

Amanda Alvear



LIFE

Amanda Alvear is a 25-year-old woman from Polk County, Florida. She was a Pharmacy technician with aspirations of being a nursing student at the University of South Florida. Family members and friends described her as inspiring and joyful with a significant future ahead of her. Her brother, Brian Alvear, said that he knows that his sister would've wanted her death to be used as a chance to spread love, not hate. He also adds to say, "She wouldn't want anyone to spread hate for her," he said. "She'd rather they spread more love, keep friends and family close, and have a good time doing it." Amanda Alvear was at Pulse to dance and enjoy music with her best friend, Mercedes Marisol Flores who was 26. She had recently completed a weight loss journey and lost 180 pounds. She documented the progress on social media which inspired thousands of people.

TWEET



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Dear Amanda Alvear, this should have never happened to you. You had so much more of your life to live out, and you had aspirations to become a nurse. We will make sure that this never happens again, even one beautiful soul lost like yours is too much.

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AMENDMENT

It's critical that security guards should have mental health checkups. Omar Mateen was a security guard for a company called G4S Secure Solutions and already had a concealed firearms license. One of his colleagues described him as racist and added that he always mentioned other races, gender, and religion in a derogatory way. Another former colleague, Daniel Gilroy, said that "he talked about killing people all the time." I believe that if Omar Mateen would've gotten a mental health check up in his job, then the Pulse Nightclub shooting would've never happened.

STATISTIC

Another senseless death.

