



## Ruben Fernandez

February 13, 1964 - January 29, 2021

“One good person can touch more hearts than we’ll ever know”

The world lost a bright light at Ruben’s passing. He was a presence, with a passion for life that made an immediate and lasting impact on everyone he met. His loyalty and work ethic were unmatched, and he encouraged and expected the same from those around him. Ruben was an incredibly talented artist, evident in his superior work in proposal graphics, his beautiful home and his creation of Fuggly Mugs, which, according to Ruben, were inspired by his view in the mirror each morning.

Deeply feeling Ruben’s loss are his loving wife and best friend, Amy, his devoted daughter and the apple of his eye, Tracy, as well as his stepchildren Emily, Drew and Will Quinlan who were inspired and grateful for his love for their mother.

An extraordinary and unbreakable bond exists between Ruben’s mother, Sila Esperanza Navarro and siblings, Marco Fernandez, Carmen Rafael (Magda), and Mario Fernandez (Hyun Jeong) and his son, Troy. He adored his niece, Tiffanie Rafael (Manny) and “neps” Eddy Rafael (Jesse), Michael Rafael (Giselle) and Andy Rafael as well as Shaun and Bobby Rafael and their families. They will all remember Ruben as an integral part of their childhood as well as a friend and mentor in their adult years. Ruben was preceded in death by his father, Marco Aurelio Fernandez.

Also missing their “alpha” is Ruben’s pack, Hana, Bo, Simon and Bridget. We know his beloved Moki was waiting for him on the other side. Should you

wish, please honor their mutual devotion with a donation to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals at [www.aspca.org](http://www.aspca.org).

A private celebration of Ruben's life will be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

SD

“ I met Ruben (aka Ruben Tracy) at a local political debate held at the Business of Arts Center (BAC) in Manitou Springs, Co. We became fast friends which continued with our\* move to Virginia. I moved home [Va] to raise my son in 2003 and Ruben moved to Va not long after to be with and raise his daughter. I found it hysterical when I realized the house he bought in Manassas turned out to be only five miles from the neighborhood in which I grew up. I cannot stress how good a friend and kind a person Ruben was and I miss him dearly, always.

*P.S. - I miss Ruben's cooking. Specifically his papas rellenas!!!!*

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**Sarah Dadson** - August 02, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ What a great neighbor Ruben was. We were so lucky to have Amy and him be our first neighbors to our first home. He was an incredible man and I'm deeply saddened by his sudden passing

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**Bryan Gee** - April 13, 2021 at 03:07 AM

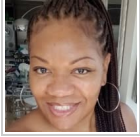
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**Tiffanie Rafael** - February 15, 2021 at 02:47 PM



“ *Ruben was sooooo talented and a kind soul. Just this time last year, he did a beautiful Superbowl flyer for my Superbowl party, and he did it at no cost. The flyer was spectacular. He was a true professional, and I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to meet him virtually and work with him. God bless Tracy and the Fernandez family in your time of morning. Janet*



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**Janet Owens** - February 04, 2021 at 04:54 PM

NS

“ *Ruben always felt more like an uncle than a cousin-because to my dad he was like a brother. We didn't see him often, but when we did it was always a whirlwind of laughter and fun. He personified passion, and would turn the world on its back for the people that he loved.*



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**Nicole Snider** - February 03, 2021 at 03:10 PM

AF

*Nicole, your words are beautiful and so true ❤️*

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**Amy Fernandez** - February 06, 2021 at 08:17 AM

Lee  
Robinson

“ I am absolutely stunned that such a lovely man is gone. I spoke with Ruben not too long ago and had no idea that he had passed until today. Ruben, you will be sorely missed. Every interaction I had with you was pleasant, you always looked for the positive, and you were always so willing to go above and beyond. I can't remember how many times you told me to call you on a Saturday if I needed you. You will be missed.

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**Lee Robinson** - February 02, 2021 at 04:47 PM



“ Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruben Fernandez.



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February 02, 2021 at 10:13 AM

JS

“ Ruben and I met via work at Lumen where he provided terrific graphics and had an innate ability to translate primitive concepts into bright visuals. He was a hard worker and a great team player and everybody loved working with him. We spoke a few times about his family and it was so lovely to see the relationship and the closeness that was shared.

*He will be missed and our deepest condolences and sympathies to his family, friends and colleagues.*

*- Jeff & Laura Sacks*

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**Jeff Sacks** - February 02, 2021 at 08:40 AM

RC

“ *Ruben was a class act. I loved his way of looking at the World. Our conversations were always insightful. I will miss him dearly. I am thankful for the way he loved Amy and the kids. My life is better for having known him. Words can not express the hole he left. XOXO to all those that loved him.*

Rhonda Campbell - February 01, 2021 at 10:42 PM

FA

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



family - February 01, 2021 at 09:07 PM

AF

*A visit with the Bradleys-Nick, Ruben, Amy Janett, Daniel, Tracy, Nicole and Nick*

Amy Fernandez - February 02, 2021 at 12:15 PM

BC

“ *My Love and Prayers to the family my heart is sad.*



Barbara Cook - February 01, 2021 at 07:44 PM

JY

“ I'm so sorry for your family's loss. Ruben was a kind soul and easy to work with -he will be missed. -Jen Yeager, Lumen

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**Jen Yeager** - February 01, 2021 at 07:08 PM

JW

“ I met Ruben when Amy brought him to McDonough for a family visit. He bravely came to our church barbecue where he knew no one. His congenial personality let us know he was a keeper for the whole Shurbutt family. We are do sorry for his family's loss.

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**Janet Wesley** - February 01, 2021 at 06:25 PM

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**david & janett bradley** - February 01, 2021 at 04:53 PM

DB

*Kids, kids of any type, he love them all, and he still does, that was his Nicole Meister, believe it or not he did have hair, I'm gonna miss you so much my cousin friend brother*

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**david & janett bradley** - February 01, 2021 at 04:59 PM

Amy  
Fernandez

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Amy Fernandez - February 01, 2021 at 04:18 PM

AQ

“ Ruben's warmth and kindness will be treasured by everyone who knew him.

Ann Rosenthal Quinlan - February 01, 2021 at 04:06 PM

DB

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david & janett bradley - February 01, 2021 at 04:03 PM



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Amy Fernandez - February 01, 2021 at 03:45 PM



*Fuggly Mug display at the Fredericksburg Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair in 2019*

Amy Fernandez - February 02, 2021 at 09:53 AM



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Amy Fernandez - February 01, 2021 at 03:43 PM



“ *Rue was one of my fav people! Late night of proposal production and fun! RIP you will be missed!!*

Roxann Edwards - February 01, 2021 at 01:09 PM

MH

“*Ruben was a great guy and probably the best graphics designer I've ever known! We first worked together back in the days of Qwest Government Services, Inc., and then for other clients since then including until his untimely death. He will be sorely missed. I pray for God's peace and comfort for Amy and the rest his loved ones.*

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**Michael Harris** - February 01, 2021 at 12:52 PM