

# Photographer prayed daily while in war-torn nation

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"If we go and tell the people the army is coming and the village is empty when we get there, the army will know we warned them," Gariepy said.

"The two of us were in an impossible situation. If we warned them, we would be dead. We decided to do nothing.

A few days later, the word got to us that there was a big fight and a lot of people were killed. We had to live with our decision.

On another occasion, Gariepy found himself in a crossfire while videotaping a fight between government troops and the Sandanistas.

"I could hear something going by my ear and realized it was bullets," said Gariepy said. "I asked the military guy how far the bullets were from me and he said about two feet. 'Oh, thanks,' I replied."

Gariepy admits he prayed every day while working in Nicaragua.

He adds with a slight shrug of shoulders: "If the guy upstairs says your time is up, your time is up."

Gariepy was born with a camera in his hand. "It's second nature to me. My father was a very good teacher."

One piece of baggage Gariepy doesn't carry with him is a self-inflated view of himself.

"I am confident in what I do but I have no super

ego," he says. "Why should I? Everybody around the world is the same. We all want to be loved, to laugh, have a family, go to work."

"Now I just wait for the phone to ring, I don't advertise. Of course, in my business you are only as good as your last assignment."

This doesn't bother Gariepy a bit. He wouldn't have it any other way.

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