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RIP Yorman Landa

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In some horrible Saturday morning news, we have learned the Twins minor league pitcher Yorman Landa has passed away. He was involved in a traffic incident early this morning outside of Caracas, Venezuela.



Image courtesy of Kim Klement, USA Today (Yorman Landa)

Yorman Landa signed with the Twins in September of 2010. He slowly worked up the system. In recent years, he fought through some shoulder issues to become a very good bullpen option.

Following the 2015 season, he was added to the 40 man roster. He and his triple-digit fastball spent the season in Ft. Myers where he was an All Star. His season came to an end in July with another shoulder issue.

The Twins took him off of the 40 man roster this fall, but last week, he re-signed with the Twins.

The car accident occurred on the Francisco de Miranda freeway near the Caracas airport. He was taken to the Domingo Luciani Hospital, but doctors were unable to revive him. According to his agent, via **Mike Berardino's article**, Landa was in the passenger seat of a vehicle, driven by his father. Their car hit a

downed tree in the rain. Landa was the only one of four or five passengers to pass away.

Our thoughts go out to the friends and family of Yorman Landa. Over his six seasons in the Twins organization, he developed a lot of friendships. So we also extend our sympathies to all of his teammates who got to know him.

In a statement from Derek Falvey for the Twins, he said "The Minnesota Twins are deeply saddened by the heartbreaking loss of Yorman Landa early this morning in Venezuela. On behalf of the entire baseball community, we send our sincerest condolences to the Landa family as well as Yorman's many friends, coaches and teammates."

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I want to take the time to send my condolences to the Landa Family. Yorman was a friend and a brother in our Twins family
RIP Little brother

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We're reminded too often how fragile life can be. Gonna miss you Abuelo, praying for you and your family.

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Juntos camino a un gran sueño, un sueño de todo pelotero 🏆
Recuerdo juntos desde el comienzo de mi carrera como pro...

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My heart goes out to all of Yorman Landa's family, friends, & past teammates. A great person on & off the field. Te extrañaremos mi hermano 🐻

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A great pitcher gone too soon 🙏 R.I.P Landa

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Such sad news to see. Prayers go to his friends and family during this tragic time. Keep smiling Yorman
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Wow not the news you want to hear when you get up in the morning. Was lucky enough to play with Yorman and witness such a great talent. RIP. twitter.com/twins/status/8...

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Horrible to wake up to. An incredible baseball player and even a better guy off the field having impacted so many lives.
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A great teammate and friend. I've never seen the ball come out of anyones hand like it did out of yours. I'll miss you 🐼
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A bright, funny, loving man. I will miss you dearly, Yorman Landa. My heart goes out to his family and loved ones 💔 [#RIP](#)

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Heart breaking news to wake up to this morning for the Twins family. Thoughts and prayers for the Landa family. Love you brother. ❤️ [twitter.com/miraclebasebal...](#)

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Rest in peace, my friend #RIP

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Tough way to wake up and hear about the passing of Yorman Landa. Prayers going out to his family and baseball community. Heartbreaking.

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Saddened by the news this morning of Yorman Landa passing away. Thoughts and prayers with his family

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My prayers go out to the Landa family. I can't believe this. What an unbelievable guy with an incredible talent. Love you brother, rest easy

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You were one of the first people I met when I signed with the @Twins and I always saw you with a smile on your face. RIP Yorman Landa!

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❤️ RIP Panda 🐼

Going to miss turning my head to check your fastball velo on the scoreboard ¹⁰⁰ twitter.com/twins/status/8...

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So sad for the family of Yorman Landa. Just an incredibly good hearted person. Tragic for him to be taken so young. We'll all miss you a ton

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Se nos fue muy pronto... gran ser humano...Descansa en paz Yorman.

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Tragic news today my condolences to Yorman Landa's family, friends and teammates. You'll be missed brotha aka "good body" [#RIPLanda](#) [#MNTwins](#)

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When I think of Landa .. I think of a good teammate and a guy that always has a smile on his face! Going to miss him [#panda](#)

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A lot of emotions today as I heard a former teammate died this morning. Yorman landa always had a smile on his face. You will be missed

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Oh, no! Always tragic to lose the young. Condolences to his family.

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So sad!! Prayers to family and friends.