



## John Anthony Fazi

May 5, 1958 - January 23, 2013

John Anthony Fazi, 54 died January 23, 2013 in Carson City, Nevada. John was born in Buffalo, New York, May 1, 1958. He spent most of his school years in Castleton, New York in upstate Albany. His fondest childhood memories were of Castleton and his second family, the McCabe's. He was on the wrestling and football team at Maple Hill High School. Joe "Coach McCabe" was his mentor.

John joined the Army in 1976 until 1981 and was stationed in Germany. He brought back a British green 1976 MG Midget that was a prize possession of his until he ran it into the ground. John will be buried at the Southern Nevada Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City, Nevada.

John attended UNLV from 1984-2005. What seemed like an eternity of schooling and hundreds of credits, he finally found what he loved to do. He received his Bachelor of Science in Special Education in 1996 and his Master of Science in Special Education in 2005. He loved to teach. His specialty areas were Autism and Severely Emotionally Challenged students. John coached football, wrestling, volleyball and track and field. He loved being a coach and mentoring students.

Second to John's dog Maggie (and Millie), his nieces, Bailey and Brynley and

nephew, Benjamin brought him the most joy in life. They made him very proud. When Ben and Brynley were starting kindergarten he made sure he was there to video tape them. He coached Bailey's first soccer team. He was a loving and doting uncle.

John's dog Millie was his first beloved black Labrador. When she died, John's heart was broken and he got Maggie. He loved, loved, loved her. Maggie provided the companionship and unconditional love that only pets do best. He treated her like she was his child.

John's sister, Michelle was always his "baby sister". With a 10 year age difference, John was forever protective, but it was usually Michelle who took care of John. She loved him. John called Bryant, Michelle's husband, his "favorite brother-in-law". Of course, Bryant was his only brother-in-law.

John was loved immeasurably by his parents and they will forever miss him.

John took his own life. We hope that being courageous and honest about his death that someone may listen and realize that mental illness is a deadly and silent disease. Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States according to the Centers for Disease Control. To us, this is too frequent and too increasing to ignore. By omitting his cause of death allows mental illness to remain impersonal and a silent killer. As his family, we would hope that being painfully honest, allows something positive to emerge from our devastating loss.

We want John to be remembered for what he loved, how he lived his life, the people he loved and all the good things he did. He was more than just John Fazi, he was a good son, a loving uncle and a great brother and brother-in-law. He was "our" John.

John is survived by his parents, Rudolph and Catherine Fazi, sister, Michelle Fazi Godfrey (Bryant), nephew, Benjamin Godfrey and nieces, Bailey and

Brynley Godfrey.

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Anthony Fazi*

November 04, 2023 at 08:25 PM



“ *John Anthony Fazi*

November 01, 2023 at 12:58 PM



“ *Worked with John....always helpful to me. He was an interesting guy. Independent, smart, and giving. I'm heartbroken over his departure.*

**Anthony Rivard** - June 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

“ My heart is filled with sadness at the loss of my brother-in-law John (Dido). I cannot imagine the distress he must have felt in the circumstances to have taken him away to another place.....and though we may never fully understand the depth of your departure, it gives at least some comfort to know and share the deepness of your love for your Michelle, me and your ever loving nieces' and nephews.

We can only say how much we will miss John. No words can express how much we appreciated your involvement as “Uncle Dido” to our children that has made such a positive family relationship, and always be left in the minds and hearts of your family. You were a jewel among us, always giving us a shining example of kindness, caring, loving, and generous uncle that shared plenty of laughs with our family and you are genuinely missed.

John was more than an uncle to our children he was a very protective brother to his sister Michelle and trust me it was not easy prior to our marriage over 23 years ago to gain his full friendship, acceptance and respect as a brother in-law that only his close friends and family could fully understand. He had the highest of family values and standards though never having a family of his own and it was not until he experienced himself over the years that the undertaking of our family, of which he fully seized his family relationship as an uncle, that he realized that how wonderful life was to see his sister and me making the best choices as a very young family and raising our children. I will always remember you John, particularly for reminding Michelle and I how great we were as parents and quite literally almost every time he spent time with us.

Although distance, time and work took us further away you were always close to our family.

God gifted us with a brother, a brother in-law and dedicated uncle that will remain with us through the rest of our lives, so close yet not with us in body any longer. In your last moments text passage

*reminding us how much you loved Michelle and our family will always remain fondly remembered and in our hearts to never be forgotten.*

*I dedicate this family video to you and all your friends John to be fondly remembered.*

*Sincerely, your favorite Brother-in-law.... Bryant.*

*Cut and paste to your browser:*

*<https://plus.google.com/100417565749038869493/posts/Mp4SEf3UaBR>*

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**Bryant Godfrey** - March 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *I worked with John at Rancho High. He was so kind to me. I am so glad to have known him. I am sorry for your loss. John will always be remembered by me.*

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**Bonnie Gibson** - February 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *I did not know your son, but it's obvious that he was a very special person. I wanted to write and say thank you for making the decision to make his cause of death public. What a brave act it was. I'm sure it will not be in vain. God bless your family. May he hold you and comfort you during this sad time.*

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**DeAnna Guthrie** - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BB

“Michelle, your testimony to Johns life and accomplishments was inspiring to read. In spite of his affliction, it is obvious that his heart was golden. Thank you for being honest with us and the world at large, I know it will do some good!

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**Brian Button** - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BB

“I too worked with John at SECTA. I will always remember John as a passionate and caring teacher! With a huge donation to the girl's golf team at SECTA (golf balls), he will always be here with us. God Bless!

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**Brent Becker** - February 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DM

“Words are not enough. I do wish you peace John. I know you will find it. I pray for love and strength for your family.

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**Dee McCumber** - February 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MN

“So sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of being in the same class in high-school with John. My brother were also on the football team and my older brother wrestled, Coach McCabe encouraged many. Thank you for your truthful acknowledgement of John's death. It is so hard to lose those we love. I believe that John rests with God now, fully healed and whole. Peace

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**MaryEllen Van Nederynen** - February 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ So very sorry to hear of Jonhs death. I knew him at MHHS,we were in the same class.Although I cannot say I knew him very well.But it seemed to me then that he was a good guy.I remember he laughed a lot.I hope he has at last has found a measure of peace from whatever drove him to do what he did.

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**Wanda Mesick Willbanks** - February 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Gary and I are so sorry for the loss of John.

*Our thoughts are with you always gently wrapped in little prayers from heaven to smile on you, angles to watch over you, to fill your heart with peace.*

*Many Blessings, Much Love....*

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**Mr.&Mrs. Gary Test** - February 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ I worked with John for two years at SECTA. As a fellow former resident of Buffalo, we often talked about the Bills and Sabres. We also attended high school at the same time and talked about football games between St. Joe's and O'Hara. John had a big heart and he left way too soon.

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**James Daly** - February 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Dear Michelle, Bryant and children and Aunt Kay & Uncle Rudy:

*We send you all of our love and deepest condolences at the passing of John. I will miss my cousin very much. I know John is at peace now in Gods loving arms and may God grant you all comfort and strenght at this difficult time. God Bless You all! Love Kim & Rob Kelly*

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**Kim Kelly** - February 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ To John's family and friends, My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Julie Sewell Boulette** - February 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Michelle, I'm so sorry to hear about John. You and your family have my deepest sympathy.

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**Tyler Hall** - February 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ John had a funny sense of humor. I had the opportunity to know John at SECTA High School and had many rememberful conversations with him. God Bless you John.

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**Richard Mayers** - February 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ I worked with John and saw how much he cared for his students. He was always developing plans to help make them more successful. Teaching was truly a passion for him. He also loved movies and often talked of his old favorites. I lost count of how many funny dog you tube videos he showed me. Hearing of his passing was incredibly sad and a devastating loss for many. My sincere condolences go out to his family. He will be missed.

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**Jackie** - February 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ I am a fellow Special Educator and knew John for a number of years. We worked together at Foothill High School and the Southeast Career Technical Academy. John was passionate about Special Education and his students. He was a very kind soul and a good man. I will never forget when he brought my assistant and I a Chai Tea Latte from Starbucks on a cool fall morning. It was my first Chai Tea and it has remained my favorite drink to get at Starbucks ever since. I was saddened to hear about his death, but know that now he is at peace with the Lord. My deepest sympathies go out to his family.

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**Heather Collins** - February 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Dear Aunt Kay and Michelle,

*I know there is nothing I can say here that will ease your pain at John's passing. I can only hope that in time your grief may be lessened by the same types of fond memories that I have of all of you.*

*My deepest condolences,*

*Douglas*

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**Douglas Janese** - February 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *John Anthony Fazi*

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**Juli Shapiro** - February 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ *I worked with John at Foothill for a few years. I am sorry to hear about his passing. I was an assistant in Special Education , I had the pleasure of working with him. My thoughts and prayers are with the family and I am very sad about his loss.*

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**Robyn Treska** - February 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM