



## Joseph R. Biafora

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Event.observe(window, 'load', googleTranslateElementInit);
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function googleTranslateElementInit() {  
  new google.translate.TranslateElement( {pageLanguage: 'en', multilanguagePage: true},  
  'google_translate_element');
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  if (navigator.userAgent && navigator.userAgent.match(/Firefox/)) {  
    // This is a terrible terrible hack, Google Translate blows away the sound on Firefox.  
    // Calling reboot seems to bring it back.  
    soundManager.reboot();  
  }  
  
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He became one of the first practicing lawyers in Reseda, CA: He has a thriving practice — Biafora and Weiner — and retired in 1994.

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He had several dedicated friends who remain for life. Joe was a remarkable husband, father, grandfather and uncle. He was a devoted Catholic who loved his parish, Our Lady of Lourdes, in Northridge, CA, and as well as a dedicated patron of his beloved parish.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

A viewing and rosary service will be held at Our Lady of Lourde in Northridge, CA, at 6 p.m. Friday. Mass will be held at the parish, at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 5. Interment will be at San Fernando Mission Cemetery. A luncheon will be held after at the Odyssey Restaurant, 15600 Odyssey Drive, Granada Hills, CA.

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# Comments

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“ While I never met Mr. Biafora, I have been very fortunate to meet one of his daughters. While he served our country with honor and dignity, Mr Biafora instilled character, love, and generosity in others as well as his family and it shows and lives on in Ruth Biafora, my new friend.

**John Litton - Lancaster, CA - Friend** - May 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ I will always miss that wonderful man!

**Tailee Borjon - North hills, CA - Friend** - March 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ You will be truly missed Mr B, I learned so much from you and will always remember the times we spent together. Rest in Peace my friend. I love you.

**Michael Woolley** - November 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Joe had the ability to brighten people's lives..May our anguish at his loss be eased by the wonderful memories of a life truly well lived Prayers and love to the Biafora Family..Nora Agnes DMJ

**Nora Agnes Murphy - Mill Valley, CA - friend** - April 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Ok in the Spring of 1972 I called Diane to see if she could give me a ride home from the San Fernando Valley after hitch hiking down from Portland, Oregon. Joe answered the telephone. It must have been early since he seemed a little upset. So I wrote him a note.....A promise I would not keep since he was a great man.Antonio J.

**Antonio J. Bestard - Claremont, California, CA - Friend of Francis & Diane Biafor** - April 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ You will always live in our hearts and prayers.

**Zygmunt Krempa - Mielec ,Europe -Poland** - April 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Bernie and Fran,

I'm so sorry for the loss of your Dad. You are in my prayers. I know you will have so much extra help from heaven with your Dad up there rooting for you.

Love you.  
Marianne

**Marianne McGregor** - April 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss, Diana and family...keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.

**Sarah and Andy Christian - Temecula, CA - Friend** - April 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Words can not express the heartache we feel for your family. Please know that we are praying for your father. We are sending you all so much love and light. Remember he is not gone . He will live in your heart forever .  
Much love,  
Naprawa's and Paluch's family

**Lucy Naprawa - Staten Island, NY** - April 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sounds like your father was an amazing guy, Ruthie...a friend of mine sent me this:  
To quote from Thomas Campbell, To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die. sending you a big hug.xoMariko

**Mariko Ballentine - North Hollywood, CA** - April 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM