RAQUEL GIRALDEZ

LAVIDU

Raquel Giraldez, is a Peruvian/American artist living in the beautiful Santa Ynez California. Her life meaning and experience is one of giving and the happiness it produces sprouts like wild flowers of joy. Since very young, art and design has been a force for expertise and curiosity, investigation and inclusion. With wonderful and unique experiences throughout her life, the thought of designing dolls resonated a symphony of ideas and pure love.

Raquel's father used to call her little duck for the way she walked. She gave her dad a duck that became his greatest company specially when he went to a surgery, the duck went along. The duck was always with him until he died and his wife kept it by her nightstand. She felt the presence of her loved one.

Outstanding in all elements of art, her artistic vision has taken, her passion to empower champions, those who have a strong will to overcome setbacks, obstacles, illness, hardship but remain relentless in hope and pursuit of happiness, they possess a higher power, a strong belief in themselves, bringing hope and inspiration to those by sharing their stories. Lavidu is compelled to empower everyone for we all become champions in the course of life, its all a matter in believing in ourselves.

Lavidu is a force as the waves in the ocean. Creating dolls for Raquel had more meaning than any other doll. She created Lavidu Dolls and accessories and all so unique and meaningful because what you put inside, all your keepsakes, lucky charms, healing stones, essence, DNA and messages gives the dolls a life of its own. You can sit them on a special chair close to you and hold them or carry as a companion. From here on you are not alone.

Her son Dean Buell died of Muscular Dystrophy at the age of almost 25 and was a champion, Being Dean someone with a big heart, in his honor, she and her son Antonio chose happiness because all it mattered to Dean was to be happy, to embrace circumstances with

optimism, to laugh hard until it hurt, knowing his life was short he did not let her mother or brother have a sad day. Dean loved heroes, and was one. Dean Doll was created and all the benefits go to support and find a cure of muscular dystrophy.

“Lavidu is a symphony and I am the Conductor” Said Raquel. “The feeling of compassion, the richness of giving and receiving makes us treasure our blessings.” “I imagine an endless red string coming from my heart through my veins to the tip of my pinky finger and give you the string so we all connected to another pinky for a higher purpose, you are tied to Lavidu. You are happy right now.

Raquel designs the bodies, paints the faces, puts the hair, designs the clothing and gives you helpful suggestions on how to bring life to your new friend. Raquel is also known by children as Chiniwinni and she is working on a documentary of the color RED and creating a blog to inspire children to be true to themselves, to pursue their passions, be part of the good the world and humans need and have courage to overcome adversity.

Lavidu, is a force of empowerment. To live to the fullest, giving is the beginning of receiving. And receiving is the ultimate magical force of darma.

One day we find ourselves having more than enough, by sharing and empowering we will take blessing as we depart.

*Raquel Giraldez; “Ideas come as fast as the bird flies and as grandiose as the universe as the destiny to the unknown remains in motion. Reality is your drive, your subconscious. Passion is a joy of pursuing the impossible and staying in gratitude happens when God’s assurance through divine interventions to gain confidence to traverse flying the unknown for trusting the outcome of our visions into pure love manifested. Remain in the moment, for o*ur spirit is our token of fulfillment.”