



Ryan Ruano

June 14, 1977 - November 13, 2011

Obituary of Ryan Ruano

Ryan Christopher Ruano, 34, was killed November 13, 2011 in the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge while flying a single engine aircraft. He was returning from an air show after attending advanced helicopter training in Boca Raton. Ryan was an accomplished pilot with over 6000 hours of flying experience. Ryan flew helicopters, corporate Jets, single and twin engine aircraft. As a commercial pilot, Ryan had the good fortune to pilot aircraft for diverse passengers that included private families, international celebrities and dignitaries all over America and the Caribbean. Ryan also flew helicopter charters from all Manhattan helicopter gateways in New York City. A passionate and exuberant persona, Ryan loved the freedom that flight provided to his joy for life. Ryan was the light of his family. His zest and passion for life was unparalleled. His handsome face and big smile lit up a room and will be missed by all who knew him. Among his peers, not only was Ryan admired and respected, he was considered an authentic aviator with natural born talent.

He was the son of Vicente R Ruano and Elizabeth (Betsy) Ross Ruano of Bushnell, FL. Ryan was born June 14, 1977 in Orlando, FL. Graduated from South Sumter High School in 1995. Graduated from The University of Central

Florida in 2000. Became a pilot at the age of 18 and continued attaining his flying skills and certification in every facet of aviation. He is survived by his sister, Mary Christian Ruano Lovett and her husband Greg M. Lovett and their children, Lindsey Christian Lovett and Ross Michael Lovett of Bushnell, FL. Ryan is also survived by his uncles, Charles Rock Ross and Alan McLeod Ross (Susan) and great aunts Adelaide (Sissy) McLeod Conley and Lucy McLeod Igou; aunt Marta Ruano Vega and her children, Annette, Marta Elena and Miguel. He is also survived by numerous cousins and aunts and uncles. He is preceded in death by his grandfather, Jerry Ross, grandmother, Lillian McLeod Ross, and uncle Harold Martyn Ross; grandfather Dr. Vicente Manuel Ruano and grandmother, Carolina Zubieta Ruano; great grandmother Adelaide Higgins McLeod and great grandfather Lucius Bonner McLeod Sr.

Services

A Memorial Celebration of Life will be held jointly for Ryan Ruano and his cousin and passenger, Sean McLeod, at the Ross Ruano Ranch located at 3031 CR 673, Bushnell, FL Saturday November 19, 2011 from 2:00pm to 4:30pm.

Memorial Donations

Donations may be made to the Ryan Ruano Aviation Foundation at P.O. Box 2667, Bushnell, FL 33513, go to www.ryanruano.org for more information.

Tribute Wall

HG

“ As manager of the Montauk Airport in Long Island, NY, I and my coworker, Rudy, came to know Ryan so well. He lit us up whenever he came in. We loved him like a son....Our hearts here in Montauk ache with his family and friends. He was very special.....and will not be forgotten. But he will certainly be missed. We love you Ryan
Helen and Rudy

Helen Gil - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Betsy & Vince I am so deeply sorry for your loss. There are no words that can mend your broken hearts. May God give you both strength and know Ryan is now flying with Angel Wings.

Jean Mounger - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Dear Vince,Betsy, We are so sorry for the loss of your precious son and know that our hearts go out to you both and your daughter & family. We will keep you in our our thoughts & prayers in such a difficult time. We always enjoyed hearing your stories of Ryan and his antics; and although we didn't know him personally, felt that we did and know how much he was loved by you and all who knew him. With deepest sympathy, the Stevens family.

Jim, Brenda, Jameson Stevens - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ We're sorry to hear of your loss. Our prayers are with you.

Richard and Ruth Wakeman - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ As friends and neighbors we are deeply saddened by this awful news. The fly-overs by the boys' friends are wonderful! Our prayers are for your peace. Words fail at times like these. Sincerely, Dick and Virginia

Dick & Virginia Reyerse - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ We were shocked and saddened to learn of the terrible accident that claimed the life of your son and nephew. Our deepest sympathies are with you both and we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Claude and Veve

Claude & Veve L'Engle - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ My son Phil and I only recently came to know Ryan. His energy, excitement and passion for life and flying was evident in his every word. He will be sorely missed by all those people that he touched in his special way. Our condolences go out to your entire family. May Ryan's soul fly forever!

Phil & Brian Cowan - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Praying for your family. May God Bless your family in these times of the loss of Ryan. Much love to you all.

James, Dorothy, Vicki, and Bobbi Williams - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Vince and Betsy, I was so very sorry to hear about Ryan's accident. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy. You both were always such wonderful, loving parents. I recall when Ryan was a teen and drove his dad's truck into a lake, then had it towed out and tried to have it repaired before you got back into home. Along with astonishment, there was love and patience in your voices as you recounted the story. I am so sorry for your loss. Much love to you all during this difficult time, Stephanie Wolanski

Stephanie Wolanski - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ My words of sympathy can not be expressed through words alone. I will keep y'all in my thoughts and prayers. May God continue to give you strength.

Jannie Bird - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ I am praying for all of your family. I had the pleasure of knowing ryan when him and my step-brother marcus johnson were growing up, he always had a smile on his face. Words cant take away the pain you are feeling, but know he is in a better place and will be watched over for all of eternity. April Cooper (Norris)

April Cooper - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FG

“ Ryan, It is still hard to believe that I will not have the joy to see you at Air Orlando the next time I stop by. You life has been cut short way too soon but I also know that you accomplished more in that time than most ever do. Thank you for the incredible amount of joy and energy you have shared with all of those around you! You will be missed, Fred

Frederic Guitton - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PV

“ *Ryan's friendship was a true blessing. My heart aches for his family and friends who loved him. He will be so missed but definitely not forgotten. My prayers are with you. I love you Ryan.*

Patty Valentine - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *ryan what impressed me was when i saw you i always got a hand shake you will be missed by so many take care my friend rest in peace*

mark bryant - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Our condolences go out to the family. Ryan was an amazing young man, always had a smile on his face. May he fly forever in heaven with his new wings.*

Brooks Oil Co - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *I was a friend of Ryan's in school and am deeply saddened by his passing. Although we did not keep in touch often since graduation, it was obvious to me that he did not change in personality. Ryan was an amazing person who livened up his surroundings with his friendliness and funny jokes. I am praying for comfort for your family.*

Deanna Camp Strickland - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ We are so sorry for the loss to your family. It is so hard to be in the position that ya'll are in today. We too, buried our child, our daughter, when she was 33 yrs. old. Know this, God is always there, knowing all, seeing all, being with you through the whole thing, if you'll lean on Him. It's so hard to do that but it's what will take ya through the whole process. God bless ya both, and Mary, and remember you'll see both men again.

Mickey and Charlotte Meyer - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Betsy, Vince and Mary, I was so saddend to hear of the tragic loss of Ryan and Sean. Even tho I never met your son, Betsy, I have to tell you how much his picture reminds me of your Daddy, Jerry. I will not be able to attend the Celebration of Life on Saturday, but know that I will thinking of all of you. May God bless you all.

Mary Pat (Wight) Henderson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Ryan, To know you, was to love you. There are few people in the world who could make someone feel as special as you did! You were truly one of a kind! May you Rest In Peace. Ruano Family, My deepest sympathy for your loss, my heart is broken for you. There are no words to heal, I just pray for peace within your hearts. What a wonderful son you raised.

Jennifer F. Manly - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you!!! Ryan was such an amazing person. He touched lives every where he went. His smile was contagious and his zest for life something to aspire to. His memories will live on forever inspiring others to live their lives to the fullest!!!

Michael & Tracy Bumpus, Morgan & Taylor - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Dear Mr and Mrs Ruano, and Mary, I'm so sorry for the devastating loss of your son... of your brother. There are no adequate words... but please know that my heart aches for you deeply, and you are in my prayers. May the Lord envelop you with His Comforting Presence and give you a supernatural strength to carry you through.

Johnny Panzetta - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ Ryan was the most positive, vibrant person I have ever known. He tackled the world with his head held high. Ryan's passing is a tragic loss to this world. Heaven has gained one amazing angel that will continue to fly forever! He will be loved and missed!

Nikki Adksion Langston - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Vince, Betsy, & Mary We extend our deepest sympathy on your loss. Ryan was a wonderful person, full of joy and laughter. He touched so many people with his infectious smile, always offering a hug or a joke. He will be greatly missed.

Marilyn Connell, Charlie Dean - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Ryan was a friend and a colleague. Though I only knew him 3 years, he was the guy who would give you the shirt off his back to help you out. He helped me survive when I lost my job, by providing me with the extra flying opportunities I needed to pay the bills and put food on the table. I will forever be grateful for all that he did. Aside from that, he was a great friend and a wonderful person to be around. I will always remember the time we spent in the Bahamas catching lobster and feasting on it. Ryan, you will forever be missed. Thank you for all you did and for being an awesome person! Rest in peace and God Bless you and your family.

Kevin Wilkes - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ Vince and Betsy, With time life takes us in different directions, but that doesn't mean that people of our past are ever forgotten. Jennifer and I are praying for you during this tragic time of loss. I pray that God will give you divine peace and strength that surpasses all understanding. God Bless - Ted and Jennifer NeSmith

Ted & Jennifer NeSmith - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SI

“ Vince, Betsy, and Mary: Our thoughts, prayers, and love are with you each and every day. What a remarkable man Ryan was, he has a very special place in heaven. May the wonderful memories you have help you through. As the song says, "Gone Too Soon, Gone Too Soon."

Scott & Beth Irving - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ So sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you in your time of need. May God hold you in his hand.

Mr and Ms. Dereld Tacey - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Truly an unique individual. Words, however kind, can't mend your heartache: but those who care and share your loss wish you comfort and peace of mind. May you find strength in the love of family and in the warm embrace of friends. Deepest Sympathy*

Jenna Olszanski Hall - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Ryan was a such a blessing to everyone that knew him. He will truly be missed. Chris & Michelle Mask*

Chris & Michelle Mask - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ryan Ruano*

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LM

“ *Pilot and friend of Ryan from Orlando Helitours: We pray that our Heavenly Father may bring peace to the anguish of your bereavement and leave you only the cherished memories of a loved one lost.*

Luis & Lydia Molina - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Ryan was a true blessing, He always made sure to stop in and say hello and give the best hug. He was such a blessing to our family. Ryan was truly the happiest person I ever have had a chance to meet. I am forever grateful to have had the opportunity to have had Ryan in my life. Words cannot describe such an amazing man. My prayers are with your family.

Rachel Gold - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Betsy and Vince, please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Ryan was an exceptional young man and will be missed by all who knew him.

Lynne Hartman Matthews - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LV

“ Vince & family, So saddened to hear of your loss. Your family will definitely be in our prayers especially during this week. We hope your faith will help you through this difficult time. We lost my brother-in-law 15 years ago during this same time of year. We always remember the good times best we can - I am hopeful with time you will be able to do the same. God bless, Luis

Luis Vargas - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ To Vince and family, I just wanted to offer my deepest sympathy for your loss. You will be in our prayers.

Larry Novak - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ I'M SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU

EVA DAVIS (STEPHENSON) - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ We had the pleasure to meet Ryan and get to know him during his visits to Montauk. He started out as a guest at our hotel but within time he grew in our hearts and became a guest in my home. My daughters and I grew to love him as if he was a part of our family. He is truly missed and we will never forget him or his amazing smile and vivacious personality. RIP Ryan Love You Lorraine

Lorraine DeRose, her 3 girls and the staff of Snug - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NN

“ Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some people make the sky more beautiful to gaze upon. They stay in our lives for awhile, leave footprints in our hearts, and We are never, ever the same. Rest in Peace Ryan...you will never be forgotten.

Natalie Nunez - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM