



# Martin John Ritz

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**M**artin John Ritz (Marty) age 69, died peacefully at his home on Monday, December 16, 2019 in Rehoboth Beach, DE.

Marty was born on January 25, 1950 in Amityville, New York, son of the late Martin D. Ritz and Ann Stachnick Ritz. Marty was a 1967 graduate of West Islip High School in New York, and worked as a life guard for NY State at Robert Moses State Beach Park. His desire to help people brought him to a degree in Respiratory Therapy, a career that he excelled at for 15 years. During his Respiratory health career he met and married Vivienne Ganter, and moved to Honolulu Hawaii where he lived for 4 years before moving to Easton, Maryland where he resided for 16 years. He moved to Rehoboth, Delaware in 2009, where he enjoyed life at the beach. Marty loved to clam, fish and take nature walks and shared his love for the simple life with his children.

In addition to his parents, Marty is preceded in death by a brother Kevin Ritz. He is survived his sister, Linda Ritz of East Greenbush, NY; and his children, Laurie Ritz, of Orlando, FL, Christopher (Ayra) Ritz, of Baltimore, MD and Todd Ritz of Boston MA; along with 3 grandchildren; and 3 great grandchildren.

A Celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date.

Arrangements are being handled by Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, Lewes, DE.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Marty's made to the Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Station 86, 219 Rehoboth Avenue  
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971 or visit their website  
<http://www.rehobothbeachfire.com/page/donations>.



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Please visit Marty's Life Memorial Webpage and sign his online guestbook at [www.parsellfuneralhomes.com](http://www.parsellfuneralhomes.com).



# Tribute Wall

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**Tom Donovan** posted:

Marty and I both started lifeguarding together at Robert Moses Field 4 in 1967, it was our first yuesr on the ocean. Marty was fun to be with snd s great bodysurfer! I last saw him in 1969.,He stayed at Robert Moses and I moved on to Jones Beach. I pass this information on to the lifeguard Corps.

April 4 at 5:13 PM



**Vivienne Ganter** October 11 at 5:58 AM

Tom, so nice of you to write about Marty. His son's and I scattered his ashes at Robert Moses on Sept 12th 2023. I wish I had seen this earlier. We would have liked to hear stories of his lifeguard days. I'm sure they would love to hear from you if you have time.



**Cindy Wooters** lit a candle in honor of Martin John.

I'm so sorry to hear of Marty's passing. I used to babysit his two youngest kids years ago. Marty had a contagious smile & an amazing sense of humor.

December 28 at 6:10 AM



**Cathy Batter** posted:

I just found out today of Martys passing. I would come every friday and run errands and help him around the house, but the one thing i will remember most is his love of surfing he would tell me stories of surfing in Hawsii nd other destintions. He would also talk about his kids how proud he was of how successful they became. Rest high Marty you are free no more pain no more sorrow just peace

December 27 at 11:37 AM



**Jim Ciamarro** sent a virtual gift in honor of Martin John.

We use to have a lot of laughs together. Great memories of Black River, New York. Cousin Jimmy

December 22 at 12:38 PM





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**Trish** posted:

He is also survived by his first child, Martin John Ritz Jr. who inherited his father's blue eyes and made me an Aunt. My lovely sister was his first wife. I'm glad he is no longer in pain. Trish

December 21 at 5:11 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Martin John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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