



Rex Miles Potts, Jr.

May 20, 1984 - May 29, 2021

Rex “SMAK” Miles Potts Jr. was the ever-hilarious, curious and caring husband, father, son, brother, friend and mentor. An avid PlayStation gamer, Twitch streamer, car enthusiast and basketball lover, Rex was given 6 months to live after his aortic dissection in 2010. Homie said to life, “Hold my controller,” and enjoyed 11 more years of it.

Rex was born in West Islip, NY, to Rex Potts Sr. and Shanna Sims. Growing up, Rex was a rambunctious child, always getting into stuff. So much so, as his mother recalls, “That’s why he has that scar on his head.” Rex was running around, slid on a wooden floor into the bottom of the couch and needed stitches to fix his wound. Though, let Rex tell it, he’d say his mom pushed him.

But even through his hardheaded years, Rex was very helpful, kind-hearted and compassionate, never holding a grudge. But don’t try Rex! As Tai stated, “Nobody would mess with my dad. He’s strong.”

And strong he was.

In August 2014, Rex had a reconstruction surgery on his entire descending aorta due to a connective tissue disorder that took 18 hours to complete. He went through months of therapy and years of pain but, for the most part, you would not know it. He hid his pain through his infectious laugh, his jokes and

his silliness.

And, boy, Rex could not cook - but he could make a mean bowl of cereal. You'd often see plain Cheerios or Rice Krispies with sugar and banana as toppings. His favorite meal consisted of anything Italian that had pasta - especially a big bowl of spaghetti.

Rex's personality could be described as real and genuine, a cool demeanor with a bit of New York swag. At times he was stubborn, argumentative and a little annoying, but it made him a great debater. Anyone who had longer than a moment with him can tell you of a lighthearted, but heated nonetheless, argument over something random. Apple vs. Android, which car was faster, which Dragon Ball-Z character was better - Goku. He was so convincing he would have you questioning your own decision!

Rex spent the last 16 years of his life in bliss with his wife Desirree "Dimplz" Potts, sons Tai and Nashon, and his dogs Princess, Martin and Onyx. His dogs were always at his feet, loving on him, and enjoyed play-fighting with him. At night they snuggled next to him, as they knew they were perfectly safe with him. He will, also, be missed by his mom Shanna, his dad Troy, his brothers Terrill, Amahru, sister (and sisters-in-law) Tasha, Asia, and Brhea, his favorite uncle Tito "Blaze" and favorite aunt Sharon, nieces and nephews Machai, Jeremiah, Laila, Aniya, and Ja'Veah, among other family members and his countless gaming friends and fans.

There will be a Celebration of Life Service on Saturday, June 12, 2021 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at Clear Lake Park located at 2301 29th St, Orlando, Florida 32805.

Rest easy, Rex. Mission Accomplished. Good Game.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 12. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Clear Lake Park
2301 29th Street
Orlando, FL 32805

Tribute Wall

JA

“ Smak, Rex, Brother, I miss you bro dearly. Thank you for giving me the advice you did for the last 3 years. Crazy bro, you taught me how to be a cool guy and gave me the advice to live life and enjoy it. Thanks to your advice, I met the girl I have always wanted to be with, and I went for it and she said yes. She is everything to me bro and you best believe I've told her some stories of our 2k battles. Love you bro. Rest up big bro

JayBird/LoyaltyJay - September 01, 2021 at 11:37 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rex Miles Potts, Jr..



June 25, 2021 at 03:08 PM



“ Happy Father's Day dad, I want you to know that I love you and thank you for all you have done for me and taught me. I know that we didn't spend a major amount of time together but when we did spend time together it was great and I just want to tell you thank you again for everything. From your son Nashon

Nashon Gary - June 20, 2021 at 11:16 AM

DE

“ Happy Father's Day baby! You made me a mom of an amazing little boy who adores you. He misses you so much. That sparkle in his eye is missing; but, with time, it'll come back. He will never forget the loving father you were. You taught him so much, and I am terrified to do this on my own, but illtake heed to the things you did and said (I won't be so soft anymore, LOL).
You are truly missed and forever loved.

-Dimplz

Desirree - June 20, 2021 at 10:54 AM

AZ

“ Happy Father's Day Rex! You see, I had this huge event planned out for you: spaghetti, video games, some new shoes- the whole 9. (You know I help Desirree with all of that.) But now...now I can't joke like that anymore. I mean, I guess I can with Ryan. You'd be proud to know I actually remembered getting something for my husband this year. Lol

I miss you, Rex. You were my annoying brother (in law). Now, I guess I'll have to make jokes to myself. "Hey, Asia. Who you talkin to?" Myself...

Love you Rex.

Until next time...

Asia Zanders - June 20, 2021 at 10:44 AM

CP

“ *My sincere condolences to the Potts and Sims family. May God cover you all with His peace and comfort today and always!* 🙏❤️



Cheryl Pope - June 17, 2021 at 04:14 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Rex Miles Potts, Jr..*



June 11, 2021 at 03:17 PM

ED

“ I’m so sad to hear the news about Mr. Rex. I will always remember him as the kind person he was. He was such a caring person, he genuinely wanted to be of help. One of my language assignments was to find lyrics to represent each of my teachers. This is what I thought of when I thought of Mr. Rex

*“He was turned to steel
In the great magnetic field
When he traveled in time
For the future of mankind”*

I always will remember him as a strong and compassionate guy and a fun teacher.

Rest In Peace Mr. Rex

Eddie

eddie - June 09, 2021 at 08:37 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rex Miles Potts, Jr..



June 09, 2021 at 02:37 PM

JP

“ Smakfya, Smakbegonias, Smakapedia, Smak step before the shot. Bro, the names go on and on. Those memories will forever be apart of us. My favorite memories from gaming with you were mostly the bs'n we did in the parties. There was one time in particular, I kept giving you a hard time over you playing old, outdated artist. The went " The only way dimplz can't get smak to shower, she had turn young buck on in the bathroom, to which, smak would come running, slipping abs falling, cause "Y'all know what that Buck do" (Young Buck). Literally, I laugh every time I think of it, and you. Thanks for sooo many great memories and gaming moments. Thank you for all the friends I've met because of you and your precious soul. Don't worry Smak, the squad got each other, and your family because their our family now. Save a spot for us up there, and make sure we don't have that Neeko WiFi. 1,000 MBPS or better. Love Always.-Pattronius, Snapbackpatt, SnapbackDarui, PatronPatt-RT



Jeremiah Patton - June 08, 2021 at 01:51 PM

KM

“ I really didn't know Rex aka Smak, other than from gaming. But from there I could tell he was a good person and a great soul. He was always positive. Always uplifting. Even when I would have bad games lol. He was a real dude. Didn't sugar coat anything. So with that, I say, Smak hold it down until I get there. You will be missed but never forgotten. Love ya man!

Kenneth Mora - June 08, 2021 at 10:55 AM

CR

“ We are so very sorry for your loss, please accept our deepest condolences.
Sincerely,
Carla, Joel, Carson and Jason Richards



Carla and Joel Richards - June 04, 2021 at 08:47 PM

DP

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Desirree Potts - June 04, 2021 at 06:17 PM

MZ

“ MzLisaYasDahlin purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Rex Miles Potts, Jr..



MzLisaYasDahlin - June 03, 2021 at 08:28 PM



“ 5.5" EBN Kneeling & Praying Angel was purchased for the family of Rex Miles Potts, Jr..



June 03, 2021 at 06:08 PM

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“ Friend I am going to miss you. I've known you for about 3 years and you have been a great friend. I am always praying for you and your family. Your friends, family and Fans are going to be missing a good guy Silly but a good guy. Thank you for being there when i needed someone to talk to and rely on.

Shanille Briscoe (Kandie) - June 03, 2021 at 06:03 PM

JS

“ This one really hurts , Rex was a laid back type of guy always chillen in the back watching everything . He loved his Wife and son but also his Xbox lol . I got to speak to him a few weeks ago for his birthday not knowing it would have been my last time talking to him. Love you Rex hug my Mother and your grandma Lucy for me .

Jerome Stevenson Sr - June 03, 2021 at 09:47 AM

SS

Rex was a respectful nephew that Loved his family dearly. I just talked to him on his birthday. He never missed a mother's day to say hello to me. I know that your Dad and Grandma Lucy was waiting for you at the pearly gates smiling saying welcome home son. I Love you Rex ❤️

Sharon Stanford - June 03, 2021 at 11:40 AM

TM

“ Oh Rex. My fellow warrior. Im reminded of our last moment. For the first time, in a long time, I felt that I made a difference in someone else's life, that they were encouraged by me, and that they felt the love I had for them. Our hug was long and it meant the world to me, to the both of us. That hug was love, understanding, encouragement, thankfulness, respect and genuine joy to see each other and that we made it through some things. God was preparing things, things, this, and only if I knew, I would have stayed awhile longer, I would have hugged longer... but God knew. Im thankful you are no longer in pain, you are such the warrior... I'll miss our texts and your humor that only a person with thick skin could handle. I love you Rex... from day one, you've always been kind and welcomed me into the family. I appreciate you, just for being you... rest now and I'll see you when I get there. I'll endure your wife and son are well. ❤️

Tish Miles - June 02, 2021 at 11:28 PM

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“ Rex was such a good friend to me. Although years have past since we last saw each other, we kept in contact through text and Facebook. Our birthdays are a day apart, and we were born in the same hospital. He called me his twin. I will forever keep the memories that I have of him alive and continue to always talk about him. I love you Rex and will miss you tremendously

Danielle Motta (Fiorentino) - June 02, 2021 at 10:18 PM

ME

“ Rex was a truly a great father always laughing and joking most of all he loved his sons with everything in him he will truly be missed rest in peace

Melissa - June 02, 2021 at 08:50 PM

AL

“ *Mr. Rex was an amazing teacher. He made my day in the simple things. He was always open and easy to talk to. He never judged anybody and was always wearing a smile. The best ways to describe him was supportive, kind, and genuine. Thank you Mr. Rex for the time you made me and my fellow students smile, thank you for listening to me, and thank you for being my teacher.*

Aliyah - June 02, 2021 at 07:23 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rex Miles Potts, Jr..*



June 02, 2021 at 06:39 PM

DP

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Desirree Potts - June 02, 2021 at 06:27 PM

TC

To the Potts family.my deepest condolences you are in my prayers.If anything I can do for y don't hesitate to ask .May God give y the strength to press on a day at a time....

Theresa. Carpenter - June 02, 2021 at 06:54 PM

RG

Heartfelt thoughts go out to you and your family in this time of sorrow.

Renee Graben - June 02, 2021 at 08:06 PM

DP

“*Thank you Rex, my first love, for being an amazing man, devoted husband, and loving father.*

Thank you for being my knight in shining armor, and loving me--for me. You were my rock, and helped me to grow into the woman I am today. The past 16 1/2 years have been an adventure that I am so glad to have shared with you. You were my best friend, my homie, my rock, my calm in the storm, my Superman. It hurts so bad to not feel the warmth of you lying next to me; to not hear you on your game--cracking jokes and acting up. From the students you taught and mentored, the way you would help anyone on the side of the road, how you would be an ear for anyone hurting--I have never met someone who has gone through so much who was as selfless as you were.

However, I know that you will no longer be in pain, and you get to relax until we meet again. The world will never be the same without you. I love you so much, and I always will.

*Forever Yours,
Desirree*



Desirree Potts - June 02, 2021 at 04:42 PM