



A. J. Anthony Justin Herrera

November 30, 1978 - July 21, 2013

On Sunday, July 21 a vibrant and cherished soul left our physical world and the loving arms of his parents. A.J. Herrera, a Santa Barbara native, was born to Debbie and Tony Herrera on November 30, 1978. "Mokies", as his family called him, spent his youth asserting his dominance as a BMX racer at the age of 4 and quickly moved into the world of flat track racing at the age of 5. A.J.'s undeniable talent lead him to numerous victories throughout the U.S., sometimes beating racers twice his age. His determination, hard work, and love of motorcycles was rewarded when A.J. went pro at the ripe age of 15. Always heralded as The Crown Prince of Herrera Racing, A.J. was respected as a skilled rider, loving man, kind friend, and selfless mentor. #42E had a lead foot and a heart of gold! A.J.'s spirit lives on in the hearts of his devoted parents Debbie and Tony Herrera, proud grandfather Russ Collins, loving finance Lily Duong, beloved dogs Pito and Pirelli, enormous extended family, and countless friends. Viewing Monday, August 5 at Welch-Ryce-Haider Mortuary from 1 to 4 p.m. Funeral Services are Tuesday, August 6 at Santa Barbara Cemetery at 1 p.m. A reception will follow at 2 p.m. at The Moose Lodge. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the A.J. Herrera Memorial Fund at Bank of America.

Events

AUG **Graveside Service** 01:00PM

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Santa Barbara Cemetery

901 Channel Drive, Santa Barbara, CA, US, 93108

Comments



“ Hi Tony and Debbie,
I don't know if you remember me, my name is Valerie Ellis and I was Art Littlejohn's girlfriend for many years.

I wanted to send my condolences (sorry I couldn't make it to the services) and tell you that I know that if Art were still with us, he would have been devastated by the loss of AJ. Art was always so proud of AJ and so excited about everything AJ was accomplishing. He thought AJ was just such a special person, not only for his racing ability, but also for his kind and gentle personality. I know Art felt a kinship with AJ since Art also raced motorcycles when he was younger.

I only got to see AJ race once, but it was very thrilling! And, even tho I only met him a few times, I was struck by his sweet personality and genuine humility. He was a special young man and I know you must be missing him more than anyone could imagine.

My heart goes out to you and please let me know if there is anything I can do.

Valerie Ellis
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Valerie Ellis - August 08, 2013 at 05:06 PM



“ Michelle Lineaweaver lit a candle in memory of A. J. Anthony Justin Herrera



Michelle Lineaweaver - July 31, 2013 at 07:45 PM