



John Charles DeCrosta, Jr.

October 21, 1984 - September 11, 2010

John Charles DeCrosta Jr, 25, passed away in his sleep with his wife by his side on Saturday, September 11, 2010 in Madison, WI. John was born on Oct. 21, 1984 in New Haven, CT. He graduated from East Hartford High in 2003, but spent most of his childhood in Branford. A U.S. Army veteran, he was awarded the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and Parachutist Badge amongst others. Ford's Gym was his second home. He spent most of his free time lifting weights and participating in Jiu Jitsu and Muay Thai and hours admiring his piranhas and playing with his ferrets. He dreamed of living in Costa Rica with a pond full of fish and dogs running around the yard. He was charismatic and everyone he met loved him; he was surrounded by friends and will be missed but not forgotten. John was devoted to his wife, she was the love of his life and best friend. He is survived by his wife, Cristina Bryant; parents, John C. DeCrosta Sr. and Michelle Michelangelo; a sister, Denise DeCrosta; grandparents, Jean and Frank Dibrino; aunt, Denise Murray; uncles, Frank Dibrino and Benjamin DeCrosta; cousins, Daniel and Nicholas Murray; his beloved pets and best buddy, Cody Miller. Funeral services will be Monday Sept. 20 at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave, West Hartford, CT beginning with visitation at 9 a.m. and services at 10 a.m. Burial will follow at the Connecticut State Veterans Cemetery, Bow Lane, Middletown.

Tribute Wall



“ Jackie,
My sincere condolences to you, your daughter, and all your family. I will keep you all in my thoughts & prayers.##imported-begin##Sue Douglass##imported-end##

September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ My deepest sympathies to the Dibrino family at this terrible time. Take strenght from all the good memories and trust in your love for John. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Love Julie##imported-begin##Julie Thayer Hiltz##imported-end##

September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ john was one of my best friends growing up. we did everything together and good things and bad. but we always were friends and he always had my back. john was great for a laugh and was a real person. i will never forget john and every time i look at pictures of us back in the day i will smile of the memories like i know he would too. rest in peace john ill say a prayar for you...##imported-begin##dave sokolosky##imported-end##

September 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ i've known john for some years now and he was a great kid cared for his friends and family in the good times and the bad. I remember hanging out with the boys in branford all the time, those where the good old days and now unfortunately he has to go live in a different place but Now he gets to look down on all of us and help us threw our lives. Much love to the the family in these hard times. R.I.P JOHN he will allways be remembered. ##imported-begin##Jeremiah Bush ##imported-end##

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“ The Decrosta Family, John appeared as a tough tattooed individual who had a presence at Ford's gym. I invited John to start training Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. John joking asked if, “it was secret Ninja training” and jokingly, I said it was, but we didn’t wear black masks. John different, would show up 30 minutes before class because he felt it was disrespectful to be late. John admitted to making mistakes in life, but spoke freely about working to become a better person. John showed up to classes willing to work hard and everyday John made me laugh asking if we were going to do “Secret Ninja Training.” The week before John passed; he said he appreciated everyone at the gym for helping him to become a better person. We will miss John C. Decrosta Jr. for his work ethic and quite tough sense of humor. For the rest of my life, any Martial Arts training will be referred to as “Secret Ninja Training.” To John Decrosta, “I will miss you brother. Please Rest and Thank-You for serving the USA.”##imported-begin##Eric S. Markgraf 1443##imported-end##

September 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ To the family of John, you have my sincerest condolences. John was a kind and vibrant young man. I only knew him for a few months, but he had a aura and sense of humor that made it seem longer. John and I, were both beginners in Ju-jitsu. Being that we were both larger men, we were often paired together. He was one of my favorite people to train with, and someone I genuienly looked forward to seeing at class. Everyone liked him, and we all miss him. To John, I'll miss you friend. Rest in peace, brother. Until we meet again.##imported-begin##Matthew Siller##imported-end##

September 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so sorry to learn about John's passing. Please let us know if you need any help with the ferrets.

Diane and the Shelter Ferrets at South Shore Ferret Care
##imported-begin##Diane at South Shore Ferret Care Holbrook, MA##imported-end##

September 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for the loss a such a special person. I have not seen John in many years but the memories I have of him are very special. My children had the honor of growing up with him & we will cherish that forever! Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory that no one can steal. I love you all! xoxox
Nicole##imported-begin##Nicole Maturo##imported-end##

September 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Christina, John was loved by everyone, If u knew him u loved him. It has always been that way...Babe I will miss u everyday..I love you...##imported-begin##AUNTIE##imported-end##

September 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ John and his family are in my thoughts and prayers and I am deeply sorry for your loss!##imported-begin##melissa kaiser##imported-end##

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“ John was my life long friend,from babies to adults. I have so many wonderful memories growing up, and John is a good part of them. My fondest memory is all the years we walked home from school together, all the kids would go in the back field to play, and John would always wait & help me to finish my homework before i went out to play..he never wanted me to feel left out!John will always be in my heart, rest in peace love!##imported-begin##Jamie Kovecses##imported-end##

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“ John trained Jiu-Jitsu and Muay Thai Kickboxing at our school here in Madison. John was such a hard worker when it came to his workouts and training. He was an inspiration to everyone, and such a kind person. We are all mourning the loss of our teammate and friend. Our condolences to his wife, family, and friends. If there is anything we can do to help, please let me know.##imported-begin##Sonya Barton##imported-end##

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“ *To the Family of John DeCrosta, Jr.*

Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

*I met John while he was attending Madison Area Technical College.
I have the privilege of working with the veteran students.*

It saddens me to see we have lost one of our past students.

Again my sympathies to his wife and his family.

Elaine Wilkinson

Veterans Service Officer

*Madison Area Technical College##imported-begin##Elaine
Wilkinson##imported-end##*

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“ *'Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed, and very
dear..' ~Anonymous*

Wishing you hope in this time of sorrow, comfort in this time of pain.

*We love you and miss you!##imported-begin##Brittany
Ellis##imported-end##*

September 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ im so sorry for the loss of someone so amazing. being an army veteran myself, i give my codolences to the family of someone so brave and so loyal to this country and his family##imported-begin##julie guckin##imported-end##

September 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Im sooo sry for you lose he was a great kid and a good friend to me he will be missed....

CENTER RATS 4 LIFE.....##imported-begin##Joe Morgillo##imported-end##

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“ Love you Cristina! I'm sorry I cannot be there with you but I am with you in spirit and will be thinking of you as I am now and have been all week and will be everyday while you're going through this...

I keep picturing John and you and how your love for him was always radiating out of you... I don't think I ever have seen you laugh or smile the way you do when he makes you laugh or he makes you smile... Hold on to those memories, they're YOURS: Always will be...

Love you, love you, love you!##imported-begin##Amanda Miller##imported-end##

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