



## Luis Sergio Vielma

October 15, 1993 - June 12, 2016

Luis was born in Altamonte Springs, Florida on October 15, 1993. He lived with his family in Winter Springs until he was about 13. He attended the Winter Springs schools through the 8th grade. When it was time to start High School, Luis and his family moved to Sanford, Florida where he attended Seminole High School. Luis was an excellent student and graduated with honors in the class of 2011. After high school, he attended Seminole State College from 2012 to 2014. He graduated with an Associate Arts Degree. He worked for two years before he just recently enrolled in Emergency Medical Technician at Seminole State College in 2016. He was going to start this program in a couple of weeks.

While an active student Luis had many responsibilities with his family. Family was very important to him. He participated in helping his parents run their various businesses and was always available as the translator, when they needed assistance with the English language. He was a mentor to his brother, Brian, and sister, Kimberly. Luis was a leader in his family and his family was the center of his life. He was dedicated to the core support of each family member.

It was during his high school years that Luis became involved with his church, All Souls Catholic Church. He attended Religious Education and prepared for and received the Sacrament of Confirmation on March 29, 2009.

This event in a young Catholic's life is an opportunity for their own personal acceptance of their beliefs and the choice to practice their faith. He became part of the youth ministry, Disciples Always Witnessing God (DAWG).

It was through his confirmation and mentoring that Luis found his path to service of others. This event in a young Catholic's life is where the spirit of wisdom, courage, right judgment and reverence of gifts of the Holy Spirit that strengthens their life. These gifts blossomed through his fellowship in the youth ministry Disciples Always Witnessing God (DAWG). It was heard that Luis recognized that we are all one in community and his service for others was selfless. Luis walked in his faith for the love he showed his family, the compassion that he outpoured to strangers and gifts of love that he had for life and faith.

This is where Luis began to blossom as a young man. This is where he started to learn how important community, friends and his faith were to him. This is where it all connected together for him. This brought him great joy. Even if Luis were busy, if someone needed help from youth group, he would reply yes and smile from ear to ear.

Through the youth group he would participate in evening events of fellowship with the members and participate in retreats while learning and understanding his faith. During the summer times he would participate in week-long camps where they would volunteer in service to the local communities. This was one of his favorite events.

One specific weekend retreat event, they were going camping. As they gathered and prepared for this event, Luis noticed an individual that was in the cold without shelter or even a warm blanket. Luis could not go further without offering this individual his blanket. He knew he would be cold over the

weekend, but he also know that this individual would be warmer. This is an example of Luis's life of giving. He learned that service is action and we must act as a community, not individuals.

One of his exciting roles was portraying Jesus in the first Passion of Christ at All Souls Catholic Church that was presented by the DAWG Youth Ministry. He felt so honored to be able to play the part of Jesus. He even passed up soccer to participate in this event.

He was an active boy and young man. Luis loved to play basketball and soccer. He was a member of Deltona Adult Soccer League to continue his love of the game. He was also a big fan of video games and could often be found in the evenings playing marathon rounds of Call of Duty or any number of other favorites.

Luis was a strong willed man while pursuing a job. He worked with City of Longwood where he was a member of the events crew setting up and tearing down before and after their events. Then he got hired on with Universal Studios. He first worked with the Disaster Ride. Luis then had the dream of all dream come true. He began working in the Wizarding World of Harry Potter. Luis loved Star Wars, Star Trek, Harry Potter and science fiction. He loved being able to go and be part of that every day he worked. There was no greater experience for him at this time.

Luis's life was ended to early at only 22 years of age in a senseless tragedy on 06-12-2016. His spirit and memories will live on with each of us. He touched so many people in his short life.

# Tribute Wall

JF

“ *Our deepest condolences to Luis's family and friends. May you all find peace and comfort at this difficult time. Keep his memory alive and love ...love one another. We stand by you all! One love - The Jayme family*



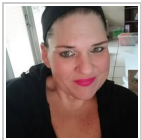
**Jayme Family** - June 18, 2016 at 08:55 PM

PF

“ *May your tears be replaced with smiles when remembering Luis! Sending love and prayer in his memory.*



**Pamela Fortunato** - June 18, 2016 at 08:06 PM



“ *Andrea Murawski lit a candle in memory of Luis Sergio Vielma*



**Andrea Murawski** - June 18, 2016 at 08:01 PM

LD

“ I didn't know Luis, and for that I am sorry. I could have been one of the people he served while working at the Wizarding World. I could have met him in an LGBT Facebook group. I could have met him at Pulse. Luis was a member of many communities that I also belong to, so while I mourn the loss of every Pulse victim, Luis's hit me especially hard. I send all my love to his family and friends. Lumos. /\*



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**Lindsey D.** - June 18, 2016 at 07:49 PM

SS

“ On behalf of the School of Arts & Sciences at Seminole State College, my sincerest condolences go out to the Vielma family as they mourn the loss of Luis. Please know that Seminole State stands with you in this difficult time. Luis is, and will always be, a Seminole State College graduate, and he will not be forgotten. Thank you so much for sharing all the wonderful photos at the visitation last evening showing Luis living his life fully and joyously. Though I didn't know Luis personally, I felt like I got to know him just a little bit through those lovely memories. May you continue to receive strength and peace...

*All my best,*

*Dr. Stephen P. Summers  
Associate Vice President  
School of Arts & Sciences  
Seminole State College*

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**Stephen Summers** - June 18, 2016 at 12:15 PM


CA

“ *To a brave Gryffindor, from a mournful Ravenclaw.*



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**Cait** - June 18, 2016 at 11:05 AM

  
Carolyn  
Knight

“ *Carolyn Knight lit a candle in memory of Luis Sergio Vielma*



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**Carolyn Knight** - June 18, 2016 at 08:51 AM

AC

“ *Angelica Cadavid purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Luis Sergio Vielma.*



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**Angelica Cadavid** - June 18, 2016 at 02:53 AM

BS

“ *I have never met this young man but his face is so familiar that it feels as though we did. My most dearest condolences to his family and may his soul rest in peace. Mi mas sentido pesame a su familia y los acompaño en este momento de su dolor.*

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**Brenda Salgado** - June 17, 2016 at 10:39 PM

CW

“ *Christi Wright lit a candle in memory of Luis Sergio Vielma*



Christi Wright - June 17, 2016 at 09:55 PM



“ *The last time my two daughters and I were at Universal we visited with Luis before we rode the ride and he made a joke (I wish I remembered), but he was such a friendly young man. Being a former team member I know Universal is a big family. Please know that Luis will be missed terribly but his magic will always be remembered.*

Tina Ogle - June 17, 2016 at 09:27 PM

GS

“ *I never met Luis, but every time I see his picture I can't help but cry for the loss of this young man's life and for the pain that his family and friends are going through. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with all of you and I pray that you find peace in knowing that he is with the Lord, our Savior and free from all of the pain in this world. Lots of love to each of you!*

Ginny Schimansky - June 17, 2016 at 09:20 PM

LR

“ *I never met luis vut looking at his pictures i see someone who is sweet. Im sooo sorry hes gone due to a senseless tragedy. My prayers and condolences go out to his family and friends.... R.I.P Luis*



Liz Rodriguez - June 17, 2016 at 09:15 PM

LI

“ I am Soooo sorry for your loss. I never met Luis (I'm in CA) but seeing his smile and face has honestly touched my heart. I can't look at his pictures without crying. What a loss. Please know that he has touched a complete stranger. Know that him and his family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Lillie - June 17, 2016 at 08:40 PM

EM

“ Elaine Melendez lit a candle in memory of Luis Sergio Vielma



elaine melendez - June 17, 2016 at 08:15 PM

EM

“ I went to Seminole state college with Luis and I had the privilege to meet this young man in my AP class. Such a friendly person that reminded me a lot of my son. RIP my little buddy. I will miss you. My deepest condolences to his close friends and family.

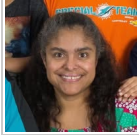
elaine melendez - June 17, 2016 at 08:13 PM

SL

“ Thinking of you Luis ❤️



Stephanie Lisa - June 17, 2016 at 06:20 PM



“ *Damaris Scott sent a virtual gift in memory of Luis Sergio Vielma*



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**Damaris Scott** - June 17, 2016 at 06:02 PM



*Los acompaño en sus sentimientos. I didn't know Luis but I have several church friends that knew him. City Church is with you in this time of pain and grief. We are praying that God heals and gives you strength in this journey ahead. Orlando will get thru this, strong. I pray that we continue to get together for the healing of our community. #Bettogether*

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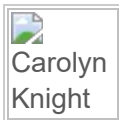
**Damaris Scott** - June 17, 2016 at 06:20 PM



*You are in my thoughts and prayers. He sounds like a great kid. I am so sorry for your loss!*

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**Damaris Scott** - June 17, 2016 at 10:38 PM



*I did not personally know Luis but my daughter attended high school with him in 2011. She did recently see him and he posted a 'kindergarten day' picture from high school on her Facebook page. After reading all the comments I can tell he was a remarkable young man who seemed to have impacted many lives during his short journey here :) Rest in Heaven Luis!!*

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**Carolyn Knight** - June 18, 2016 at 09:00 AM



“ *Luis was a sweet boy whose life ended too soon. My son was his classmate and has nothing but good memories of him. My condolences to his family this is so unfair.*

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**Jodi Warner** - June 17, 2016 at 04:53 PM

CI

“ Have read and heard  
so many wonderful things about you  
that your friends and family have shared;  
I am the mother of a friend of a friend;  
my prayer is for what is already promised  
that love is for always, & you are at peace  
...may your family & friends know the comfort  
you would wish for them

c. ivey

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**C. Ivey** - June 17, 2016 at 02:59 PM

DR

“ To the family and friends of this special young man - my heart is  
aching for all of you. Luis was a friend of my son (Will Randle) and  
Will had the most wonderful things to say about his pal. A life taken  
way too soon and in such an unspeakable manner. This completely  
defies understanding. Blessings and peace to all of you. I hope your  
wonderful memories of this treasured young man will comfort you  
and continue to make you proud and grateful that you had in him  
your lives every second of his short 22 years.

Sincerely,

Deb Randle (Rochester, NY)

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**Deborah Randle** - June 17, 2016 at 02:31 PM



“ *Ashlee Cormier lit a candle in memory of Luis Sergio Vielma*



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**Ashlee Cormier** - June 17, 2016 at 02:29 PM

SH

“ *Shasta lit a candle in memory of Luis Sergio Vielma*



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**Shasta** - June 17, 2016 at 11:34 AM

AC

“ *I just want to thank God for putting you in my life. I wish I could back and tell you how much I appreciated every single second of our friendship. Words cannot explain the pain I am feeling right now. I will never forget you. Like you told me once I love you ALWAYS. You, will absolutely ALWAYS have a very special place in my heart. I love you forever and always mi osito.*



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**Angelica Cadavid** - June 17, 2016 at 11:09 AM

“ Dearest Luis,

*You had your entire life in front of you. I am so incredibly angry, heartbroken and outraged it was stolen from you on a seemingly care free night that should have been full of laughter, fun and friends. My eyes well with tears when I look at your angelic face.*

*Luis, smile with gratitude for the life and the legacy that you gave so many, during your much-too-brief time here on Mother Earth. To see people, complete strangers, like myself, from across the world lift up your family up in thoughts and prayers is a testament to your life. You lead by example with your love, acceptance, kindness, compassion, joy, faith, determination and perseverance.*

*Sweet, beautiful Luis, despite never having the privilege to know you personally, I promise to always be cognizant of your virtuous heart, as I journey through life daily*

*Luis, sadly, your time here on Mother Earth was brief. But you have impacted so many lives forever, including my own and we should all strive to follow your example: extend a helping hand to someone in need, say please and thank you, be polite, listen with an open heart and mind, be slow to anger, just as your family has asked, just as you'd have wanted it.*

*In this dark time, my deepest and sincerest condolences to your family, the other victims, those injured, and their families. You are ALL in my thoughts and prayers!*

*Beautiful Luis, may your spirit rest, and your soul fly free.*

*FOR LUIS....*

*Do not stand at my grave and weep.  
I am not there; I do not sleep.*

*I am a thousand winds that blow.  
I am the diamond glints on snow.  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.  
I am the gentle autumn rain.  
When you awaken in the morning's hush  
I am the swift uplifting rush  
Of quiet birds in circled flight.  
I am the soft star that shines at night.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry;  
I am not there; I did not die.*

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**Brody Scott** - June 17, 2016 at 08:49 AM

KH

“ *Kathy Head lit a candle in memory of Luis Sergio Vielma*



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**Kathy Head** - June 17, 2016 at 07:58 AM

KH

*sorry for your lost*

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**Kathy Head** - June 17, 2016 at 08:00 AM

IT

“ *so sorry to hear about your loss.*



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**I the clubs too!!!** - June 17, 2016 at 07:45 AM

KM

“ *Lucho, I just still can't believe it. You were one of the best guys I knew. Always smiling, always willing to help wherever you could. Your positivity radiated off of you in the best way. People just wanted to be around you. I will never forget messing up on stage and going behind the screen and giggling about it, and you said "don't worry about it, everyone messes up sometimes, that's what makes it fun". Thank you for being a friend. #LiveForLuis #Lucho #TeamD*

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**Katelyn Mirande** - June 17, 2016 at 07:27 AM

DM

“ *My name is Diana Midyette. My niece, Emily Bobo was a good friend to Luis. I want to give my condolences to his family. I know what it is to lose a child and my heart just breaks for you. Please know people around the country and the world are holding you all up in prayer.*

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**Diana Midyette** - June 17, 2016 at 02:56 AM

CA

“ *Thoughts and prayers from North Carolina. We are so sorry for the loss of your beautiful son.*

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**Carol** - June 16, 2016 at 11:55 PM



Angelika  
Torres

“ *Luis i dont know you , but it breaks my heart ,seeing your pictures all over ,,i get so emotional. You be in my heart r.i.p luis*

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**Angelika Torres** - June 16, 2016 at 08:56 PM

GL

“ Luis. Even though I never met you. My heart is broken Every time I look at your picture I cry as if I had lost my own son. I know that God is holding you tight and you are at peace. God bless you Angel in heaven. Will always pray for your soul and your family. Amen.  
Glory

gloria - June 16, 2016 at 07:07 PM



“ Luis so sadden by this event I know God is with your family right now and although it may be so difficult to cope with so much at this time for your family i pray god gives them comfort into their lives and healing, Hope you see all the wonderful things people done for you and truly how loved you are <3 it was a pleasure to meet you at COR and continue a friendship after retreats... my heart is sadden by this we will miss you RIP and watch over us now



Eliza Bota - June 16, 2016 at 06:11 PM

JS

“ My deepest sympathies to the Vielma family. I was blessed to have taught Luis in the 7th grade. I remember his kind heart and his sense of humor. May the care and love of those around you provide comfort and peace.  
Sincerely,  
Mrs. Seeram-Owens  
Millennium Middle School



Jasmine Seeram-Owens - June 16, 2016 at 05:13 PM

ES

“ *Esther lit a candle in memory of Luis Sergio Vielma*



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**Esther** - June 16, 2016 at 03:04 PM

GA

“ *While I did not know Luis personally, I do go to Seminole State College and also live in Sanford. This indeed is a horrible tragedy. I just don't know what else to say. My prayers to everyone.*

*Gary Lucas  
Sanford, FL*

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**Gary** - June 16, 2016 at 02:16 PM

EW

“ *My prayers are with you Vielma family. Although many of us may have not known Luis personally at SSC, what I do know is that he was also part of our SSC family. May God give you and our community the strength to heal and be strong for each other. We are OneOrlando.*

*With love,  
Erika Peroldo Wagner  
Coordinator, School of Engineering, Design, and Construction  
Seminole State College of Florida*

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**erika wagner** - June 16, 2016 at 02:11 PM

JB

“ To the friends and family of Luis Vielma, I send my deepest condolences. This was a young man with a fine academic record who was preparing to explore a career field of great interest to him. How proud his family must be that he was thinking of aligning himself with all the courageous first responders active at the scene of this senseless violence. Be strong, and work for peace, in the memory of Luis. Janet Balanoff, Seminole State College

Janet Balanoff - June 16, 2016 at 02:04 PM

ST

“ Luis, I saw you once or twice at Universal Studios. You were a very kind soul, and I'm very sorry for what happened to you. Love, prayers, and full support behind your family.



Stacey - June 16, 2016 at 01:40 PM

TD

“ My condolences to Luis's family and friends during this tragic time. Sending you love and prayers. Seminole State Faculty Member - Prof. Tiffany Daniels



Tiffany Daniels - June 16, 2016 at 01:16 PM

MZ

“ May you rest in peace Luis!!!!!! I never knew you but I also attended Seminole State and graduated last August. Your Seminole State family loves you. Current students and alumni will never forget you. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

melissa zarou - June 16, 2016 at 01:13 PM

RA

“ *Estimados padres de Luis,  
Nos unimos al dolor por la pérdida de su hijo. Estamos orando a Dios les dé fortaleza y una nueva esperanza de que en Cristo todo lo podemos soportar.*

*Luis fué un excelente ciudadano y estudiante.*

*Sinceramente,*

*Rosa M. Alvarez, Asesora Académica  
Seminole State College of Florida*

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Rosa M Alvarez - June 16, 2016 at 10:44 AM

RI

“ *3 files added to the album New Album Name*



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Rialta - June 16, 2016 at 08:07 AM

 Caitlin  
Kavanaugh

“ *I chose yellow because that's what Luis reminds me of . Didn't know him too well but I do know he could light up a whole room with his vibrant personality. <3*



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Caitlin Kavanaugh - June 16, 2016 at 07:27 AM



“ *There are no words to express How much you will be missed. I know you are in a much better place And God must have figured you were too good for this crazy world. Te extrañamos como no te imaginas Luisito.*



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**Joana Vargas** - June 16, 2016 at 12:05 AM

JE

“ *Jeannette lit a candle in memory of Luis Sergio Vielma*



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**Jeannette** - June 15, 2016 at 10:34 PM

SM

“ *Susan Milam lit a candle in memory of Luis Sergio Vielma*



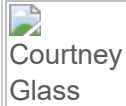
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**Susan Milam** - June 15, 2016 at 09:29 PM

MG

“ *Minnie Ginter lit a candle in memory of Luis Sergio Vielma*



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**Minnie Ginter** - June 15, 2016 at 08:54 PM



Courtney Glass

“ *My deepest condolences. May Luis rest in power and may all his family and friends find peace and comfort in each other and in their memories of Luis. ♡*



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**Courtney Glass** - June 15, 2016 at 05:22 PM

JO

“ *May you dance into the next world with joy and music right into the arms of our savior. Forever young in the Fathers house, where Jesus promised, "IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE, THERE ARE MANY ROOMS, I GO AND PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU" I'm sure it's beautiful!!!! Comfort, prayers to Luis' beloved,remember Jesus promises, you will see him again one glorious day.*



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**jodi** - June 15, 2016 at 05:19 PM

NI

*Although I don't know you, my heart hurts and bleed for you and your family! I pray that the Lord bless and keeps your soul. And, for the family I pray that the Lord our God will comfort and keep you! God bless!*

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**nicky** - June 17, 2016 at 10:04 AM