

Allow me to share the inspiring story of Miguel A. Santos Jr., affectionately known as DJ Poppy Pops, a beacon of joy and resilience in the vibrant tapestry of St. Croix, US Virgin Islands. Born into the warm embrace of Miguel A. Santos, Sr. and Annie Virginia “Virgie” Simmonds Santos on July 25, 1967, Miguel Jr. graced the world with his presence amidst the breathtaking beauty of his island home.

Though the youngest among his siblings, Miguel Jr. embodied the spirit of a protector and nurturer, always standing tall as the guardian of his three beloved sisters. From his earliest days, he showed promise on the baseball field, a legacy inherited from his father, affectionately known as Redhead or Mike. With each swing of the bat, Miguel Jr. carved his own path, leaving an indelible mark on the diamond.

Yet, it was the pulsating rhythm of music that truly set Miguel Jr.'s soul ablaze. From the humble beginnings of the boom box to the boundless possibilities of the laptop, DJ Poppy Pops emerged as a luminary of the Virgin Islands' music scene. With every beat, he not only played the melodies but wove enchanting tales that mesmerized audiences far and wide.

I recall the poignant moment when fate cast its shadow, and Miguel Jr. faced the daunting challenge of a stroke. Even then, his unwavering commitment to his craft shone brightly. I'll never forget our conversation, where I urged him to rest after his return from the Miami Carnival. With determination in his eyes, he replied, “Big Sis, I must play for my St. Croix audience.” Such was his boundless devotion to uplifting the spirits of his fans.

Driven by his passion for music and a deep-seated desire to nurture the talents of the next generation, DJ Poppy Pops embarked on a noble mission. Establishing a DJ Academy for aspiring young artists and lending his support to Little League Baseball, he became a guiding light in the community, inspiring hope and instilling a sense of purpose in the hearts of many.

To my dear brother, we offer our unwavering love and prayers, knowing that the divine spark within you will continue to illuminate the path ahead. As you reach for the stars, remember that you are not just a DJ but a beacon of inspiration to us all. Your legacy of resilience and passion will echo through the ages, a testament to the power of the human spirit to overcome all obstacles.