



John Michael Ventura

May 1, 1956 - July 31, 2021

Ventura, John Michael

Born May 1, 1956 and passed away on July 31, 2021. John was a lifelong resident of Joliet.

John was preceded in death by his father John Philip Ventura, adopted father Dr. James G. Adelman, brother Dr. Douglas Adelman, paternal grandparents John & Theresa (nee Astorino) Ventura, maternal grandparents Dominic & Rose (nee Del Re) Colonna, adopted grandparents George & Florence (nee Cash) Adelman, father-in-law Adam J. Bielec, brothers-in-law Frank Bielec and Bob Bielec, sister-in-law Margie Bielec, and beloved pets Hogan, Kodiak, Cassie and Gabby.

John is survived by his loving wife of 40 years Kay (nee Bielec), loving daughter Gina (Rick) Ciancio, mother Phyllis (nee Colonna) Adelman, brother James G. (Lynda) Adelman, sister Susan (Robert) Darin, sisters-in-law Lindy Adelman, Pat Potter, Kim (Andy) Zamora, Laurie (Ponch) Palacios, mother-in-law Phyllis Bielec-Quigley, numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins from both sides of the family, dearest and closest friends for over 40 years Mike and Cathy Doolin, and his mentor Grandmaster Bob Golden. Also survived by his cats Jackson and Laci.

John attended Woodland School and graduated from Lockport Central High School, Class of 1974. He was a skilled cabinet maker and worked for several of the businesses in Will County over the last 45 years.

John was an 8th Degree Black Belt Grandmaster in Ryu-Kyu Kempo, starting his training in 1994 under Grandmaster Bob Golden. Upon Grandmaster Golden's retirement in the late 1990s, John was given permission by Grandmaster Golden to create the Bob Golden School of Self-Defense, retiring in 2020. His passion was teaching Ryu-Kyu Kempo to his students, especially the children.

In the last few years, John's favorite thing to do was to spend time with his sister and brother-in-law at their cottage on the river, watching for swans and eagles while smoking an Acid Blondie Cigar with his daughter and sister.

John was a huge animal lover, always having a beloved pet throughout his life.

John was a family man; a loving husband and devoted father. He loved his entire family so very much and would have done anything for any of them. He will be dearly missed by everyone who knew him.

John "fought the good fight" for three years battling humanity's worst enemy, cancer. He fought hard with strength and determination. He was a true warrior.

John's family would like to thank Dr. Ellen Gustafson and the staff at JOHA for the great care they gave to him.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 5. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Delgado Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of John Michael Ventura*



Delgado Funeral Chapel - August 05, 2021 at 04:46 PM



“ *Delgado Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Michael Ventura*

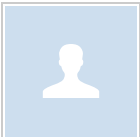


Delgado Funeral Chapel - August 05, 2021 at 11:04 AM

NF

Such A sweetheart of a man always smiling. ❤️💚 What a great and loving spirit.

N. Smith, Gina's Friend - August 05, 2021 at 04:08 PM



“ *John Michael Ventura*

January 28, 2023 at 11:56 AM

GC

“ *Gina Ventura Ciancio lit a candle in memory of John Michael Ventura*



Gina Ventura Ciancio - September 03, 2021 at 04:13 PM

MC

“ *Johnny Michael Mr Tubby Our Warrior .yesterday today .tomorrow . We hold all this journey of our lives ever so near and dear. More than simple words could Ever explain. Till we play our card game together .guide us please as loss is strong .*

Mike n Cathy - August 12, 2021 at 05:18 PM

MA

“ *John you will be so very sadly missed God took an angel to heaven ,, my deepest sympathy to all your family and great friends ,, now you are at peace . God bless you and your family Mary (Zouganelis) Ruettiger*

Madein America - August 07, 2021 at 01:26 AM

KJ

“ *There are so many memories of John that I hold so close to my heart! Many rides through Piltcher Park! And swimming, carnival and Karate! Hanging out with Gina was hanging out with John too and he was the cool Dad! My favorite memory will always be the Zoo!*

Thanks for a lifetime of amazing memories John! We will miss you!!!

Karen Hall Jackson - August 05, 2021 at 07:57 PM

VH

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Vanessa Holloway - August 05, 2021 at 04:45 PM

VH

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Vanessa Holloway - August 05, 2021 at 11:24 AM

PO

“ We met John 22 years ago when we moved in next door. My husband and I always enjoyed talking to him across the fence. One particular memory of John that will forever stay with us is when John knocked on our door during the city's curfew/lockdown when the pandemic first started. John came to tell us not to worry that he was going to be on watch and he had the means to protect his family and ours. For many reasons his act of kindness will never be forgotten. May he Rest In Peace.

Patty and Oscar - August 05, 2021 at 06:10 AM

RY

“ I will definitely miss him a lot. he was my karate instructor. he taught me a lot of self defense, he taught me how to break a board with my foot. he taught me a lot of stuff. i've known him since i was 6, i am now 16. i have been trying to see him and his karate demonstrations but covid had messed it up. fly high john 🕊️ i'll miss you



ryane - August 04, 2021 at 11:59 PM

RF

“ John was a very kind and patient teacher to my son. My deepest condolences to his family

Rose Francis - August 04, 2021 at 10:36 PM

KF

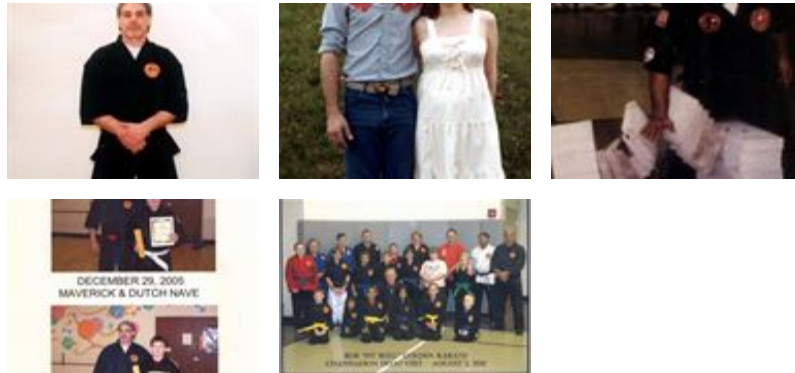
“ Keith Kronberger & family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of John Michael Ventura.



Keith Kronberger & family - August 04, 2021 at 10:36 PM



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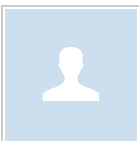
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JD

“ *My heart goes out to you Kay and Gina. Johnny was a cousin whom I spent many summers growing up with in my teenage years. He was a good man whom I always looked up to as a role model and boy could he make you laugh! He had the best laugh. I'm glad that his long battle of pain and suffering has ended. My heart goes out to my Aunt Phil for the unbearable pain of losing a son. Kay and Gina- take care of yourselves and know that he will always live in our great memories.*



Joseph Dodge - August 04, 2021 at 06:43 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Michael Ventura.*



August 04, 2021 at 04:01 PM

BH

“ John was a very good friend and big part of my life from about the age of 11, when he moved into our subdivision. John was a simple kind of man of good humor, whose laugh I can still hear. The pic below is from Easter 1980 while camping at "the Bluffs". I'll miss you my friend. Rest in peace.



Bob Hess - August 04, 2021 at 03:43 PM

EW

“ RIP Dear Friend



Elizabeth Wagner - August 04, 2021 at 06:34 AM

D(

“ So sorry to hear of John's passing! He was such a kind soul.

Debra Cheek (Dodge) - August 04, 2021 at 05:02 AM

VH

“ Vanessa Holloway lit a candle in memory of John Michael Ventura



vanessa Holloway - August 03, 2021 at 10:32 PM

VH

“You put de lime in the coconut, you drink 'em bot' up“
Thank you John for teaching me that coconut break. I know you were proud and honored that I was the only woman you knew that could do that. I know I didn't get that black belt, but I'm glad you were able to help Maddy get it. It was an honor to be learn from you. Thank you for being a friend and May you Rest In Peace. See you on the other side in the dojo. Have that coconut ready for me.



Vanessa Holloway - August 03, 2021 at 10:27 PM

N.

“ N.Smith lit a candle in memory of John Michael Ventura



N.Smith - August 03, 2021 at 09:33 PM

RH

“ Rita Harris lit a candle in memory of John Michael Ventura



Rita Harris - August 03, 2021 at 09:24 PM

RH

Kay and Gina, I continue to send you love and support. So much to say but I cannot find the words.

Rita Harris - August 03, 2021 at 09:33 PM

NF

“ N.Smith & Family purchased the Ghirardelli Gift Basket for the family of John Michael Ventura.



N.Smith & Family - August 03, 2021 at 09:19 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of John Michael Ventura.



August 03, 2021 at 03:52 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of John Michael Ventura.



August 03, 2021 at 10:12 AM

PP

“ Our deepest sympathies to the family. May you hold your memories close to your heart to help you thru your time of grief.
In His Name, 💕 love Joe & Peg Parthun



Peggy Parthun - August 02, 2021 at 10:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Michael Ventura.*



August 02, 2021 at 03:28 PM



“ *Vince and Denise McGlone purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of John Michael Ventura.*



Vince and Denise McGlone - August 02, 2021 at 01:41 PM



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Gina Ventura Ciancio - August 02, 2021 at 01:43 AM



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Gina Ventura Ciancio - August 02, 2021 at 01:39 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of John Michael Ventura.



August 01, 2021 at 10:30 PM

DE

“ *John is my first Best Friend. Rest easy Buddy. Say Hi to my Gina Marie when you get a chance. See you on the other side my Friend.* ”



Dave Erickson - August 01, 2021 at 10:29 PM