

Marx Engels Cruz

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It is with a broken heart that Brittany is sharing the unexpected passing of her incredible husband, Marx Engels Cruz.

Marx was born in the Philippines and spent his childhood surrounded by his large family. He had several family-filled years there before immigrating to San Antonio, Texas at 10 years old. Becoming an American citizen and graduating from university with a Bachelor of Science were very proud moments in Marx's life. He worked extremely hard and was committed to everything he set out to do and that quality stayed with him throughout his life.

When Marx attended his cousin's wedding in Half Moon Bay, BC in 2013 he had his very own Hollywood "Meet Cute" when he met the love of his life, Brittany. Their life together has been a love story for the ages. Marx and Brittany married in 2014 and counted down the days until Marx's official move to Yellowknife in April 2015. Some may say their life was like living in a real life sitcom as they were constantly making each other laugh and actively filling their days with joy, love and respect.

Marx got a job working at the Yellowknife airport and was so excited to learn how to de-ice and move the airplanes – something novel for someone used to the Texas heat who had never seen snow before! He then started an electrical apprenticeship with DT Electric and used to tell people he "found the American dream in Canada" when he became a Permanent Resident. He made so many meaningful friendships that were so important to him over the years working with both DTE and Custom Electric.

Marx had a beautiful ability to create family wherever he was. He loved his family and his chosen families with so much energy and his whole heart. His hard-working nature also translated into how hard he loved the people who were close to him. To know Marx was to love him – a cliché that has never felt more perfect.

Marx brought so much joy to all of our lives. If Marx ever made you laugh or put a smile on your face his family would love to hear from you.

Marx's family is planning a family reunion in the US to gather, remember and honour Marx. There will be no public service in Yellowknife.

Please share your stories and photos at EngelsUncleManchild@gmail.com

***Uncle Manchild was a loving nickname given to Marx by his cousins, nieces and nephews*

