



Omar David Garcia Hoyos

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I would like the memory of me to be a happy one.

I would like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.

*I would like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.*

I would like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun;

Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

Afterglow by Helen Lowrie Marshall

Omar, also known as Omar Junior and Oms, is the beloved son of Alba Lucia Hoyos and Omar Garcia Palencia, and the adored brother of Vanessa Garcia Hoyos and Hernan Alonso Garcia Hoyos. Omar is still our beloved son, brother, and friend... even if he is no longer with us in body in this world.

Omar was born in Medellin, Colombia. His Colombian nature fuelled his spirit with joy that he shared with everyone he came in contact with. As a young boy, Omar had dreams of becoming a famous soccer star, and being the number 1 tennis player in the world. Omar and his family had the wonderful opportunity of moving to Australia in the year 2000. Omar grew up in Wollongong, Australia, surrounded by beautiful beaches and wonderful friends.

Omar and his family moved to Auckland, New Zealand in 2008, a place they ended up calling home. Here, Omar further developed into the admirable young man he was. Omar had a massive heart and a smile that lit up the room. He always had time for others and accepted people as they were. His generosity, passion for fun, and kind nature not only drew in friends that soon became his “brothers”, but also made him a loved and valued Tennis Coach. Omar had an inherent ability to bring out the best in others. He wanted to share his love and knowledge with the world. His ability to continue with this journey was sadly cut short. His spirit has now embarked on a new journey, but he will live on eternally in our hearts and memories.





