



## Carlos Moises Rodriguez Nobaru

December 17, 1969 - January 2, 2021

Carlos Moises Rodriguez Nobaru, 51, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, passed away at his home on Saturday, January 2, 2021, after a courageous battle with lung cancer.

Carlos was born in Lima, Peru on December 17, 1969, to Gonzalo Moises Rodriguez Caballero and Julia Nobaru de Rodriguez. He grew up in Lima and then moved to Nagano, Japan when he was 18 years old. He lived and worked in Nagano, Japan for 11 years, where he met his wife, Wendy. They married on September 20, 1997, in Lima, Peru, and moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa in 2001. Carlos was a dedicated employee at Color Web Printers, where he worked for almost 18 years.

Carlos enjoyed spending time with his family, hiking, biking, being outdoors, and playing and watching soccer. He was passionate about his favorite soccer teams, Atletico Madrid, Universitario FC, and Peru National Football team. Carlos was a dedicated father, husband, son, brother and friend who was kind and respectful to everyone he met.

Carlos is survived by his wife, Wendy Arnold-Rodriguez; two children, Alec and Ava; father, Gonzalo Moises Rodriguez Caballero; mother, Julia Nobaru de Rodriguez; seven brothers and sisters, Juana Rodriguez Nobaru, Martin (Carmen) Rodriguez Nobaru, Cecilia Rodriguez Nobaru, and Kenlly Rodriguez Nobaru, all of Lima, Peru; Rafael (Eliva) Rodriguez Nobaru of Mie, Japan; Luis (Paula) Rodriguez Nobaru of Uberaba, Brazil; and Antonio Rodriguez of Brooklyn, New York; as well as fourteen nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Lupe Nobaru; his aunt, Chieko; and uncle, Jorge Nobaru.

Due to COVID guidelines, and out of an abundance of caution, a memorial service will be held for Carlos at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established for his children. Cards may be sent in care of Murdoch-Linwood Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 520 Wilson Avenue

SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404.

# Comments

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“ Empiezo por dar mis condolencias a Wendy, Alec y Ava.  
A sus padres, hermanos y sobrinos.

Conozco a Moisés (como le llamaba) desde que estábamos en el colegio, crecimos juntos hasta que marchó a Japón. Volví a verle cuando se casó. Después de tiempo gracias a la tecnología conectamos y tuvimos contacto. Siempre he deseado que algún momento podríamos coincidir todos los amigos del barrio en reunirnos y contarnos todas nuestras vidas. Deseo que sea así, aunque faltarás físicamente tu Moisés seguro que serás el mayor regalo y recuerdo para todos. Descansa amigo de cole, niñez, juventud.

Besos al cielo.

Olinda (como me llamabas)



Roxana Mires - January 09, 2021 at 04:21 PM

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“ Mis profundas condolencias para Wendy, Alec y Ava. Vamos a tener a Carlos en nuestras memorias como una persona sincera, auténtica y feliz. Que el señor lo tenga en su Gloria y les conceda fuerza, paz y conforme en estos difíciles momentos . De Susana, Bill, Christian, Wesley y Branson



Susana Pearson - January 08, 2021 at 07:00 PM

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## “ Remembranza a mi hermano

Sietemesino de nacimiento, el sexto hermano de la familia, vienen a mí los más lindos recuerdos de ese niño de melena larga y rizos dorados....el colorado de la familia.

Te gustaba mucho criar gallos de pelea, de ahí tu famoso sobrenombre “Gallito” que con tanto cariño te llamábamos, después la vida nos llevó a vivir a un país lejano y fue ahí donde cada quien tomó su rumbo. Luego construiste una familia que con dedicación y amor cuidaste, quienes ahora son tu mejor legado.

Me dejaste hermano una gran enseñanza de fuerza y valentía, hoy me queda un gran vacío que llenaré con cada recuerdo que quedarán grabados en mi corazón hermanito querido.

**Juani Rodriguez Nobaru** - January 07, 2021 at 11:54 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to Wendy, Alec and Eva. I was really sorry to hear about Carlos’s passing. He was kind, friendly and hospitable and he always made me feel welcome and comfortable.

One of my fondest memories about Carlos is watching the 2002 world cup with him. Carlos was so passionate about soccer that he had a special subscription to receive international soccer games, so he invited me to watch the games together. Because of the time difference most of the games were at strange hours in the US, so I remember getting up early in the morning, once as early as 1am, to watch Argentina’s games at Carlos' place. As I arrived he was usually already setup enjoying the pre game show. I remember feeling like an intruder in other people’s home in the middle of the night at first. But soon Carlos passion for soccer was so contagious that I found myself whispering passionately with him in the dark so as to not to wake up Wendy and Alec upstairs. Argentina didn’t pass the group stage that year but it was the quietest and yet one of the most passionate World Cup experience I’ve had thanks to Carlos.

A few years later, it was a time of uncertainty and frustration for me. I remember visiting and talking to Carlos next to the grill and in the mist of the conversation he said “you'll be fine, look back at all that you've achieved so far, and what you made of yourself...” For some reason, it stuck with me and when I feel insecure or self-doubt I remember what he said and it helps me to move forward.

Unfortunately over the years, we’ve lost touch after I moved out of Iowa but we reconnected a couple of years ago. After talking I found out that he was a fan of Atletico Madrid, a team that I had grown to like, for the same reasons I was. It was comforting to realize that despite time and distance we still had things in common. I was also impressed by how much Carlos knew about soccer in general, it made me realize how little I knew. So I kept watching soccer and learning so I could keep up with him. But I was not able to catch up, I guess it's difficult to compete with a soccer encyclopedia such as Carlos :) Talking with him, I often thought he should have been a commentator! I will miss him.

**Jun Kakeno** - January 07, 2021 at 05:58 PM

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“ Mis mas sentidas condolencias para mi familia Rodríguez Nobaru, a mi prima Wendy e hijos de su prima Julia, Francisco e hijos, ruego a Dios que les bendiga y le de las fuerzas que necesitan para afrontar este pronto adiós, oraré por el descanso eterno de mi querido primo Carlos que ahora vivirás por siempre en nuestros corazones besos y abrazos desde Japón



Julia Maria Novara Cucho - January 07, 2021 at 05:29 PM

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“ Para mi querido hermano Carlos:  
El día que tú naciste, todos sonrieron y solo tú lloraste. Has vivido una vida de tal forma, que ahora que dejaste tu cuerpo físico, todos lloramos y solo tú sonríes, con la tranquilidad de tu alma, por habernos dado amor, por habernos dejado alegrías y por habernos enseñado a pelear sin miedo.  
Buen viaje hermanito lindo, me harás mucha falta pero me conforta saber que un día nos reencontraremos y nos daremos un gran abrazo.

For my dear brother Carlos:

The day you were born, everyone smiled and only you cried. You have lived a life in such a way that now that you left your physical body we all cry and only you smile, with peace in your soul, for having given us love, for having left us joys and for having taught us to fight without fear.

Have a good journey my brother, I will miss you so much but I have no doubt that one day we will meet again to give each other a big hug.



Cecilia Rodriguez Nobaru - January 07, 2021 at 04:38 PM

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“ Carlitos , Kako como cariñosamente te decían y decíamos  
Siempre te recordaré con esa sonrisa típica de los Rodriguez Nobaru buen hermano  
buen esposo buen padre buen hijo buen amigo  
Nos harás falta a todos más a tu familia directa  
Pero se que estas al lado De Dios y que de ahora en adelante serás un Ángel para  
tu familia y amigos  
Las palabras quedan cortas  
Adios Carlitos

J Alvarado - January 07, 2021 at 11:36 AM

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“ Mi mas sentidas condolencia a Wendy y sus hijos que Dios lo tenga en su gloria ,  
Me quedo con los mejores recuerdos de Carlos " GALLO " como soliamos decirle a  
nuestro barrio de san juan , tuve la dicha de ser su testigo de matrimonio en Lima  
Peru fue una fiesta muy hermosa entre familia . Carlos nunca te olvidaremos algun  
dia cuando Dios decida nos volvermos a reecontrar . Atte Paulino Ccoica

Paulino adolfo ccoica collazos - January 07, 2021 at 09:27 AM

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“ A la familia de Carlos nuestras más sentidas condolencias, lamentamos la triste  
pérdida de nuestro querido primo. Un fuerte abrazo desde Argentina. Gladys; Sofía y  
María R. Cruz Rodriguez



Maria R. Cruz Rodtiguez - January 06, 2021 at 11:34 PM

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“ Wendy, Alec and Ava,  
We will remember your Carlos as a man like no other. He always had a smile and a pat on the back. We are here for anything you need. You all are in our prayers.



**stacie fowler** - January 06, 2021 at 09:27 AM

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“ Jennifer Cassill sent a virtual gift in memory of Carlos Moises Rodriguez Nobaru



**Jennifer Cassill** - January 06, 2021 at 06:51 AM

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“ I will never forget all the goofy laughing, shared stories, long nights, and especially a determined, smart intelligent, caring carlos. There was never a time I seen him in anger, or mad. He brightened up everyone's faces on a daily basis with his presence. He will be truly missed by many people.



**Christy rodriguez** - January 06, 2021 at 02:00 AM

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“ A wonderful spirit of life, graced with many virtues and blessings, leaving a lasting impression on myself, and everyone who was privileged to be in his presence

**Mark Reschke** - January 06, 2021 at 01:56 AM



“ A good, kind person he will be missed. He was a good father, husband and friend. Our deepest sympathy and our thoughts, heart and prayers are with you Wendy, Alek and Ava.

**Amelia Waddle** - January 05, 2021 at 10:43 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carlos Moises Rodriguez Nobaru.



January 05, 2021 at 12:32 PM

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“ Carlos was a great supervisor and friend... In the short amount of time that I worked with him we had discussed many things both politically and life related. I regret not being able to see him one last time. I will miss his humor, wisdom, and seeing the smile on his face when he received the 28" rubber chicken i gave him for Christmas last year. He was a great friend and will be greatly missed.

**Kevin Simpson** - January 05, 2021 at 12:25 PM

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“ Carlos was a great man. It had been a few years since I had seen him. Our boys played baseball together a few years back. He always had a smile on his face. He will be missed by all. Our prayers go out to the family!  
Brock Renner

**Brock Renner** - January 05, 2021 at 09:08 AM

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“ We will miss Carlos!! We will always cherish the memories we spent with him and his family during youth sports. Carlos always helped and had a very contagious smile. Thank you for your memories!! The Renner Family

Lori and Brock Renner - January 05, 2021 at 08:41 AM

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“ Where to start I had such a great friendship with carlos over the years we would talk about life, ways to make life better and was great to hang out with. I will miss our conversations, but have many memories with him and will forever keep him in my heart. I miss him dearly and grown to truly know what a true friendship is. He was one of a kind.

Oscar grenn - January 05, 2021 at 06:28 AM

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“ Carlos was an amazing person, he was always a joy to see and work with. Carlos had a lot of wisdom and knowledge. His face would light up when he talked about his children and how proud he was of them and his wife. Carlos was a blessing, he will be missed more than he could imagine.

Michele Demory

Michele Demory - January 04, 2021 at 10:54 PM

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“ Wendy, Alec and Ava,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you grieve for Carlos (your dad). We will remember him fondly with a smile on his face and his kind nature. He had such a positive outlook and he will be greatly missed. We know words can't even begin to express how sorry we are for your loss. Hugs to you all!  
Brooke and Carly (and family)



Brooke Arp - January 04, 2021 at 10:39 PM

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“ Thank you for being our friend! We will always cherish our time together. From soccer matches, dancing to political rallies! Your smile and positive attitude is so missed! You fought a good fight I hope you are at peace- until we meet again- we love you!



**Laura Merchan** - January 04, 2021 at 07:24 PM

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“ Michael Rainville sent a virtual gift in memory of Carlos Moises Rodriguez Nobaru



**michael rainville** - January 04, 2021 at 04:19 PM