown, *God-sister in-law*

**Scripture** Psalm 23 (*Unison*), led by Rev. Bob Coombe

Isaiah 55:6-11, read by Rev. Dave Brown

**Homily** *“A Word Fulfilled”* Rev. Dave Brown

**Prayer Of Commendation**

**Prayer Of Thanksgiving**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Mother-Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

**Song** *“Three Little Birds”* Bob Marley and the Wailers

**Benediction** Rev. Dave Brown

**Postlude** Jodi Acker Bohr



There will be a reception following the ceremony. Everyone is invited.

