



## Ruben A. Vargas

December 4, 1965 - January 4, 2022

Ruben A. Vargas, age 56 of Schererville, Indiana, passed away suddenly due to Covid on January 4, 2022, at 2:48 p.m. Ruben's wife and children were by his bedside during those last moments while also allowing his siblings and loved ones a chance to say their goodbyes as well. He was born on December 4, 1965, in East Chicago, Indiana to Ruben D. Vargas and Linda Castellano-Vargas. Ruben was an amazing man, father, husband, brother, uncle, son, father-in-law and friend. He was a graduate of Calumet High School and Ivy Tech. Ruben was a member of Pipefitters Local No. 597 and a member of LAMA Latin American Motorcycle Association. He is preceded in death by his father, Ruben D. Vargas and his sister-in-law, Trina A. Vargas. Ruben is survived by his loving wife, Michelle L. Vargas; his four children: Paige N. Shaffer-Vargas, Angel D. Vargas, Dominique R. Vargas and Julian T. Vargas; grandchildren: Camilla J. Evans and Camille R. Evans; his mother, Linda (Leland) Vargas- Curtis; his siblings: Linda (Phillip) Lopez, Jesse (Amanda) Vargas, Reynaldo (Trina) Vargas, Precious (Anthony) Perez, many nieces and nephews.

Words from his loving wife: Twenty-eight years ago Ruben and I were just strangers. Not long after coming into each other's lives, we fell in love. Our love was and will be everlasting. From our marriage, kids, families, and our memories, I know you will continue to push us on and protect us. As the past fades and the present goes by in slow motion, I know the future will continue on, yet I do and will always love you. Thank you for being my soulmate, the

most amazing father to our kids, and nonetheless having the biggest, most open heart to each and every one of us.

Words from his loving kids: You've always taught us to accept anything that comes our way, a memory, story, lesson or simply what life has in store for us. Behind your tough front, you were an absolute teddy bear to each of us. We love you, our Big Chunky, Fool, Big Sissy, the LAMA Godfather, and the best Father to us all.

Visitation will take place on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, from 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. The funeral will be held on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point. Interment Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville, IN. Contributions may be made to the family for medical expenses. Floral arrangements are welcome as well. The family would appreciate masks be worn when hugging the family. A link will be posted on Burns Funeral Home's Facebook page for live streaming. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Calumet Park Cemetery

2305 W. 73rd Ave.  
Merrillville, IN 46410

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
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## funeral

JAN 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MJ

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Chatwell Jones purchased the [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Ruben A. Vargas.*

Mr. & Mrs. Chatwell Jones - January 19, 2022 at 11:05 AM

AW

“ *Will miss that mischievous smile and fun loving guy. My heart goes out to the family. May God grant you peace.*

Angie Wilson - January 12, 2022 at 09:37 PM

TC

“ *Tracy Childress lit a candle in memory of Ruben A. Vargas*



Tracy Childress - January 12, 2022 at 11:39 AM

TM

“ *Tammy Morgan-Blankenship lit a candle in memory of Ruben A. Vargas*



Tammy Morgan-Blankenship - January 11, 2022 at 10:15 PM

MA

“ *My Uncle Ruben was the one I'd warn my boyfriend and friends about. I always told them if they met him, don't be intimidated. I told them that he may look tough but he was just a big softy. But he wasn't the one to mess with either. He was there for me when I needed family most. And he was always the first one to mess with me, my two other uncles joining in right after. I can truly say it makes me happy knowing I was one of his favorites to bully: and it made me happy to bully him back lol. To my strong ass cousins, it's not going to be easy and there's going to be so many times you guys want to give up. But your dad would want you to keep going. I'm always going to be here for you guys, no matter what. I love you guys. Godspeed*  
- Rissa

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**Marissa** - January 11, 2022 at 11:40 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ruben A. Vargas.*



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January 11, 2022 at 07:26 AM

TF

“ *The Metz Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ruben A. Vargas.*



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**The Metz Family** - January 11, 2022 at 12:56 AM

SB

“ *Ruben was my friend my big brother ! How much I loved him the loss for me is beyond words .... But I notice everyone who speaks about Ruben always mentioned him as a protector an so loving an bigger than life ... that's our little Ruben*

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**samuel burgos** - January 10, 2022 at 06:45 PM

DI

*Our Deepest condolences to the Vargas family Ruben u r with grandma and Grampa and your father may u rest in peace Rubin love Joe and Dionne Zamudio ❤️*

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**Dionnezamudio** - January 12, 2022 at 07:58 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruben A. Vargas.*



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January 10, 2022 at 04:16 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruben A. Vargas.*



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January 10, 2022 at 01:05 PM

VS

“ I didn't know Ruben well enough to share a great story but I can share that Ruben always greeted me with a smile and he was always happy to see me. Such a kind man. I will still be looking for his face in the crowd. May he rest peacefully knowing he was loved by so many. My condolences to the family.



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**Veronica Rodriguez Sanchez** - January 10, 2022 at 04:29 AM

RM

“ A great man has left us. He was kind, funny, and supported me and his cousin Maggie when our daughter passed. He will be missed. Will remember the times he would come to Texas and visit us. Though he said he hated Texas he would still come to see us. They say they always take the good ones, and they did when they took Ruben. May he Rest In Peace, and his family have the strength to get this difficult time.

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**Robert McAvay** - January 09, 2022 at 10:42 PM

AG

“ Armando and Ramiro Garcia purchased the Love Everlasting Bouquet for the family of Ruben A. Vargas.



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**Armando and Ramiro Garcia** - January 09, 2022 at 10:38 PM

DF

“ *My heart goes out to Ruben's family. He had such a big heart. I will miss his big smile and laugh. He touched so many lives. God bless his family and friends. Until we meet again my friend. Spread your wings and ride*



Dana Fleming - January 09, 2022 at 04:46 PM

TH

*I'm so sorry for your loss he was so amazing. He was good to everyone who knew him. He will be missed by so many. Luv ya rest in peace my friend.*

Tina Hooley - January 09, 2022 at 07:43 PM

BM

*Our deepest condolences to the Vargas family for your loss*

Blas & Irene Munoz - January 10, 2022 at 04:38 PM

JF

“ *J Frank Flores lit a candle in memory of Ruben A. Vargas*



J Frank Flores - January 09, 2022 at 02:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ruben A. Vargas.*



January 09, 2022 at 12:45 PM

JH

“ *\_Ruben, It was always an honor to be your friend. You always had a smile on your face. You were loved by so many, You would light up a room when you walked in. Your a Calumet Warrior! You will be missed by so many. Will always remember you in your leather, Ride on my friend.*

*Your memories will always stay with us.*

*James & Tracy (Wray) Hardesty*



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**James & Tracy (Wray) Hardesty** - January 09, 2022 at 11:01 AM

GM

“ *Rexa and I send our love, prayers and condolences to the Vargas family!!*

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**Gene Moser** - January 09, 2022 at 06:08 AM

AC

“ Ruben, you was one of the first, who welcomed me into your family. At my wedding you told me to take care of him because he has been waiting so long for the right one to be with. And I thanked you for always being there for him because Art, always talked about how smart you was and you could fix anything. You always made the time to visit us when we traveled to Indiana, it's funny that my sister Becky and Mike , even started calling you little Ruben our nephew.. I know visiting Indiana, will never be the same now. No one understands why you were chosen to go home , but eventually we all will . So we don't question why, or what if? Only the lord knows. You will be truly missed Little Ruben , you was one of a kind ... Rest In Peace ... love you always Art and Vicky Castellano . 🙏 Until we see each other SISSIES! That something you would say!

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**Arthur and Vicky Castellano** - January 08, 2022 at 09:51 AM

LV

*My beautiful and precious Son. I love you with all my heart. You have taken with you a piece of my heart. It will be mended when I see you again. Miss you so very very much.  
LOVE YOU MY SON, mama.*

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**Linda Vargas** - January 08, 2022 at 07:58 PM

JF

*I will always have and remember, the last time uncle Frank and I saw you. it was a beautiful day in summer. You saw us at a gas station on 61st ave. and came up to our truck we talked and laughed for a while. You told us where you lived and that we should move out there. We said our goodbyes never thinking this would happen. We told Frankie of your passing he couldn't believe it .He always thought of you as a good cousin and friend, may you rest in peace Love always your aunt and uncle Frank and Gloria "China" and the Flores Family. God Bless..*

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**J Frank Flores** - January 09, 2022 at 02:18 PM