



Ric Beach

January 18, 1950 - April 3, 2020

LaSalle – Ric Beach, 70, of LaSalle, IL passed away on Friday, April 3, 2020 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove, IL, after losing his battle with leukemia.

Ric was born Harold Eric Beach to the late Harold and Lois (Keefer) Beach in Pekin, IL on January 18, 1950. He married Jenny (Lophattananon) Beach on October 25, 2008 in Gatlinburg, TN.

After graduating high school, Ric enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served from 1970 to 1975. After his military service, Ric embarked on a long career in law enforcement, serving the communities of Lacon, DePue as Police Chief and later Ladd, IL.

As a devoted and accomplished practitioner of martial arts, Ric opened his first Karate Studio in LaSalle County in the '80s. He expanded to Mendota, Ottawa, Princeton and Streator, owning and operating five dojos at one time. He was a Karate Master and held a seventh-degree black belt in the Okinawa Shuri-Ryu style of Karate. He also owned Life's a Beach Tanning Salon in LaSalle, IL, several real estate properties across the state, and Sunset Pines Resort in Curtis, MI.

Ric was a member of the Trias International Society, International Shuri-Ryu

Association, and other honorary martial arts organizations. He loved karate and trained under Master Phillip Koepfel and Master Robert A. Trias, where he served as Trias' Illinois State Representative for the United States Karate Association. He also represented the United States on his goodwill tours to the orient with Trias. Later, he returned to referee the World Championships in Okinawa, Japan in 1997.

Ric also enjoyed a variety of other endeavors and encompassed the very definition of a life well lived. Ric loved working, no matter the job, and always gave 110%. He loved fishing, scuba diving, kick boxing, hunting, flying, going on cruises with his wife Jenny and traveling back to her homeland of Thailand. He loved to travel anywhere warm and spend time with his family. He was always willing to help others in any way he could and was very passionate about the Wounded Warriors Program. It was no secret that his heart & soul were most at home in sharing his love for Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Ric is survived by his wife, Jenny (Natpiya Lophattananon) Beach of Utica, IL; four children, Eric (Linda) Beach of New Port Richey, FL, Jamie (John) Holovich of Locust Grove, GA, Jordan (Cody) Morgan of Princeton, IL, and Jacob (Alex) Beach of Bovey, MN; eight grandchildren, Payton, Noah, Kyla, Kaden, Raegan, Ryan, John and Andrew; two brothers, Ronald (Mary) Beach of Homosassa Springs, FL, and Rex (Catherine) Beach of Pekin, IL; his mother-in-law, Suda Lophattananon; one sister-in-law, Ksemanit Lophattananon; and one brother-in-law, Santi Lophattananon.

Ric is preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Lois Beach.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family for charitable distribution.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a private service for immediate family

members will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments and officiated by Reverend Bob Henkelman. Services will be streamed live at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Norbergmemorialhomememorialservicegroup/>. This group will be open after 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 to anyone who would like to join the services. A burial service will be held at a later date in Curtis, MI.

Online condolences and memorials may be left at <http://www.norbergfh.com>

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.

Previous Events

Service

APR 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Beach was my first Sensei. I will always remember him for everything he has done for me. He was very positive and a caring person towards everyone. Prayers go out to Mr.Beaches wife and family. R.I.P. Sensei.*

Jim Pappas

Jim Pappas - April 13, 2020 at 06:12 PM

BR

“Sensei Beach was so much more than just an instructor I had, growing up. My experience under his tutelage spanned a literal decade, by the time I’d turned 18.

I remember endless summer days of tearing out the insides of condemned properties, learning how to sandblast siding, climb scaffolding, landscape, and the difference between poison ivy and the rest (through actual experience). I remember learning the art of creative solutions for bathroom breaks on long drives to tournaments, out of state, with a dozen of my teammates and their parents.

He taught me that pain builds character and that patience is a virtue. I remember how he dealt with a nosy and talkative neighbor, one hot, summer afternoon...the smell of paint thinner in the air. I’d accidentally spilled bright white on the sidewalk, in front of a property on which we’d been working. As he toiled with something near the ground, Sensei Beach simply asked the neighbor to give him a hand. That ended that exchange. It taught me that the easiest way to get peace, quiet, and solitude is to ask for help. Problem solved.

Most importantly, I will forever remember his impromptu advice to “climb the mountain,” yelled from the sidelines as I faced off against an opponent who was at least a full foot taller than me. I had to have been only 12 at the time, but I took his advice and ran with it. I hopped up on my opponent’s bent knee and knocked him in the head.

To this day, and everyday, I’ll keep climbing that damn mountain.

R.I.P. Sensei Beach 🙏

Brandon - April 10, 2020 at 04:43 PM



“ *My son took lessons from Ric and we frequented his Tanning Salon often, our sympathies to Jenny and Ric's family. He was a great guy! Cindy and Nick Cadegiani*

Cindy Cadegiani - April 09, 2020 at 09:08 PM

EB

“ *165 files added to the album Family Photos*



Eric Beach - April 09, 2020 at 12:03 PM

PF

“ *Had some very good times at the resort with our family and also enjoyed helping run the resort. Will truly miss you RIC !! Especially when the tomatoes start coming in the garden. Paul and I would laugh when you would call and ask if we had any tomatoes ready to eat !! To Jenny and all of your family you have our Deepest Sympathy.*

Paul and Debby Dobrydnia and Family - April 09, 2020 at 11:21 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mark Peterson - April 08, 2020 at 08:14 PM



Massed piping bands saluting Ric with "Amazing Grace."

Mark Peterson - April 10, 2020 at 08:15 PM



“ Sensei taught me so much through my training that has carried me through my entire life. May God Bless.

Dave James - April 08, 2020 at 05:36 PM



“ The 1976 Goodwill Tour through Okinawa, Jjapan, South Korea, Taiwan, and the Philippines.



Mark Peterson - April 08, 2020 at 12:58 PM



“ Love you Ric....



Mark Peterson - April 08, 2020 at 12:34 PM



“ *Jenny & Family,
We had the pleasure of meeting Jenny and Ric at the Dobrydnia fish fry. You have our deepest sympathy.
Jim & Jacki Spayer*

Jacki Spayer - April 08, 2020 at 12:10 PM



“ *Delbert and Darren Dobson
I met Ric through my brother Darren, Darren has known Ric for over 20 years working with Ric on maintaining most of his properties. I met Ric about 5 years ago while helping my brother. Last year I helped with the resort and got to know him on a personal level. I found him to be very passionate in all aspects of his business and the customers and friends he acquired. We send our condolences to Jenny and to all of Ric's family and friends . May God be with you in your time of need.Darren and I find it hard to Express how we feel except for the love and respect we both share for Ric. God Bless*

Delbert Dobson - April 08, 2020 at 09:51 AM

RW

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Ron Winner - April 07, 2020 at 05:31 PM

RW

“ Mr Beach was my Sensei for over 15 years. I shall truly miss him.
Rest in God's eternal peace Sensei.



Ron Winner - April 07, 2020 at 05:25 PM

BM

“ Brent Marchant purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Ric Beach.



Brent Marchant - April 07, 2020 at 04:27 PM

JH

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Jean Henning - April 07, 2020 at 02:50 PM

MA

“ My deepest sympathies to all of Ric's family. I light a green candle as it represents the heart chakra. Ric did everything from the heart. May he soar high in the heavens above.



Mary - April 06, 2020 at 09:58 PM

MH

“ Our whole family has been blessed to have known Ric. We looked forward every July to vacationing in Michigan and catching up with Ric and his family. Loved listening to his stories. God bless and our condolences to his family. He will be missed by many.

Melvin & Marcia Helmuth - April 06, 2020 at 09:58 PM