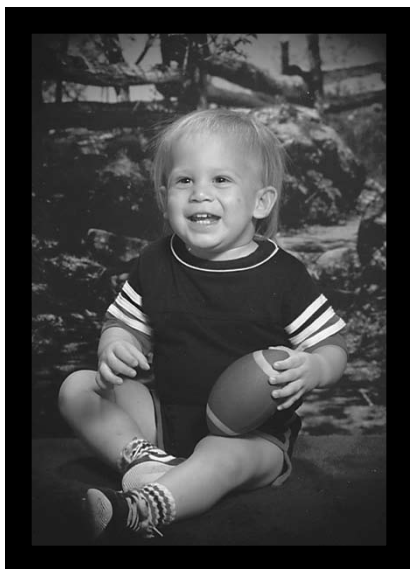


MY LIFE



RUDY A. VILLARREAL

BORN: FEBRUARY 21, 1983

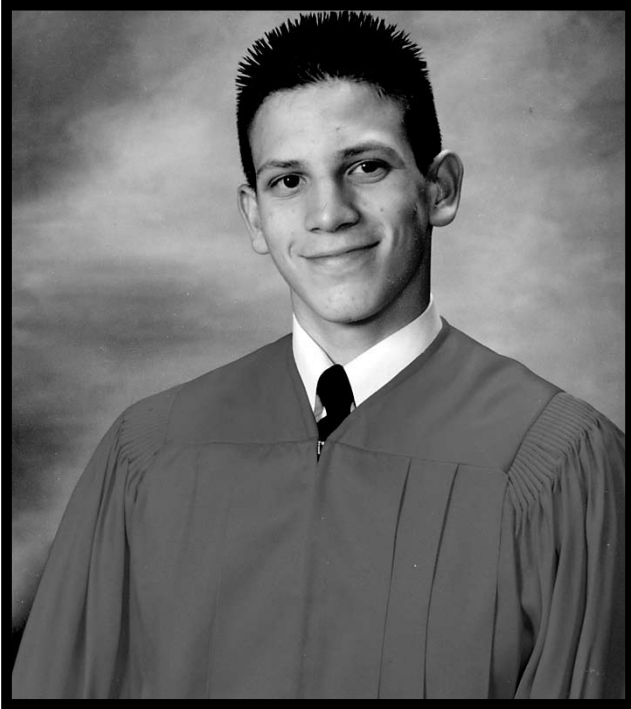
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Teens



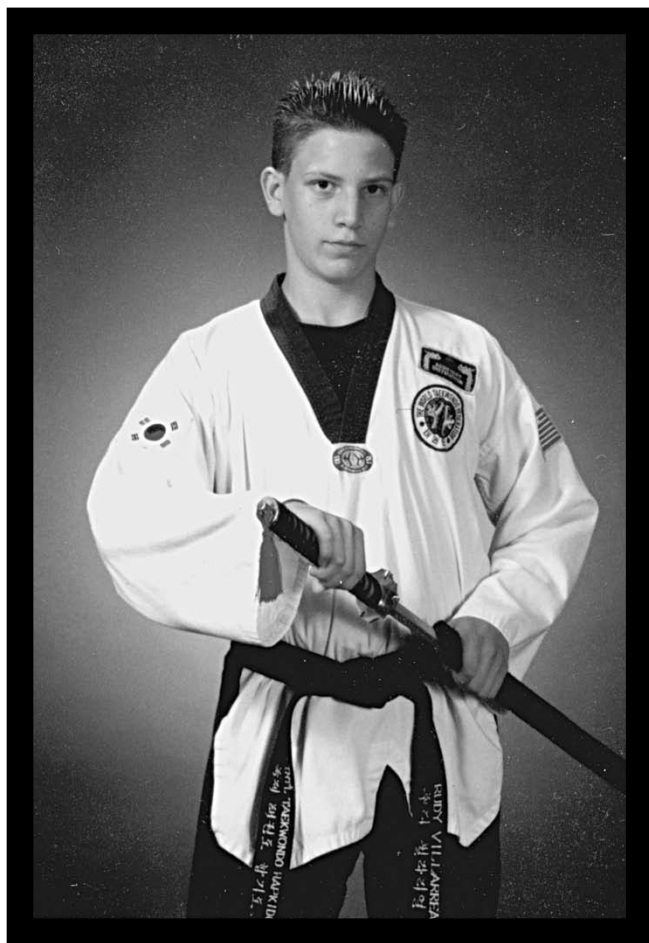
The majority of my teenage years were spent around my two cousins, Jaime Cazares (left) and Fermin Trevino (middle). We were inseparable. This photo was taken at a family wedding in a local Houston wedding reception hall.

High School



May 25, 2001, I graduated from North Shore Senior High. Eighteen-years old, I decided to put college on hold in aspiration of becoming a United States Marine.

Black Belt



One of my greatest accomplishments came at fourteen-years old. I began Tae Kwon Do at eight-years old. A black belt is received, never given. Six years of hard work and determination gave me the privilege of being inducted into the black belt family. Under the guidance of Grand Master Larry Ordonio, I received my second degree black belt the following year.

Marines



October 5, 2001, I graduated from toughest military service bootcamp in the nation, United States Marine Corps. I soon learned the true meaning of honor, courage, and commitment. My life would never be the same.

In-State



Before any deployment, you will attend a school that pertains to your job. In this photo, I am in Camp Pendleton, California awaiting a twenty-mile hike. With a grenade launcher in hand, and two hundred extra pounds of necessary equipment, I am prepared to earn my pay.

HONOR



Deployment

COURAGE



April of 2004, was an new experience for me. I was deployed to Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The lifestyles were extremely opposite of American life. After this deployment, I appreciated life in the states substantially more. In this photo, I stand guard on the roof top of a prestigious palace.

Willap **Family**



There are many things that I am grateful for. I couldn't of done any of this without the supporting help my family.

COMMITMENT