



## John Eric Zess

July 2, 1963 - September 7, 2014

John Zess

HARLINGEN, TX. -

John Zess, 51, of Harlingen, dies unexpectedly on September 7, 2014. John was born in Orange, CA in July of 63.

He is survived by his son Robert, and a daughter Kalena (Trey) Walters. John has 4 grandchildren Nevaeh, Michael, Connor and Braden. He is also survived by his parents Raymond (Ellen) Zess, and Sarah (Fred) Kelliker, and a sister Laurie (Steven) Kipp of Florida. He is also survived by three nephews, Robert, Anthony, and Hunter.

John is preceded in death by his older brother, Anthony Zess.

While serving in the United States Air Force as an MP in Colorado, John developed his love of Colorado and skiing while stationed there. All of John's children were exposed to this love of his. John was very active within the AIDS Life Cycle event in California. This event is a 543 mile race over a week period. John was currently training for a 3,000 mile Race Across America event.

On Saturday, September 13 there will be a Ghost Ride in honor of John Zess. The ride begins at 7:30am starting at Bicycle World in Harlingen. For those who would like to participate in the Ghost Ride please contact Bicycle World at 423-3168.

Visitation will be held at 12:00noon-6:00pm on Saturday, September 13, 2014 in the Rudy Garza Funeral Home Chapel with American Legion Honors to be

held at 1:00pm under the direction of American Legion Post 205.

In lieu of flowers and in memory of John the family is requesting donations be made to Valley AIDS Council, Brian's Fund, 2306 Camelot Plaza Circle, Harlingen, TX 78552.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Rudy Garza Funeral Home in Harlingen.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **13**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Rudy Garza Funeral Home - Harlingen

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# Tribute Wall



“ Sincere condolences for your sudden and tragic loss. One of the Proverbs says "a joyful heart is good medicine", therefore, in time, may precious memories bring more smiles than tears, and may those memories bring you joy and warm your heart. God assures us that soon "he will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more...." The tears spoken of here are not tears of happiness and joy, but tears of mourning, sorrow and pain. Also, Acts 24:15 holds out the hope of the resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in death. As you grieve, may Jehovah, "the Father of tender mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our trials", comfort you in your time of need.

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**Jean L** - September 13, 2014 at 06:27 AM



“ He was a man who never let his circumstances define who he was. Yes he could be quite ruff around the edges but when it came to those he loved and cared for his loyalties ran deep. He loved my son JD as his own and was the type of friend you could always count on. He didn't judge he accepted you for who you are. I love this man, he was my dearest friend and his memory will carry on with those of us whom he called family and friend. My condolences to his mother Sarah and his Father Ray Zess. He was a man to be proud of.

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**Annette Ratliff** - September 12, 2014 at 02:15 PM