



Marcus D. La Guardia

July 11, 2020

Four days short of his 24th birthday, on July 11, 2020, Marcus D. La Guardia passed away unexpectedly in Eugene, Oregon. Marcus grew up and attended schools in West Hartford and Mansfield, CT; graduated from E. O. Smith High School; and was a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, West Hartford.

Marcus is survived by his parents, Nancy P. La Guardia of West Hartford, and Dr. Ralph La Guardia and his stepmother Lynne La Guardia of Hebron. He also leaves his grandmother, Mary La Guardia; numerous aunts and uncles, Donna and Reggie Oliver, Robin and David Pietras, Donna La Guardia, and Karen Insalaco; great aunt and uncle, Lillian and Daniel Jedson; great aunt, Mary Rubino; and many cousins and friends. He was predeceased by his maternal grandparents, Phil and Cecilia Pietras, and paternal grandfather, Dominick La Guardia.

Marcus lit up a room with his charismatic personality and hearty laugh. He had an entrepreneurial spirit from a very early age, beginning with his lemonade stands, “corn on a corner” produce wagon, and a successful jewelry business. He also volunteered for Knights of Columbus dinners and other fundraisers. He participated in many sports, especially baseball and soccer; was a talented equestrian, rock climber, body surfer; and enjoyed fishing and golfing. Marcus adored his many dogs, including his bulldog, Zeus, in Oregon. He will be remembered for his endearing smile, his many acts of kindness and love, and the friendships he so readily made.

Marcus earned a Sustainable Food Service Certificate from Capital Community College. He continued his culinary career as a cook, and was a certified snowboard instructor, which led him to Oregon where he recently settled. He also worked on a Liberal Arts Degree, taking classes at Manchester Community College and Quinebaug Valley Community College.

His family is grateful for the many people who cared for and loved Marcus during his short life. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Molloy Funeral Home, West Hartford,

to assist with funeral expenses. Services will be private.

Comments



“ Dear Nancy and Family:

Please accept my deepest condolences. It was always clear to me in talking to you Nancy, how much you loved your son. I only knew Marcus briefly, but his exuberance was unmistakable. I send you all healing thoughts.

Jon Andersen

Jonathan Andersen - September 08, 2020 at 09:26 AM



“ Dear La Guardia Family.

I am very sorry for your lost. My prayers are with you.

Ivette Juarbe

Ivette Juarbe - August 22, 2020 at 09:40 PM



“ Dear LaGuardia family,

I am deeply sorry to hear of your loss. I just hear the news from my Dad. You will be in my prayers.

Sincerely,
Casey Bass Johnson

CASANDRA JOHNSON - August 12, 2020 at 12:56 PM



“ I knew Marcus as an explorer. He pulled and pushed against the norm and tried reaching for the stars. There was nothing mundane about him. This may have been a challenge for others. For him it was an eager opportunity to try to find some meaning and humor in those corners of life that are boring. His playful giggles and laughs intermingled with his struggles. My favorite memory was watching him and his friends racing down the long empty halls before class started. Happy in his mischief yet keen to get to work. The loss of his presence in this world is a true tragedy. My heart goes out to all those that knew him and loved him. Never forgotten, love Sam and John

sam campo - July 30, 2020 at 02:12 PM



“ Dr. LaGuardia and Family,
We are so sorry for your loss. May your beautiful son rest in peace.

John, Angela and Nick Alexopoulos

john Alexopoulos - July 27, 2020 at 03:37 PM



“ Dear LaGuardia Family,
I wanted to express my sincere condolences for your loss. Marcus was a former student of mine and I remember his exuberant nature well. Thinking of you all during this very difficult time.
Carrie Holman

Carrie Holman - July 27, 2020 at 09:49 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. I was blessed to be his biological surrogate mother. My family is grieving as well. May God comfort us all.

Donna Sellers - July 26, 2020 at 03:28 PM



“ Dr. LaGuardia and family, we are so sorry to learn of your loss. We recall fun stories of his snow shoveling days. We hope you can find some comfort in knowing so many people care about you. Dale & Diane Schillinger

Dale & Diane Schillinger - July 25, 2020 at 08:51 AM



“ Ralph and Lynne I'm so sorry for you loss. There are no words I can say. My thoughts and prayers are with you both. May you find comfort in your memories. Love to you both. Teddi

Teddi Moore - July 24, 2020 at 06:19 AM



“ Ralph, I am so, so sorry for your loss. I hope your many memories will comfort you. I will keep your family in my prayers. Bettsy Kurcinik

Elizabeth Kurcinik - July 23, 2020 at 06:23 PM



“ Our family is so sad to learn of Marcus' passing. Skip & Jean Hall used to babysit for him when he was a little, little guy. I'm sure they are hugging him in Heaven now. All our love & prayers ~ Tammy Hall Williams

tammy hall williams - July 23, 2020 at 06:14 PM



“ Nancy, my deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to you and your family. May love, faith and happy memories of Marcus (whom I did not know) guide you through this painful time that is difficult to imagine. Sincere heartfelt thoughts. Arlene Harris

Arlene Harris - July 22, 2020 at 06:29 PM



“ We are terribly sorry to hear of the loss of Marcus. We are remembering back in time the numerous days as a young child Marcus spending time with us. His personality still makes us smile. We wish fond memories, and that family and friends will lead you to a little peace in your heart until you meet again. Stan and Ellen Jagielo

Ellen and Stan Jagielo - July 22, 2020 at 09:47 AM



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Nancy,

On behalf of the Monsignor John F. Callahan Council of the Knights of Columbus and myself, I want to express our deepest sorrow on the passing of Marcus. He was a great volunteer at many of our fundraising dinners and special events. He seemed to enjoy working with others. He was a dependable young man who will be missed. You are in our thoughts and Prayers at this very difficult time.

Sincerely, Michael DeConti

Michael DeConti - July 22, 2020 at 07:47 AM



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Nancy,

The legacy of your son Marcus will live on in the hearts of everyone who knew him. I am extending my deepest condolences to you and your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Holding you close to my heart.

Laura Turiano

Laura Turiano - July 21, 2020 at 08:21 PM



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Nancy,

My heart is heavy for you and your family. There are no words, yet please know my thoughts and prayers are with you. May time and the beautiful memory of your beloved son give you strength to move forward.

Karen Binkhorst

Karen Binkhorst - July 21, 2020 at 04:10 PM