

## Death of a Star Pitcher!

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I am an avid Kansas City Royals fan, and I enjoyed watching **Yordano Ventura** pitch as a young, highly talented, up and coming pitcher. It was with great sadness that I learned of his death last Sunday, January 22, 2017. At the young age of 25, he was about to enter into the best stage of his young career, and was set to make millions of dollars. But due to a car crash in his Dominican Republic, he will never see another baseball game. I am still grieving over this young man's death.

Sadly, there are several lessons that we can take from this tragedy:

- **Nobody has a lease on life, or a guarantee of tomorrow.**
- **Death may come quickly and unexpectedly.**
- **The young die too.**
- **The rich and famous die too.**
- **Take advantage of the opportunities in life; make the most of them.**
- **Prepare for eternity — God will be waiting for you on the other side.**
- **Do not believe the idea "It won't happen to me!"**
- **Ask yourself the question often: "Where will I be one second after death?"**
- **Tell your loved ones that you love them *daily*.**
- **Look out for one another; the life that is saved may be your own.**

*"No one has power over the spirit to retain the spirit, and no one has power in the day of death. There is no release from that war, and wickedness will not deliver those who are given to it." (Ecclesiastes 8:8 NKJV)*

*"Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth; walk in the ways of your heart, and in the sight of your eyes; but know that for all these God will bring you into judgment."*

**(Ecclesiastes 11:9 NKJV)**

**Goodbye young Yordano Ventura! We will certainly miss you this Spring!**

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