



Frederick "Rick" Ruccio

August 22, 1950 - August 22, 2015

Frederick "Rick" Ruccio, 65, died peacefully Saturday, August 22, 2015 surrounded by his loving family. Born in Waterbury, CT, the son of the late Fred Ruccio and Patricia Dunn, he attended school in his hometown of Naugatuck. After high school he attended college in Honolulu, Hawaii and entered the order of the Marianist Brothers. Rick spent many years teaching in the school systems of Hawaii, Maine, Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts. Rick and his husband Jay Stewart would have celebrated their 31st anniversary on Sunday, August 23rd. They shared a love for their family, friends and their dogs. Rick enjoyed entertaining his family and friends by sharing an abundance of food and love. Rick's passion in life was to love everyone. Besides his husband of Lenox, he is survived by his brothers, Doug, Tony, Mike, and Chris Ruccio as well as his sisters, Sherrie Ruccio - Piccolo and Felicia Ruccio. Besides his siblings, Rick leaves the lights of his life Rachel, Becky and Bob Piccolo whom he treated like his own children as well as his grand-niece, Chloe Borrett who called him Pop-Pop. Rick will be missed by his many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws. Besides his parents, Rick is predeceased by his brother, John Ruccio, sister, Debbie Wilcox and his niece, Carrie Wilcox. "I believe our bodies are vessels and that the essence of who we are lies in our soul." Rick chose to donate his body for medical research to help end suffering and foster healing.

SERVICES: A memorial celebration for Rick will be held at his home, 40 New Lenox Road, Lenox, MA 01240 on Saturday, August 29, 2015 at 11a.m. with

the Rev. Christopher J. Waitekus, Pastor, officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Moments House, a non-profit organization that supports those affected by cancer in Berkshire County, 34 Depot Street #301, Pittsfield, MA 01201.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Sending comforting thoughts and prayers to Rick's entire family and friends. Rick was an amazing guy who always put a smile on my face. I know he will always have his eyes on you all.*

With Love,

Chrissy Wellington-Garner and family

Chrissy Wellington-Garner - August 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM