

John Laszlo Ruppert, age 63, of Kirtland, Ohio, left us on December 4, 2016. He was born in Budapest, Hungary on December, 15, 1952. He came to the United States In 1956 with his parents, John Sr. and Olga (Ecker) Ruppert, after the revolution in Hungary. He was a loving brother to Edith Demshar and husband Rex, nephew Steven Demshar, Erika (Demshar) King and husband Geo, Kevin Demshar and wife Lindsay, two great nephews Brody King, Gabriel Demshar, and great niece Avery King. He also leaves to cherish his memory a special Aunt Margaret Bihari also of Kirtland, and many loving cousins.

John grew up in the Buckeye Road area of Cleveland, attended St. Margaret of Hungary School, Benedictine High School class of 1971, and Cleveland State University. He worked as an electrician at Conrail and General Electric, and retired in 2011. He then worked with his good friend Charlie Bauer in Industrial Engineering.

John enlisted as a Marine in 1971. He continued to be a member of the "Gunny Hall" in Mentor, Ohio, where he dedicated his time to cooking and charitable activities.

John was an accomplished Martial Arts instructor, starting at the age of 16 and continuing throughout his life. He was an 8th Degree Black Belt and Grand Master of the Midwest Jiu-Jitsu Association. In 2013, John was inducted into the World Karate Union Hall of Fame in Tannersville, PA, in the Poconos. He continued to teach a Jiu-Jitsu class in Mentor, Ohio.

He also enjoyed music, especially the guitar, and he loved building guitars for friends. He loved to travel, especially to visit his family in Virginia.

He leaves behind many cherished friends and relatives and he will be missed by all.

Those who so desire may make Memorial donations to a charity of your choice in honor of John. One of John's favorite charities was the Wounded Warrior Project.