



Francis Stephen Ruddy

September 15, 1937 - May 7, 2014

Francis Stephen Ruddy passed away on May 7, 2014. Born in Jackson Heights, Queens.

Mr. Ruddy worked all over the world, particularly in Africa, where he was the US ambassador to Equatorial Guinea. He helped direct American aid efforts in Africa through his work in the State Department and USAID. He also worked as a university professor, writer, General Counsel for the Department of Energy, and editor, and he volunteered teaching English to recent immigrants. After overseeing the UN referendum in Western Sahara, he became a staunch advocate for the political and human rights of the Sahrawi people, and was proud to be one of their most outspoken advocates on the world stage. He attended Xavier High School, Holy Cross College, served in the USMC, and received his Ph.D. in International Law from Cambridge University.

He is survived by his loving family, including children Neil, David, and Stephen, daughter-in-law Kara, and grandchildren Caitlin, Haley, and Landon.

Funeral Mass Monday, May 12th, 11 am, Blessed Sacrament Church, 3630 Quesada St NW, Washington, DC 20015

Tribute Wall



“ *Francis Stephen Ruddy*

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“ *Sorry for your loss, may Jehovah give you comfort in your time of need. 1Corinthians 1:3,4.*

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“ *We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

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