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**R**ichard John Ortega, 59, of Laupahoehoe, HI, passed away on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at his residence. He was born in Frankfurt, Germany on Jan. 7, 1955. He was an art collector. A visitation will take place on Sunday, Sept. 14, 2014 at Hookena Beach Park from 11 am to 12 noon; a Celebration of Life will take place at 12 noon. Family requests casual attire. He is survived by 2 brothers, Nelson Ortega of Hope Mills, NC and Raymond Ortega of Fayetteville, NC; sister, Mary Ortega Williams of Statesville, NC; numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews.



# Tribute Wall

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**Roger Christie** posted:

Aloha. Deep breath ...I was shocked and saddened to see the news that Richard has passed from this life. This is Roger Christie a long-time friend of Richard's who we (Yazzie and I) jokingly called "Vinnie" because of his east-coast smarts and special attitude which we loved and laughed with. Vinnie's gone? How could that be? It sounds impossible. I've been in federal prison for the last 50 months for operating The Hawai'i Cannabis (THC) Ministry on oceanfront in Hilo for many happy years. Thankfully Richard got to see and visit our Ministry and enjoy some of the good times we had there. While getting back online I saw the memorial notice button on the Hawaii Tribune-Herald website and thought I'd take a look. What a terrible surprise to see the photo and name of Richard Ortega there! Richard lived the good life to the best of his ability and he lifted-up those close to him as I can confirm. He loved his precious family, his good friends, his beautiful artwork, his gourmet Cannabis, his amazing(!) cooking and his famous Kona party hosting. I've got many special memories of Richard Ortega that I hope to always remember. Life on Earth is fleeting. Life is special., challenging and more. Richard made my life better and happier and more complete. Thanks for being you, Richard! I hope you're having a blast 'over-there', wherever that is. Maybe, hopefully, we'll meet again in the infinite afterlife and have some more fun. Til then and beyond ...Lots of love to you! Roger [www.thc-ministry.org](http://www.thc-ministry.org) [www.the-last-marijuana-trial.com](http://www.the-last-marijuana-trial.com) @@@

October 23 at 8:39 AM



**Mary Ortega Williams** posted:

I miss you Richard...and I love you dearly. Always and forever Your sister Mary

October 5 at 10:14 AM



**Yona Mclean** posted:

So sorry to hear of Richard Ortega passing. I have not been in touch with him since 2001. He was always kind to me, and my family. He will be in memory, loving, happy, generous, and so much fun to adventure with. I have a beautiful memory of him taking myself, and boyfriend at the time on a hike through Pololu Beach Park, on the Kohala Coast. That is one of many. We were even roommates at one time. I live in Canada now, and that's why we lost touch. What a remarkable person. Aloha Richard, love Yona Darcy, Chelsea Makana Mclean

September 26 at 7:25 AM



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**Shannon E. Keliher** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Well I haven't seen Richard since we lived in kona. Really sorry we didn't keep in touch. If I'd know he was sick I would have gone to visit. I send my aloha to his family and I'm so sorry I would have gone but didn't know until now. Shannon e Keliher



September 20 at 10:36 AM



**R.Gaines** posted:

To: The Ortega Family. I am sorry for your loss. May, the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort, who comfort us in all our trials so that we may be able to comfort others in any sort of trial with the comfort that we receive from God. -2 Corinthians 1:3b,4. May you have comfort and strength to endure the days ahead.

September 16 at 10:30 AM



**Mitch Fredricks** September 4 at 1:20 PM

It's been a long time since I last saw Ricky, when we were both living in Rockaway Beach, NY. The times we spent together were great and he was always there for you, watching your back. He definitely was larger than life and had a wild side. We had so many great, crazy times together in NYC. His parents were also great and loved his family..went to HS with Ray and we all had crushes on his little sister, Mary. I only wish I was able to connect again with you Ricky, before you transitioned into the next level and moved into the flow. Sending much love along with condolences to your family and close friends. I know we will meet again. Ricky and every now and then. I hear your voice and laughter, so I know you are better than ever.. RIP my friend! Mitch Fredricks



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