



Ruben Acosta

April 12, 1959 - March 17, 2012

Acosta, Ruben, March 17, 2012 age 52 of Northville. Loving husband of Esther. Dear father of Andrès and Rafael Acosta. Beloved son of Maria and the late Ruben. Dear brother of Jeannie and Roger. In state Saturday 9 AM until Funeral Mass at 10:30 AM at Old St. Mary Catholic Church, 646 Monroe Avenue (in Greektown), Detroit. There will be no public viewing at the funeral home. The family will be receiving friends and guests at the church prior to the Funeral Mass. Due to the Lenten Season, the church will not accept flowers. Please direct any memorial contributions to New Hope Ministries Orphanage, PO Box 336, Plainfield, IN 46168. To share a memory, please use the View and Send Condolences tab on this web site.

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“ *Ruben Acosta*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *I worked with Ruben at Cooper Fink and Zausmer and thought he was one of the most nicer men I have ever met. I am truly sorry for your loss. Marlene*

Marlene - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM



“ *Esther - I am so very sorry for your and the boys' loss. I worked for Ruben for 6 years and truly found him to be one of the most gentle and kindest people I've known in my life. He was the epitome of goodness and honesty. Truly rare in this world today. He will be greatly missed by many. "Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4. May God bless and keep you always.*

Cheryl Bozarth - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM



“ *My heart goes out to Ruben's family and friends. Peace to you now and always.*

Theresa Durkin Shinaberry - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

JK

“ To Ruben's loving mom Maria, his siblings Roger and Jeannie, his nephew Justin his niece Jenna , Caleb who will be blessed for years to come with memories of Uncle Ruben. To his children Andres and Rafael who were his life. To the Acosta Family our prayers and thoughts are with you. There's not enough men in this WORLD like Ruben Acosta. May you draw strength from those around you, and from precious memories.

Jerry, Diana and Caitlin Kowalski - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

JM

“ While I will be unable to attend Saturday's memorial Mass for Ruben, he and his family will be in my prayers. Ruben was a marvelous young man, who widely shared the many talents God had provided to him. I am grateful to have known him, and witnessed his goodness.

John McSorley - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

RC

“ Rubencito fue muy especial y muy querido por todos siempre estuvo ahi al lado de su familia ,siempre extendiendole la mano a todo el que lo necesitaba ,nunca lo olvidaremos ,siempre estara en nuestros corazones .para ti tia todo el amor del mundo te queremos muchos y estamos rezando contigo y unidos a tu dolor ,un abrazo a toda la familia

Raul Macias y Cachy - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

WW

“ Although our paths crossed before, I got to know Ruben well when I did an interview with him for a New Detroit presentation. I felt an instant bond with a person whom I considered to be sharp and engaging. I feel we all have lost a driving force for positive change. My father met his demise at an early age so I have personal experience with what it means to be called home before your time. My heart goes out to Ruben's survivors. Due to a previously scheduled out of town trip I will not be in the Detroit area during your service but my thoughts will be with you.

W. Jackson Wertz - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

CH

“ Sad to hear the news of Ruben's passing. A friend from childhood in Brightmoor.

Curtis Hay - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

HJ

“ Esther, we are so sorry for your loss. Our hearts are filled with sorrow. Our prayers are with you and your boys. Our Cherboneau family has always meant a tremendous amount to us. God's blessings in this time of sorrow.

Helena and Michael Jenkins - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

JM

“ Esther and Family. We cannot tell you how sorry we are for your loss. The one time we met Ruben we could tell he had a gentle, sweet spirit. We are continuing to pray for you, the children and Ruben's family. If there is anything you need don't hesitate to let us know. Romans 8:38&39. Respectfully, Jim and Cathy

Jim and Cathy Mellon - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

MA

“ a mi querido primo, con todo el amor del mundo, de quien siempre te recordaremos, tu prima tita , tu tío cesar, tu tía antonia , tus primos luis y yunior , siempre te recordaremos, viviras en nuestros corazones para siempre, el dolor de tu perdida, lo sufrimos todos, fue un privilegio de dios, que estuvieras con nosotros, aunque fue muy poco el tiempo, eras demasiado bello y perfecto, para vivir en esta tierra lamentablemente, para los que te amamos, se que aunque sufrimos tu ausencia, estas al ladito de nuestro señor , jesu cristo, el te cuidara siempre y velara, por tus hijitos, y tu esposa, no me despido de ti , porque siempre viviras con nosotros, te amaremos por siempre, tu prima tita y familia

maria arias - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

BG

“ Ruben and I first met at 15 years old we were both dishwashers at the Danish Club in Detroit. We met again later in life when we both served on community Boards for Latin Service Organizations, in our professional careers. Our Community and family has suffered an incredible loss. My thoughts and condolences are with Ruben's family first and ourselves second.

Benancio J Gonzalez - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

JM

“ Our deepest sympathies to Esther and sons. You are in our prayers and thoughts. Though as neighbors we hadn't known Ruben very long, he seemed like a wonderful person and we are very sorry for your loss. May God be with you, and please let us know if you need anything.

Jeni & Tim Mistry - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

RS

“*Ruben was a wonderful friend. He was one of the most caring and smartest people I knew. His love and dedication for his family was tremendous. No words could ever describe what I truly think of Ruben Acosta and his wife and boys. This world is a sadder place with the loss of him. May God Bless his beautiful family*

Ron Smith - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

MM

“*No llores si me amas, si conocieras el don de Dios y lo que es el Cielo Si pudieras oír el cántico de los ángeles y verme en medio de ellos. Créeme, cuando la muerte venga a romper tus ligaduras como ha roto las que a mí me encadenaban; cuando llegue el día que Dios ha fijado y conoce y tu alma venga a este Cielo en el que te ha precedido la mía Sentirás que te sigo amando como te amé.y encontrarás mi corazón con todas sus ternuras purificadas. Volverás a verme en transfiguración, en éxtasis feliz, ya no esperando la muerte, sino avanzando contigo, llevándote de la mano por los nuevos senderos de la luz y de la vida. Seca tus lágrimas y no llores si me amas.” San Agustin. Tia Maria nuestro mas sentido pesar, por este dolor, solo te podemos decir, que te queremos mucho, y estamos orando por ustedes.*

Maryorland,Julio,Juliana and Miranda - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

HK

“*Every once in a very long while you meet someone that will extend a hand to a desperate person and help make him well. without judgement he brought me back from great depths.Beth Ardisana connected us together and he was a wonderful find and performer---loved being with him. i would like all to know that Heaven is a far better place with Ruben and he will not only be missed but leaves behind the true meaning of "love thy neighbor" . Howard Keating*

howard keating - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

RS

“ *Esther, I have no words to express how heart broken I am about Ruben's passing. I feel privileged having been his assistant for so many years. Ruben was truly a good man and he will be missed by so many. My prayers remain with you and your beautiful family. With much affection, Rosalie*

Rosalie Slating - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

LF

“ *God Bless you all in your sorrow. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Past memories of us all playing together run through my mind. We were the greatest of friends and neighbors as children and young adults...those times will forever be in my heart.*

Lori (Barton) Gerrity & family - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

LM

“ *ruben was great man his passing shows how unfair life can be but how it is not in our hands so we must let god take care of him above im in the family and i wish u tia maria and the rest of your family all my condolences*

lester macias - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

D.

“ When I saw the notice of Ruben's passing, my heart sank like a stone. Simultaneously, 36-year-old memories began to bubble up. I remember one still, twilight in the winter of 1975, when Ruben, his friend, and I took a trip to Rouge Park for a sled ride down the slope. The stillness of the landscape was magical, disturbed only by our laughter. We were full of adolescent exuberance in a moment wrapped in joy. I don't recall Ruben's friend's name, but I have never forgotten Ruben. He was special, even at 16, already in possession of a reserved self-confidence the rest of us would wait many years to achieve. Condolences to Ruben's family. I am so sorry for your loss.

D.B. - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

MA

“ We thank god for had given us the opportunity of meeting and befriended such extraordinary man. You will be missed tremendously. The world has definitely lost one of his best. Rest in peace Ruben.

Mansour and Lubna Allaf - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

CV

“ Our prayers are with the family of Ruben at this time of great sorrow. May he rest in peace.

Conrado and Enedelia Valle - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

HF

“ My sincere condolences to the Acosta family. Ruben was an inspiration and advocate for the community. He was a special individual who will be missed, not only by the hispanic community, but the diversity community at large. May God hold you close during this trying period.

Helen Ford - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

NG

“ My dearest Esther, My heart aches for you and your little boys as you go through what must seem like an eternity of sadness. Words cannot express how much I wish that I could make things better for you but know that God in all his mercy and goodness knows how you feel and gladly accepts all your sadness and tears for he is a loving God- I pray for you and your children through this difficult time in your lives. Love you my friend, Norma

Norma Gorski - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

TS

“ I am a friend of Rubens through the Detroit legal community. In my 30 plus years practicing law, I can state without reservation there was no finer lawyer and certainly no finer person than Ruben. I will miss him, but will continue to value his friendship and know that his stature in the community will never be forgotten.

Timothy A. Stoepker - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

JC

“ Our most sincere sympathies to you Ester and your family for your loss. Our memories of Ruben were of a kind, intelligent and accepting man whom we cherished as a neighbor. May God grant peace to Ruben and your family. Love always.

Jim Vermeulen & Otis Baker, Cherboneau North Condo - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

JA

“ *Esther and Maria, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I offer to you my deepest condolences. My parents and I have always respected, highly esteemed, and enjoyed our friendship with Ruben. He was always kind and so inspiring. We are thankful and privileged to have known him. My God bless you and comfort you and your family, today and always. My deepest sympathy and with great respect, Jeanette Avila*

Jeanette Avila - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

MF

“ *Querida Maria: Te acompañamos en el sentimiento por la pérdida de tu hijo y nuestro querido amigo. Rogaremos mucho por él y ofreceremos una misa en la ermita de la Caridad para que nuestra madre lo reciba en su seno.*

Mariano Pallarés y familia - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

V(

“ *I wish to express my deepest condolences to the family. Rueben was a friend and I admired him greatly. I will miss him and my thoughts and prayers will be with the family at the time of their loss.*

Valde Garcia, State Senator (Ret.) - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

CL

“ *Words cannot express my deep sadness and sorrow. Dear Esther, be strong and faithful. Ruben was blessed with great beauty in and out and somehow you were meant to be the last and greatest part of his journey. G-d bless, Chuck*

Charles Lechner - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

LD

“ *My heartfelt condolences to Rubens family, I had the honor to meet Ruben during Leadership Detroit. He truly was/is a great and passionate leader. May the Lord of peace comfort you during this very difficult time.*

Lisa Whitmore Davis - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

DD

“ *May you rest in peace Ruben you suffered enough, a neighbor I felt lucky to have and was hoping to be closer to over the years...but God took you away so soon and so fast...Esther how I wish I could take away your pain. I know in my heart God is there to help you and the kids make it through this nightmare. Only God knows why these things happen.. I know you will do everything in your power to make sure Rafael and baby Andres will be okay...just like you did for Ruben. I am praying for you ..hurting for you... Ruben is still here in spirit and in our hearts..he is watching over you and the kids forever xo*

Dania and Andrew Dagher - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

AA

“ *May GOD bless his soul; Our thoughts and prayers with his family.*

Abed & Zeina Asfour - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

DL

“ *Esther, We are thinking of you and praying for you and your family. God Bless you all!*

Dr Rob and Jill Leach - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

RC

“ Esther,

My sincere condolences to you, the boys and Ruben's mom. Ruben was a former neighbor and friend. He served as a board member when I first began working at Gift of Life. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family in this challenging moment. I will forever cherish the memory and integrity of Ruben. My heart is truly heavy.

Remonia Chapman - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

DB

“ *Ruben and I met several years ago as part of a Leadership Detroit Class. From the moment I met him, it was clear that Ruben was a special person. He and I later served together on the Board of Directors for the Sphinx Orgnaization. My condolences to the family. Through all of our interactions, Ruben made it was clear that his family was the most important part of his life.*

Deidre Bounds - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

TN

“ *Ruben's death leaves a hole in my heart and I am sure many others. I loved him very much. "The garland briefer than a girl's..." I hope his children will realize what a tremendous man their father was. Timothy Noonan*

Timothy Noonan - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

JH

“ *Esther - It is with deep sadness that I send this note to let you know that my heart is full of prayer for you and your family. I have had you all in my thoughts through this journey, and will continue to do so. With Love and Hope, Judy Halprin*

Judy Halprin - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

BT

“ I wish to express my sincere condolence to the family of Ruben. I first met Ruben at one of the Hispanic Business galas, and have since found him to be very passionate about the causes he believes in. He will be missed by all who came into his world. Sincerely,
*Bankole Thompson Senior/Executive Editor Michigan Chronicle
Newspaper Detroit, MI 48201 313 963 5522*

Bankole Thompson - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

LA

“ My condolences go out to the family of Ruben Acosta and his many friends on the loss. He touched the lives of many and he will be missed. May God continue to watch over you and provide you with comfort in time of need. *Larry C. Arreguin*

Larry C. Arreguin - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

JM

“ *God Bless the Acosta Family*

Juan Jose Martinez - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

TH

“ *Tony and I give our deepest sympathy.*

TONY JACOBS & SUE HELMS - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

SF

“ *I have rarely known anyone so warm and so genuine, so full of goodness. I am so sorry, Esther, Andres and Rafael, for your loss.*

Susan Fullar - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

AO

“ *Mere words cannot do justice to the person Ruben was and the significant impact he made in a life cut short. He was universally loved and respected because of his warm and engaging personality, his impressive intellect and the dedication and commitment to the betterment of the legal profession, Hispanic businesses and the Latino community. Ruben inspired me with his friendship and the way he lived his life with integrity. He leaves behind an aspirational legacy as a unique and wonderful human being that we strive to emulate. My condolences and deepest sympathies go out to his wife Esther and his young sons.*

Armando Ojeda - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

KC

“ *Ruben was a fine gentleman and most impressive attorney. I am very saddened to learn of his passing and will pray for him and his family. Ruben had such a unique courtroom presence and charismatic impact, combined with a wonderful sense of humor. His pride of his family and Cuban heritage were evident in both his words and his smile. We will continue to pray for Ruben and his family.*

Kevin Casey - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

RB

I met Rubin while he was in college at U of M many years ago. He was so bright, handsome and kind. I knew he had become a lawyer. I am sick to hear of his illness and passing. Rest In Peace Rubin ❤️

Robbin Bidigare - August 02, 2017 at 09:08 PM

DB

“ I am an old college friend of Ruben and I am so sorry to hear of his passing. He was a class act and a great Cuban-American. My condolences to his mother, wife and children. I am sure he leaves a lasting legacy. God Bless you all. Daniel B. Burns, Birmingham, MI

Daniel B. Burns - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM