



Paul V. Guerrero

October 21, 1962 - October 22, 2019

On October 22, 2019, USMC MP Paul Vasquez Guerrero passed away at age 57. Born October 21, 1962, to Ricardo Melendez and Francisca (Vasquez) Guerrero in Toppenish, WA, his father moved the family to Renton, WA in the early 1960s and that is where Paul grew up. He married Debbie Aguerro in the early 1980s and they had a son, Paul Jr. They divorced after a few years and in the late 1990s Paul met and fell in love with Kathryn Green and her two daughters, Jessica and Sabrina. They married and added a son, Roman, to their family. Although this marriage also ended, Paul forever loved the family that it gave him.

Paul proceeded to pour his energy into martial arts, a discipline he had studied since he was 12. He trained under grandmaster John Leong, becoming a national champion martial artist, participating at various competitions, including the 20th Annual Can Am International Martial Arts Championships, where he walked away with 3 gold medals. He also competed as a body builder, and his shelves were lined with trophies from both martial arts and body building competitions from this time.

Professionally, Paul served as a SWAT-trained sheriff for King County. Having followed in his father's footsteps to become a Marine, he extended his time to serve as Military Police and after his Honorable Discharge decided to enter the police academy. This was during a time when there were few minority

members on the force, and his family was very proud that he made it through the intensive training and passed the exam on his first try. Paul's career was cut short after two on-the-job motorcycle accidents left him with a broken back. However, he did not take to retirement lightly. A devout Christian with a black belt and license to teach, he opened the Warrior Shaolin School of Martial Arts, a private school for Christians. He also spent this time engaging in his other favorite hobby, classic muscle cars, a beloved pastime that he shared with his beloved son, Roman. For last but not least, Roman was the greatest joy in his life, and he endeavored to be the best father possible for him. In fact, he was also a great brother, son, and uncle who did his best to help and to provide for others. When he moved back to the Yakima area a few years ago he immediately made his father's care a personal priority and did his best to make his last few months of life better. Paul will be dearly missed by all in his family.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ricardo M. Guerrero, and his grandparents Apolinar and Prudencia Guerrero. He is survived by his mother, Fran (Vasquez) Guerrero, and his siblings: Richard Jr. (Sandra Gonzales), Abel Guerrero, Debbie Guerrero, and Irma (Shawn) Kirk, as well as his two stepdaughters, Jessica and Sabrina Crockett, and his sons, Roman and Paul Jr. Guerrero.

Services will be held at Colonial Funeral Home in Toppenish on Friday, November 1st. Viewing will be 9:00-11:00 AM, funeral services beginning at 11:00 AM. The burial will follow at Elmwood Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Heggie's Colonial Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *Paul V. Guerrero*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *DeaJay Guerrero sent a virtual gift in memory of Paul V. Guerrero*



DeaJay Guerrero - December 20, 2022 at 11:27 AM



“ *DJ V Guerrero sent a virtual gift in memory of Paul V. Guerrero*



DJ V Guerrero - January 22, 2020 at 12:44 AM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



DJ V Guerrero - November 07, 2019 at 10:55 AM

DG

“ Don't think of him as gone away
his journey's just begun,
life holds so many facets
this earth is only one.
Just think of him as resting
from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days and years.
Think how he must be wishing
that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.
And think of him as living
in the hearts of those he touched...
for nothing loved is ever lost
and he was loved so much.

Forever in my heart brother Paul

DJ V Guerrero - November 01, 2019 at 12:17 AM

DG

“ DJ Guerrero lit a candle in memory of Paul V. Guerrero



DJ Guerrero - October 31, 2019 at 11:06 PM

DG

“ *DJ Guerrero sent a virtual gift in memory of Paul V. Guerrero*



DJ Guerrero - October 31, 2019 at 11:05 PM

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“ *Barbara, Lisa, Brennon, Jeff, Jim, Reggie, and Kim purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Paul V. Guerrero.*



Barbara, Lisa, Brennon, Jeff, Jim, Reggie, and Kim - October 31, 2019 at 09:57 AM