



Raymond Jude Lazarich Jr.

April 23, 1987 - July 22, 2023

Raymond Jude Lazarich Jr, 36, of Kankakee, accidentally passed away on Saturday, July 22, 2023.

Services will be held Saturday, August 5, 2023, from 12pm-6pm. Visitation will be held from 12pm until 4pm, and then kind words beginning at 4:15pm until 6pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in care of his children at First Trust Bank of Illinois, in Benefit of Raymond Jude Lazarich Jr.'s daughters.

He was born to Ray and Russella Lazarich on April 23, 1987. To his dismay, he was not an only child for long. He immediately took the role of the “perfect” child. He was his dad's shadow, working on and under semis, cars, basically anything with a motor and wheels. His dad taught him that if it needs fixing, you do it! He started work early mowing lawns with his Grandfather Russell. His nickname, Mooch, came from always stealing the last piece of pizza. He got his sense of humor and knowledge of how to make a prank phone call from his mom.

He was a typical teenager. He loved to play golf, joke, fish, Spongebob Square Pants, ride four wheelers, build random shacks around the yard, shooting his sister with paintball guns, taking every chance he could to throw

a party unbeknownst to parents, and driving around in his big truck. He made his parents thankful for cell phones when it came time for him to get his license. He had an amazing friend group in highschool. During one summer, he proved that there is such a thing as too much sugar when he had his first diabetic attack, which landed him in the hospital. He began a lifelong journey after weighing the pros and cons of just one more coca cola.

After highschool, he went into carpentry for FBI buildings. Then he went onto work at Gerreshimer Glass, Bunge, Delmonte, and was currently at JR Short as a Maintenance mechanic to provide for his family.

Raymond started his little family early at the age of 23 with his first daughter, Maci Ray, age 12. Shortly before his princess's first birthday, Raymond met the love of his life, and soulmate, Megan Hargrave. Megan and Raymond would go on to have two more daughters together, Reese Michelle, age 10, and Rayven Jade, age 5, as well as a stepson, Bradyn Pruneda, age 14. Megan and Raymond shared 12 years together. Megan had to keep a consistent supply in the dad's only snack cabinet, snacks which included oreos, cosmic brownies, and chocolate chip cookies. Raymond and Megan enjoyed date nights at his favorite restaurants, Hoppy Pig and KOI. He shared his full-blown obsession the R.M.S Titanic with his kids. They had Titanic marathons, Jim Carry and Adam Sandler nights, and all the daddy daughter dates. His youngest daughter (little baby) knew exactly how to work the zero turn thanks to always riding with dad. Reese (nugget) was always making her dad's life interesting, adopting the most random animals, including worms, mice, and frogs. Even though Maci (princess) was a little princess forever, as she got older, she joined her dad in the garage. They looked forward to working on her jeep for when she turned 16. Bray (bud) and Raymond had shopping dates, building the shed in the yard, and working on mom's car. He has passed on his love of riding ATVs to his kids, as well as his nephews. Campfires were his go-to. Weekly visits to Buffalo Wild Wings with his kids to

visit mom at work. If you didn't find him in the garage or outside, there was a problem. He was a fixer of all things, which he got from his dad. Every vehicle had to be pristine on the outside. Following in his dad's footsteps, he took sledding to an extreme, hooking it to a four-wheeler and playing which kid would fly off first. It is a rite of passage in this family. No judgment please. After his long days at work, he was a hot tub enthusiast. Then, he would come inside and settle into his favorite chair with his girls and watch movies and eat snacks. When it came to his friends, he loved to go to Hoppy Pig, the gym, ride, and set bonfires. He would drop and go help anyone who called him for help.

Even though we know he is riding high now, he will be gravely missed by his parents, Raymond Sr and Russella Lazarich; his sister and brother-in-law, Randolph and Raechel Norgaard; and their sons, Soren and Landon; his person, and love of his life, Megan; and their children Maci, Reese, Rayven Lazarich, and Bradyn Pruenda; as well as countless other family members, and many more friends.

He is preceded in death by his maternal grandparents; his paternal grandmother; and his maternal uncle.

He was a loving father, uncle, brother, partner, friend, and son.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 5. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home
3639 EAST State Route 17
Kankakee, IL 60901
jensenfuneralhomes@yahoo.com

Kind Words

AUG 5. 4:15 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Raymond Jude Lazarich Jr..



August 05, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *Jason Mercier Jeep Run* purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Raymond Jude Lazarich Jr..



Jason Mercier Jeep Run - August 04, 2023 at 10:30 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Raymond Jude Lazarich Jr..



August 03, 2023 at 07:06 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Raymond Jude Lazarich Jr..



August 02, 2023 at 12:55 PM

LP

“ Remembering Raymond as a boy, sweet and ornery with a smile to melt your heart. Been awhile, remember how happy he was to be a dad. May the God of tender mercy give you comfort and strength to endure this tremendous loss. May memories help you process and find peace.

Love and Prayers

Lynn Pugh - July 29, 2023 at 11:35 AM

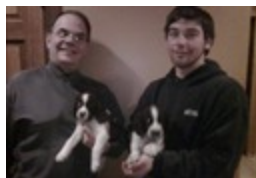
JW

“ So deeply sorry for your loss. God needs a “Good” person in Heaven to help him try to fix this world. 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Judy Wirtz - July 29, 2023 at 11:13 AM

RL

“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Ray & Russella Lazarich - July 28, 2023 at 08:27 PM

YW

*Dear Russella and Ray and family.
We were so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear son. Our prayers will continue to be for you and your family that you may find comfort from above during this very difficult time.. Dr. and Mrs. (Yvonne) Steven Williams*

Yvonne Christian Williams - August 02, 2023 at 12:19 PM

KM

“ Keith & Janice Mercier lit a candle in memory of Raymond Jude Lazarich Jr.



Keith & Janice Mercier - July 28, 2023 at 08:33 AM

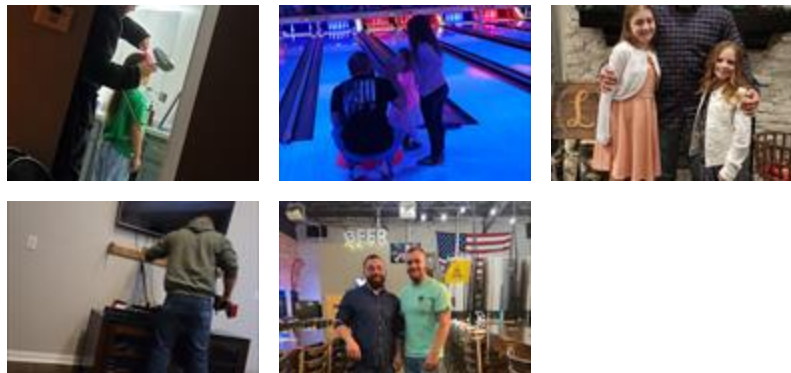
RM

“ So very sorry for your loss. Heartfelt and sincere prayers for peace and comfort 🙏

Ray Marko - July 27, 2023 at 11:57 PM

ME

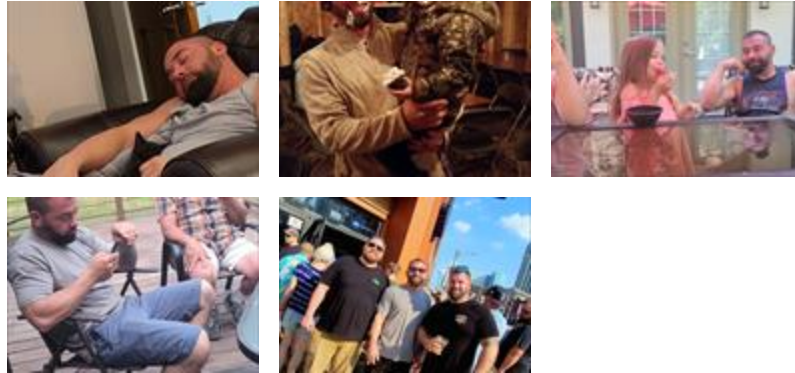
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Megan - July 27, 2023 at 09:27 PM

ME

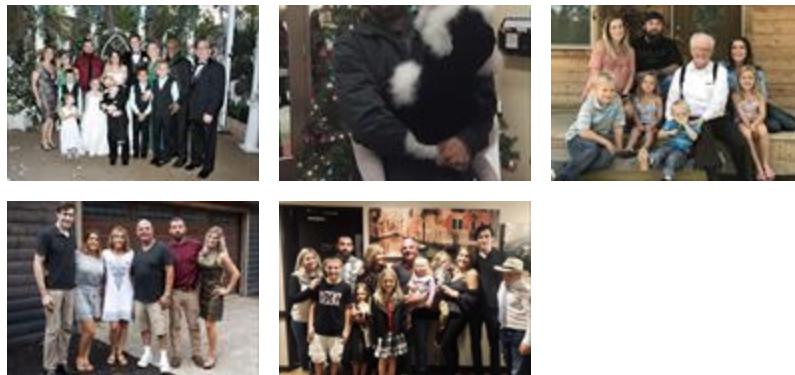
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Megan - July 27, 2023 at 08:51 PM

RL

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Raechel Lazarich - July 27, 2023 at 08:10 PM

TD

“ Megan, kids and Rays family, you have our sincere condolences and prayers on the loss of Ray. Such a horrible shock. He was a great guy and we enjoyed having you as neighbors and friends.

Tom & Ruth Denoyer - July 27, 2023 at 06:29 PM

JG

“ First, my thoughts and prayers are with the families Raymond was such a great guy, Ray and my son Josh was great friends, I remember Ray and Josh were doing roofs, Josh did not like to get dirty, well Ray had fun with that, Josh was so dirty, Ray was laughing so hard that Josh was dirty, my Josh passed away in 2014, my family loves you Ray

Jodie giroux - July 27, 2023 at 06:22 PM

MH

“ I remember Raymond as a kid or young man. Even though I haven't seen him in several years, I do remember how kind and polite he was to myself, my wife, and our family. And when I would tease him, he always had a big smile.

mark hoover - July 27, 2023 at 05:23 PM

RL

“ 1 file added to the album family



Raechel Lazarich - July 27, 2023 at 05:13 PM

DK

“ Donn & Darcy Kane lit a candle in memory of Raymond Jude Lazarich Jr.



Donn & Darcy Kane - July 27, 2023 at 05:01 PM

LT

“ So very sorry for your loss, I will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers

Laurie Trombley - July 27, 2023 at 01:32 PM

JG

“ Joseph Giacchino lit a candle in memory of Raymond Jude Lazarich Jr.



Joseph Giacchino - July 27, 2023 at 11:08 AM