

Enzo La Hoz Calassara's Obituary

Coon Rapids, MN - **Enzo La Hoz Calassara**, 21, was born on January 7, 2005, in Saint Paul, Minnesota; the firstborn son to María Iraís La Hoz and Alexandre Calassara. He graduated from Anoka High School in 2023 and was a Dartmouth'27 student, in his third year at Dartmouth College. He passed away on March 1, 2026, on Rarotonga Island in the Cook Islands, while participating in a study abroad program in New Zealand. He was brought back from the Island by a wonderful team of people from Dartmouth and Minnesota, with Rachael Kroog, a loving friend & mentor, guiding him home. Enzo was in the midst of an extraordinary adventure, thriving, exploring the world, and embracing every moment with the same passion, joy and presence that defined him.



Enzo was a loving son, brother, partner, grandson, nephew and friend to so many. From childhood, Enzo captivated audiences as a gifted musician, poet, and performer. His voice—powerful, soulful, and full of life—lifted spirits on every stage he graced. His writing explored themes of justice and the belief that meaningful change begins with helping others. Around the world, Enzo created a large community of friends with which he shared his life. In Minnesota, with many of his closest friends, he created memories and music. The Orchestral quintet, a garage band called Wonderlust, and playing with many other musical friends. Another part of his artistic life was being involved in numerous theatrical productions. He performed at his schools, as well as in the professional theater community of the Twin Cities. At his beloved parish, St. Joan of Arc in Minneapolis, MN, he left an indelible legacy of inspiration and joy. At Dartmouth, he pursued majors in Cognitive Science and Music (with a deep interest in linguistics) planning on becoming an Ethnomusicologist. He shared his musical talents with The Dartmouth Sings, the Handel Society and Glee Club, and the Dartmouth College Gospel Choir, among many musical avenues. Enzo played drums in the Stratosphere band he formed with his college friends. He also served as Sparring Captain and Vice President of Dartmouth Club Taekwondo. He was brilliant, curious and an avid learner, kind, and always ready to uplift others—whether through a song, a poem, a sparring session, or a quiet moment of support.

Enzo is survived by his devoted parents María Iraís and Alexandre, his beloved younger brother Luca, and his loving girlfriend Aslı Tavaslı. Maternal Grandparents, Fernando La Hoz Brito and Olga María La Hoz, Paternal Grandmother, Marlene Calassara Rodrigues. Uncles Fernando and Luis (Angélica), Aunt and Godmother Maria Elisa, Aunt Michelle, cousins Milena, Hannah and Marcus. As well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins and a wide family spanning Brazil, Peru, the United States, and beyond—each one now grieving a young man who brought light wherever he went.

Enzo was preceded in death by his Paternal grandfather, Luiz Carlos Rodrigues.

A *Celebration of Life* is planned for Enzo La Hoz Calassara on Saturday, June 20, 2026 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Minneapolis, MN beginning after 1:00 PM CST.

All family and friends are welcome to join us in celebrating the beautiful life of Enzo. The event will be live-streamed for those who are unable to attend.



Celebration of Life

Enzo La Hoz Calassara
January 7, 2005 •♥• March 1, 2026

We will be gathering to celebrate the beautiful life of Enzo. We will share stories of our favorite memories of him and listen to his poetry and music. Join us to remember and honor him, a special and wonderful soul who is greatly missed.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026
AT 1 PM

**ST JOAN OF ARC
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
4537 3rd Ave S,
Minneapolis, MN 55419

The celebration will be at the GYM.
Also- it will be live-streamed for family and friends that could not join us in person.