



Jose Raul Gaytan

September 26, 1972 - January 24, 2026

Jose Raul Gaytan, age 53, passed away on January 24, 2026, in Kankakee, Illinois. Born on September 26, 1972, in Casacuaran, Guanajuato, Mexico, Raul lived a life marked by dedication to his work and devotion to his family.

Raul spent over four decades contributing to his community through his tireless work ethic. He dedicated 20 years of service to Van Drunen Farms and later worked 12 years at Silva in Momence.

Known for his unwavering commitment and reliability, Raul was respected by colleagues and admired

for the sacrifices he made throughout his life to support those around him.

He was a man of Catholic faith who found joy in both the simple and spirited moments of life. He

cherished peaceful walks in nature and gardening as well as quiet evenings relaxing on the couch. Music

was a constant companion- he played it daily- and often enjoyed watching soccer games as a passionate

fan of soccer and supporter of Cruz Azul.

Raul's greatest pride was his family. He is lovingly remembered by his wife, Blanca Gaytan; daughter,

Jaydhi Gaytan; sons, Raul Gaytan and Kevin Gaytan; mother, Efigenia Moreno; and sisters, Miriam

Gaytan and Elsa Gaytan. He was preceded in death by his father Raul Gaytan Gamez.

Raul's legacy lives on through the love he gave so freely and the example he set through hard work and

perseverance. May his memory bring comfort to those who knew him. A

Funeral Service will be held at

Jensen Funeral Home from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM at 3639 East State Route 17, Kankakee Illinois. A mass

will proceed afterwards at 1 PM with Father Matt at St. John Paul Parish.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home
3639 E IL-17
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-4001
<https://www.jensenmemorialchapel.com>

Mass

JAN 31. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. John Paul II Catholic Parish
907 S. 9th Ave
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall



“ From Tobar Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jose Raul Gaytan.

From Tobar Family - January 30 at 01:59 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jose Raul Gaytan.



January 30 at 01:59 PM



“ Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jose Raul Gaytan.



January 29 at 03:59 PM



“ From your Phili Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jose Raul Gaytan.

From your Phili Family - January 29 at 03:59 PM

CS

“ *Cornucopia Insurance Service purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jose Raul Gaytan.*



Cornucopia Insurance Service - January 29 at 01:12 PM

JF

“ *John Hayes and Family purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Jose Raul Gaytan.*



John Hayes and Family - January 29 at 01:11 PM

SI

“ *Silva International Inc. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jose Raul Gaytan.*



Silva International Inc. - January 28 at 02:41 PM

JC

“ *Jeffrey Carroll planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jose Raul Gaytan.*

Jeffrey Carroll - January 28 at 11:53 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jose Raul Gaytan.* ”



January 28 at 11:53 AM