



Raul Juan Gonzalez

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Raul Juan Gonzalez:

It is with the most profound sadness for our family to announce the passing of Raul Gonzalez. Raul was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and, like a warrior, fought bravely for his life. On July 25, 2024, his battle with cancer ended, and he went home to the Lord. Raul is survived by his parents, Monica and Gonzalo, and his two sisters, Monique and Erica and his brother-in-law Andrew Carroll. Raul had two loving nephews, Levi and Maddox, who adored their Tio and loved any time they spent with him (particularly at his place in Ocean Beach). Although we are heartbroken by his passing, his family finds comfort in Raul resting peacefully in heaven.

Raul was born in San Diego, California, on April 12, 1984, and has always been described as a happy little boy. Those who know him are familiar with his beautiful smile and loving spirit. As a boy, Raul enjoyed playing baseball, football, basketball, and boxing in his teen years. However, Raul's favorite pastime was camping at Glamis, where he loved to ride his Honda 250R, Kawasaki, and Yamaha motorcycles. He was a skilled rider who looked forward to racing against his cousins up Competition Hill and Old's Mobile. Raul leaves behind many cousins with beautiful memories of their time with him.

Raul graduated from Grossmont High School in 2002 and enjoyed his time working at Barona Casino before transitioning into the banking industry. Raul was successful, hard-working, humble, generous, and intelligent. In addition to Raul loving his time traveling, camping, and barbequing with his family, he loved living in Ocean Beach. His cottage was just steps from the beach, and he enjoyed the laid-back community with excellent bars and restaurants where he enjoyed cheering on his Padres and Aztecs.

Raul had a unique way of making those that he loved feel loved and appreciated by him. Raul was honest, funny, intelligent, kind, witty, and no matter how brutal his fight with cancer was, he never lost his faith in Jesus. Raul is loved by many and will be missed very much; may he rest in peace.



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Funeral Services:

Greenwood Memorial Park

10 AM Garden Chapel on August 15, 2024

Processional to gravesite Mirror Lake

Celebration of Life:

El Cajon Elks Lodge

1P-5PM



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Memorial Service

 **Thursday**, August 15, 2024

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM PT

 **Garden Chapel at Greenwood**
4300 Imperial Ave., San Diego CA 92113

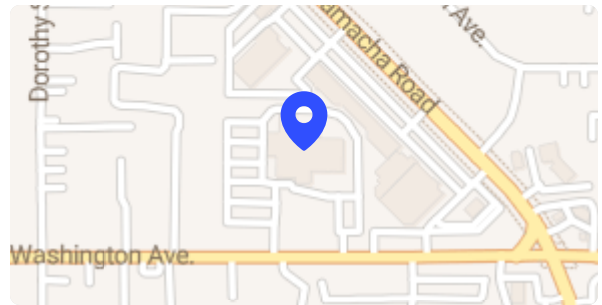


Celebration of Life

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 **El Cajon Elks Lodge**
1400 E Washington Avenue, El Cajon CA 92019





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Michelle Cesena posted:

I will always remember my nephew Raul as a handsome tender-hearted soul who carried himself with grace. A vivid memory of Raul that never fails to bring a chuckle and smile is when Raul was about 6 years old, he accompanied me and his two younger cousins, Jonathan and Angelica, to a company picnic at Mission Bay. As we walked toward the picnic with hands full, Jonathan prolonged our journey due to his rambunctiousness. WELL, little Raul must have seen enough of his younger cousin's rambunctiousness because he sprang into action by giving Jonathan a couple of swats on his bottom. It certainly did the trick straightening out his cousin JJ. I have always been grateful to Raul for helping me out in such a cute manner at such a very young age. Each time I shared the story with sister Moni, I could see smiles and pride in her face. Sis Moni calls swats on the bottom, a good DUSTING, while gesturing the motion with her hand. It goes to show that little Raul began early, honing in on one of many leadership skills. I have always been amazed at Raul's resemblance to his Grandpa Juan, especially as he grew older. Sis Moni would share that his Grandma Ruth could see the resemblance as early as Raul's birth. That's pretty amazing. I remember Raul expressing his graciousness when he immediately gave away his trivia prize money to his nephew Levi. It's easy to see why Raul's younger cousins looked up to him. He was a great inspiration to them. One of my fondest memories of Raul is the story that his Grandma Ruth would often share. As a toddler when Raul accompanied her to a department store, out of the blue while sitting in the shopping cart, he began singing the song loudly, "All my ex's live in Texas", capturing the attention of many other shoppers. His Grandma Ruth often played country western records and as you can see, Raul was also a fan. I miss our beloved Raul. His memory will forever be etched in our hearts and the essence of his soul will remain ever present. Rest in heavenly peace dearest Raul 💜🙏💜 Love, Auntie Chelle ((Michelle))

July 25 at 6:31 AM



Ruth Ortiz posted:

Dearest Nephew, From the day you were born, you were always a happy & patient baby. You had the best smile and eyes to match. You loved your Mama, bottles & baby swing. We would put you in it, turn the crank till it wouldn't turn anymore & you would be so happy swinging away with the best smile & eyes to match. Sometime we would get distracted with cooking or house duties that we didn't notice the swing would stop & there you were waiting so patiently for someone to start the swing again! Time flew by fast Mijo & you grew into a tall handsome, caring & wonderful man with that same beautiful happy smile & eyes to match. Thank you Mijo for always being you & thank you for your love. You'll forever be on my mind & in my heart. Till we see each other again. Love always, Tia Ruthie

August 19 at 9:07 AM



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LF

Love Rach, Pablo And Family sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Gonzalez family.

August 13 at 4:45 AM



LF

Love Rach, Pablo And Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Raul.

August 13 at 4:45 AM



SG

Sara G. posted:

I used to work with Raul at Barona years ago. We both got promoted to VIP hosts together and both got stuck with working the grave shift together. I always took comfort knowing Raul and I would be working together during those late hours because I knew I had someone there who had my back no matter what. He was a true gentleman and a true friend. I'm so very sad that our paths drifted apart over the years and am so very sorry to hear of his passing. My deepest sympathies to his family and friends. He truly was an amazing human being.

August 12 at 11:29 AM

PG

Patricia Garcia posted:

I'm Raul's Tia Patricia, I remember coming home from school and my mom had Raul in his high chair in the kitchen, Raul was teething at the time and my mom had given him a big long rib from Fargos, it was loaded with their famous bar b que sauce and Raul was going to town chomping down on that rib with bar b que sauce everywhere, on his clothes, in his few hairs he had on his head and all over his face and hands, he was loving it, there was no way anyone was gonna get that rib away from him. I love you Raul and you will forever be in my heart, you will truly be missed but never forgotten. Rest in peace mijo. Love Tia Tricia

August 11 at 10:27 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Raul by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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