



Mr. John Frances Ruberto

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Mr. John Frances Ruberto, age 67, passed away Thursday, June 26, 2014 in Muskegon. He was born in Middletown, CT on September 28, 1946 to Alfred Concetto and Rose Marie (Gionfriddo) Ruberto and moved to Muskegon in 1983. John was a veteran of the United States Army and served two tours in Vietnam. He earned his doctorate degree in Naturopathic Medicine and had most recently been the director of Blue Heron Academy; and was a former owner of the Tohado House. John started studying martial arts at the age of 7 and had over 60 years of training and teaching. He was a Supreme Grand Master and held a 10th degree dan black belt. He developed and taught his own style of Tai Chi that was approved by the United States Martial Arts Association and he was inducted into the Martial Arts Hall of Fame. John was a member of Bridge Bible Church. On December 28, 1984, John married the former Marie A. LoPresti in Muskegon and she survives him along with three children, Michaelleen Jon Ruberto, Rich (Teri) Gray and Virginia (Justin) Brady; 5 grandchildren, Nicholas, Mikayla, Emily Rose, Fallon and Layne; two nieces, Lisa Marie Wilson-Ruberto and Tobi Salza and one nephew, Salvatore Ruberto, Jr. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Salvatore Ruberto, Sr. A MEMORIAL SERVICE will be 11:00 AM Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at Bridge Bible Church with Rev. Eric Strattan officiating. MEMORIALS to the Disabled American Veterans would be appreciated.




Events

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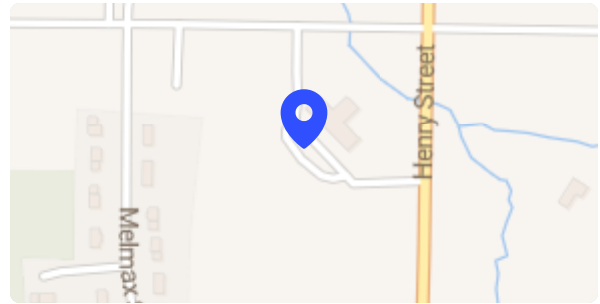
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Memorial Service

 **Wednesday**, July 2, 2014

 11:00 AM ET

 **Bridge Bible Church**
5035 Henry St., Muskegon MI





Tribute Wall

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LW

Lisa Ruberto Wilson posted:

Missing my uncle very much today. Love you, Uncle Johnny...

November 12 at 6:31 AM

TS

Tom & Jan Smith posted:

Marie...So VERY SORRY for your loss...though we didn't know him well, we have so many fond memories of a GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD you used to share with us...May many good memories help you through the days ahead...and knowing he has went to another GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD give you peace. Sincerely, Tom & Jan Smith

July 1 at 9:24 AM

GS

Gail Saukas posted:

John was my friend and fellow Tai Chi student years ago. We shared many great times as well as struggles. He had a kind heart and a wonderful smile. My condolences to his family. The world will miss him.

June 30 at 9:06 AM

MS

Marv & Sue Schaafsma posted:

sorry for your loss. John was a good friend and neighbor. He will be missed. If we can help in any way, let us know. Marv & Sue Schaafsma

June 30 at 4:51 AM

JB

Janet Bates posted:

Marie, I am so sorry for your loss. Although I didn't know John well, the memories of meeting him and talking to him many times were all very positive ones. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Jan Bates

June 29 at 3:16 PM



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Ken Muston Jr. posted:

I met John at the information day for PTSD at Bethany Church and became friends while going to the support group meetings. John always had warm smile and a kind greeting. We did not know that our last hand shake with a man hug saying so long was really good by. Johns vast knowledge and help is greatly appreciated and will not be forgotten. Pleased be comforted with the knowledge that John is without pain and suffering now that he is with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. My Sincere Christian Sympathy, Ken Muston Jr.

June 29 at 2:40 PM



Karla Lenker lit a candle in honor of John.

My memories of John are many, as he was both my Massage Therapist and Tai Chi instructor. Both experiences changed my life dramatically, and I will be forever grateful for his presence in my life in a time of great transition. My Blue Heron certificate wwill always be proudly displayed in my office. Marie, you'll be in my thoughts and prayers as you adjust to life without his powerful energy nearby, altho you know he'll always be with you. Thank you, John! I know you're enjoying this next journey! With Love & Light, Karla Lenker



June 29 at 1:48 PM



Milton Bud Fiser posted:

I Will CHERISH The Good Times I Had With John. He tougt me so much,and helped me with my own conflicks. Marie ,I am Truely Sorry For Your Loss . John Will Be Missed All Rest in peace brother Bud And Marilyn

June 29 at 7:42 AM



Tracy Baynard June 30 at 12:32 PM

John was a great family friend. Respect and honor are all I can think of when thinking of John. Well wishes to the family and have a great journey John and please give Uncle Sal a big hug from me.



Paula Mcclurg posted:

"Perhaps they are not stars in the sky, but rather openings where our loved ones shine down to let us know they are happy". Eskimo saying Ray & Paula Ziemelis

June 29 at 3:39 AM



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CE

Chuck Enberg posted:

John will be missed as both my friend, brother, and sifu, my life had a greater intrinsic value because of John being in it. John gave me the grace to see myself in a more positive light, and was always very patient and understanding even though I frustrated him and challenged some of his beliefs constantly. My deepest sympathy to his family and my hope that they can find comfort.

June 29 at 1:56 AM

LJ

Linda Jones posted:

To Marie, I am so sorry for your loss. I have great memories of the two of you shortly after John first came to Muskegon. I see God's love surrounding you and your family. Linda Jones

June 29 at 1:48 AM

LG

Larry Green posted:

I am a better person for knowing John. He was a kind and sincere person who always had time to share advice and a helping hand to me. I will miss you.

June 28 at 5:10 PM

SP

Susan Pedersen lit a candle in honor of John.



June 28 at 11:56 AM

JM

James Miller posted:

Although I only knew John since February since I joined the PTSD Friday meetings on Fridays he was one of the first ones to accept me into the group. He was kind and friendly and gave me some valuable advice .I liked him the first day and I personally will miss him. My condolences to his family . In my eyes he will never be forgotten. I love you John. May you finally rest in peace. Mike #3 Miller

June 28 at 10:29 AM



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Greene Family posted:

Dear Ruberto Family and Friends,I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your dear loved one. Please accept my sincere condolences. May it comfort you to know that The Most High God has resurrected humans on Earth before through His son Jesus, and He promises He will do so again very soon. (Psalms 83:18,Acts 24:15,Revelation 21:3,4)

June 28 at 9:01 AM



Charles Morpeth lit a candle in honor of John.

Jhon was there at the old VA Rosmarrie meetings which was about 2007 and I did not believe I had PTSD so finally came to a meeting, it was Jhon, Joe, Stan, and few others that were there Jhon invited me in and treated me like family like Joe Hill did because watching them an I finally said that was me. Jhon treated my family with respect and stood up for me and my wife and son was treated really respected because he did not care about nationality, Jhon You are in the Lords hands know God will take all the pain away, we love you God bless.The Morpeths Charles, Gunsuk, Shawn



June 28 at 7:01 AM



Shannon Gimenes lit a candle in honor of John.



June 28 at 6:49 AM



Herb Merten posted:

John was a stand up guy, when he spoke you just naturally listened. He made a difference in the short time I knew him. rest in peace Comrade Brother

June 28 at 6:37 AM



Mardi Monroe Williams lit a candle in honor of John.

Dear Marie~ What a wonderful man John was and know he touched many lives in such positive ways.Hoping the good memories will help you through this time.T hinking of you with love and hugs.



June 28 at 6:22 AM



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Shannon Gimenes shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I have known John for Four years. He was my mentor, a fellow Veteran, my adoptive father and most importantly my dear friend. It is because of John that I have gotten the help that I needed from the V.A. His kind, generous heart not only comforted me when I was lost, but he extended his love to my family. My children have grown a custom to calling him "uncle" John and he shall be missed, but never forgotten.



June 28 at 6:08 AM



Isabel Collinge-Stahl posted:

I have known John for 5 years. He was my teacher of Tai Chi and friend. He was kind and gentle spirit . I will miss him and am so sadden by his passing. I will miss his hugs. I am so sorry for his family. May you be comforted by the knowledge that he touched so many lives in his too short life and we are all wishing his family well.

June 28 at 4:14 AM



Paul Varboncoeur Veteran June 29 at 2:49 PM

John was a great man.In the 5 years I have known him from our PTSD group. he did so much for all and know one could be missed more.I love him and I am looking forward to seeing him in Heaven. Paul Varboncoeur 6-29-14



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John Ruberto - brothers forever



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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