



## Gerardo Contreras Betancourt

June 10, 1951 - March 27, 2020

Age 68, was placed into the awaiting arms of the Lord on Friday March 27, 2020. He passed peacefully in his home, just like he had wanted, surrounded by his loving family. Born on June 10, 1951 in La Garita, Jalisco Mexico, he moved his family to Aurora, Illinois and later moved to Plainfield, Illinois where he resided til the end.

Gerardo fought a long and hard battle against cancer for the past 2 years, with such courage and determination, never giving up. Going head to head with cancer, with the constant support of his family; specifically his wife, he continued to show unwavering fight. A great provider for his family, Gerardo was constantly working, constantly learning and taking classes. Apart from being machine maintenance for Phoenix Closures for about 35 years, he worked side jobs, taking pride in being a hard worker. He loved his family and his work. He enjoyed watching soccer; being a huge chivas fan, and going to home improvement stores and buying new tools. He could fix anything and if on the off-chance he couldn't, then it couldn't be fixed. He loved learning and stressing the importance of an education; he believed that whatever you learned no one could ever take it away from you.

My grandpa's departure wasn't sudden, though that didn't deter me from hoping against hope that he would make a full recovery and I would get many more years with him. Whenever something drastic happened in my family we would always rise above it and make it out okay, so that's why when i heard a

voice in my head that told me he would make a full recovery and I listened to it. Right before he passed he let out his final tears. His tears might've been to express his sadness of leaving his family behind, not knowing what would happen to them now that he is no longer with us physically, but I'd like to think his tears were because he was finally able to see the face of God and feel serene or maybe they were tears of joy, at finally being able to see our departed family. Fue muy valiente mi abuelito, and for that I thank him immensely for holding on for so long for his family.

Preceded in death by his grandparents, Lazaro Betancourt Flores and Mercedes Farias Perez and Francisco Contreras and Guadalupe Sanchez Manzo, his father Ventura Contreras, his brother Luis Contreras, and his grand-daughter Desiree Contreras.

Survived by his mother Graciela Contreras Betancourt "mama chela", his wife of 8 years Magdalena de Contreras (nee Martinez). Devoted father of Diana Rivera (Alfonso), Cathy Contreras, Gerardo Contreras Jr., Sandra Contreras (Reynaldo), Ines Contreras, Ismael Contreras, and Santiago Contreras. His grandchildren: Mercedes Contreras, Jasmine Contreras, Alexis Aguilera, Lizette Aguilera, Leslie Morales, Johnathan Morales, Nayelie Valenciano, Cristian Rivera, Isaias Rivera, Destiny Contreras, Matteo Rivera, and Rey Valenciano. With a great grandchild on the way. His siblings Esther, Andres, Bertha Lilia, Marisela, Nelva, Graciela, Angelica, Maria del Carmen, Estela, Ventura, and Mireya. With numerous nieces, nephews, family members and friends.

We would like to thank Joliet Area Community Hospice and his nurses for the continuous care.

VISITATION: Tuesday March 31, 2020, 4:00-8:00 PM at Delgado Funeral Chapel, 400 Landau Ave. in Joliet, IL.



# Cemetery Details

**Cremation Rites will be accorded**

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 31.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Delgado Funeral Chapel  
400 Landau Ave.  
Joliet, IL 60432  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Delgado Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerardo Contreras Betancourt*



**Delgado Funeral Chapel** - March 31, 2020 at 05:39 PM

MM

*Siempre te recordaremos compadrito Gerardo descansa en paz de todos tus sufrimientos. Que Dios te tenga cerca de su divina presencia.*

**Ma. Trinidad Alcaraz Mata** - March 31, 2020 at 06:23 PM

MH

*Lo Scientology's mucho por toda la familia. Hemos perdido un gran hombre. You'll be missed my precious cousin, glad for our times together growing up and for the last time we got together at my granddaughter's quince. You will be missed ❤️*

**Marylou Hernandez** - March 31, 2020 at 10:26 PM

C(

*My mom Marylou Hernandez meant to say "Lo siento mucho" por todo la familia.*

**Christina Hernandez Barrera (Cousin)** - April 01, 2020 at 01:47 AM

NC

*Querido primo q tengas un buen viaje al paraíso ahora desde el cielo cuidas de tu familia, Un fuerte abrazo para sus hijos, madre y esposa ,hermanos deseando una pronta resignación llena de fortaleza no has muerto te adelantaste allá se volverán a ver los acompañamos en su gran pérdida Familia Contréras Betancourt y Martínez un fuerte abrazo nuestras más sinceras condolencias Atte. Familia Betancourt Chàvez descansa en paz Gerardo!!!*

**Nora Alicia Betancourt Chávez** - April 02, 2020 at 03:16 AM

NC

*un fuerte abrazo para toda la familia Contréras Betancourt. Nuestras más sinceras condolencias de parte de tus Tíos Guillermo Betancourt y Crescencia Chávez é hijos ,Cárdenas deseando una pronta sanación estamos con ustedes familia con sincero cariño Su Tío, Tía y familia!!*

**Nora Alicia Betancourt Chávez** - April 02, 2020 at 03:23 AM

NC

*Un fuerte abrazo para toda la familia Contréras Betancourt ,nuestras más sinceras condolencias de parte de tu Tío Guillermo Betancourt y Crescencia Chávez é hijos deseando una pronta sanación estamos con ustedes familia con sincero cariño tus tios y familia Betancourt Chávez!!*

**Nora Alicia Betancourt Chávez** - April 02, 2020 at 03:30 AM



“ *Delgado Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Gerardo Contreras Betancourt*



**Delgado Funeral Chapel** - March 31, 2020 at 04:09 PM

BI



bianca - March 31, 2020 at 05:45 PM

TF

*You are in our thoughts and prayers. Kathy and Todd*

Todd and Kathy Frish - March 31, 2020 at 05:50 PM

MM

*Mi mas sincero pesame a mi comadrita Magda, y a sus pequeños que Dios les fortalezca en estos dificiles momentos. Un abrazo a la distancia con muchisimo cariño. Siempre te recordaremos compadre Gerardo, afectuosamente la familia Guijarro Alcaraz*

Ma. Trinidad Alcaraz Mata - March 31, 2020 at 05:54 PM



*Lo siento mucho su perdida. I am so sorry for your loss.*

Janelle Gray - March 31, 2020 at 06:26 PM

AR

*God be with all of the Contreras family. I always admired Gerardo. A very talented man and always doing something. He never knew the phrase, dayoff. And the love he had for his family was second to none. My prayers and heart felt condolences to you all.*

A. Rodriguez - July 25, 2020 at 09:18 AM



“ Gerardo Contreras Betancourt

January 28, 2023 at 11:56 AM

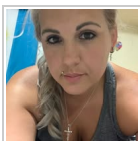
RA

“ *Mi mas sentido pesame a la familia por esta gran pérdida. Que el amor de Dios los abraze en este tiempo dificil dandole a todos el consuelo y muchas fuerzas. Sabemos que el esta en un lugar seguro descansando y un dia lo veran de nuevo. Un fuerte abrazo Maggie.*

*Ronnie.*

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**Ronnie Artavia** - March 31, 2020 at 06:56 PM



“ *Magda, Lo siento mucho que no pueda estar ahí para acompañarte, Sabes que son familia para mi , Los amo y oro a Dios para que les de mucha paz y fortaleza! Te mando un fuerte abrazo ! 🙏*



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**Mari Maglio** - March 31, 2020 at 06:14 PM

DC

“ *Diana Rivera Contreras lit a candle in memory of Gerardo Contreras Betancourt*



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**Diana Rivera Contreras** - March 31, 2020 at 05:00 PM



“ 108 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Delgado Funeral Chapel** - March 31, 2020 at 04:22 PM



“ *Ines Contreras lit a candle in memory of Gerardo Contreras Betancourt*



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**Ines contreras** - March 31, 2020 at 04:04 PM



“ *Magdalena Martínez sent a virtual gift in memory of Gerardo Contreras Betancourt*



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**Magdalena Martínez** - March 31, 2020 at 01:38 PM

CC

“ *Cathy Contreras sent a virtual gift in memory of Gerardo Contreras Betancourt*



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**Cathy Contreras** - March 31, 2020 at 12:12 PM

CC

“ *Cathy Contreras lit a candle in memory of Gerardo Contreras Betancourt*



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**Cathy Contreras** - March 31, 2020 at 12:10 PM

HA

“ *God saw you getting tired & a cure was not to be. So he put his arms around you & whispered "Come to Me." A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us, he only takes the best.*

*I will always remember you & carry you around in my ❤️ Rest in Paradise*



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**Heather Aguilar** - March 31, 2020 at 04:42 AM

JO

“ *Johnathan lit a candle in memory of Gerardo Contreras Betancourt*



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**Johnathan** - March 31, 2020 at 04:16 AM

MC

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Mercedes Contreras** - March 31, 2020 at 12:15 AM

MC

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**Mercedes Contreras** - March 31, 2020 at 12:14 AM

MC

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**Mercedes Contreras** - March 31, 2020 at 12:12 AM

TF

“ Todd And Kathy Frish lit a candle in memory of Gerardo Contreras Betancourt



Todd and Kathy Frish - March 30, 2020 at 11:05 PM

CC

“ Cathy Contreras sent a virtual gift in memory of Gerardo Contreras Betancourt



Cathy Contreras - March 30, 2020 at 11:00 PM

JO

“ You Were such a big Chivas fan.



Johnathan - March 30, 2020 at 10:50 PM

NV

“ Nayelie Valenciano sent a virtual gift in memory of Gerardo Contreras Betancourt



Nayelie Valenciano - March 30, 2020 at 10:48 PM

MB

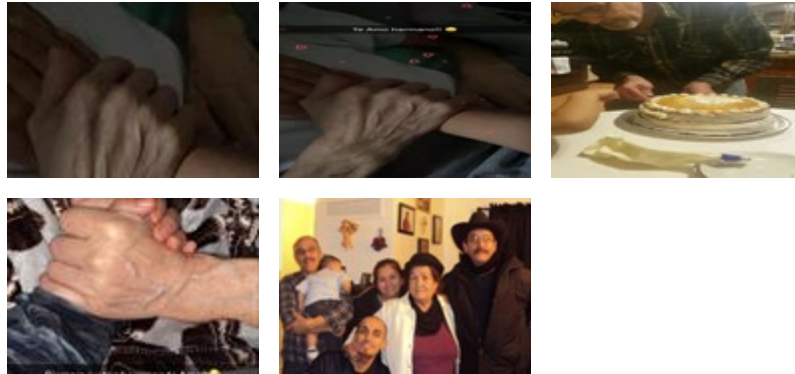
“ Mireya Contreras Betancourt sent a virtual gift  
in memory of Gerardo Contreras Betancourt



Mireya Contreras Betancourt - March 30, 2020 at 10:29 PM

MB

“ 12 files added to the tribute wall



Mireya Contreras Betancourt - March 30, 2020 at 10:25 PM

MB

*Le doy gracias a Dios que ya estás en su presencia, duele ver a un ser  
amado con dolor pero el saber que ya estás con Dios, con un cuerpo  
glorificado sin dolor me da tanta paz, te Amo hermano.*

Mireya Contreras Betancourt - March 30, 2020 at 10:35 PM

JO

“ Love you with all my heart.



Johnathan - March 30, 2020 at 10:13 PM

MC

“ Mercedes Contreras lit a candle in memory of Gerardo Contreras Betancourt



Mercedes Contreras - March 30, 2020 at 09:56 PM

RO

“ Rosalba lit a candle in memory of Gerardo Contreras Betancourt



Rosalba - March 30, 2020 at 09:52 PM

NV

“ Nayelie Valenciano lit a candle in memory of Gerardo Contreras Betancourt



Nayelie Valenciano - March 30, 2020 at 09:52 PM

BI

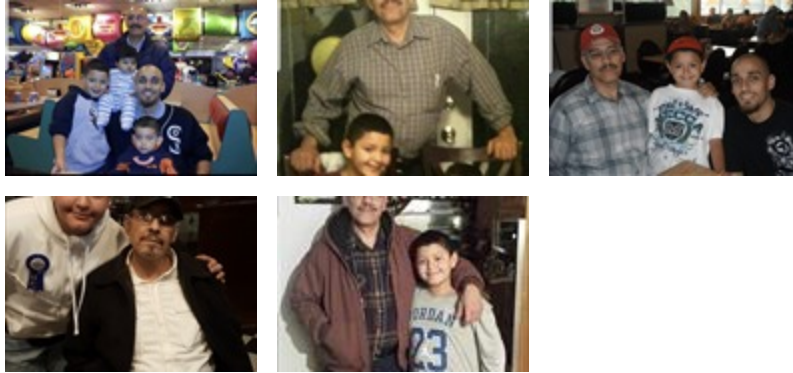
“ Dios te reciba en su reino Descansa empaz



bianca - March 30, 2020 at 09:50 PM

JO

“ I miss you so much grandpa. So many memories with you. You were always there since I was born. I miss you hug.



Johnathan - March 30, 2020 at 09:50 PM

BI

“ Bianca lit a candle in memory of Gerardo Contreras Betancourt



bianca - March 30, 2020 at 09:47 PM

RA

“ Rocio Arreola lit a candle in memory of Gerardo Contreras Betancourt



Rocio Arreola - March 30, 2020 at 09:46 PM

JO

“ Thank you grandpa for everything you do for the family. He is an amazing grandpa. He is a hard working Man. He always would love to work. If he wasn't doing anything he would always look for something to work on. He inspired me to be a better man. My grandpa was such a brave man. When I grow up I want to be just like my grandpa doing construction. He was a strong man. He took care of my whole entire family. He was the man in the family. Thank you grandpa for everything you have done for the family. I love you so much. I miss you so much. You mean the world to me. I promise I will make you proud.



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**Johnathan** - March 30, 2020 at 09:42 PM

FS

“ Familia Martínez Sanabria lit a candle in memory of Gerardo Contreras Betancourt



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**Familia Martínez Sanabria** - March 30, 2020 at 09:39 PM

NV

“ Nayelie Valenciano lit a candle in memory of Gerardo Contreras Betancourt



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**Nayelie Valenciano** - March 30, 2020 at 09:29 PM

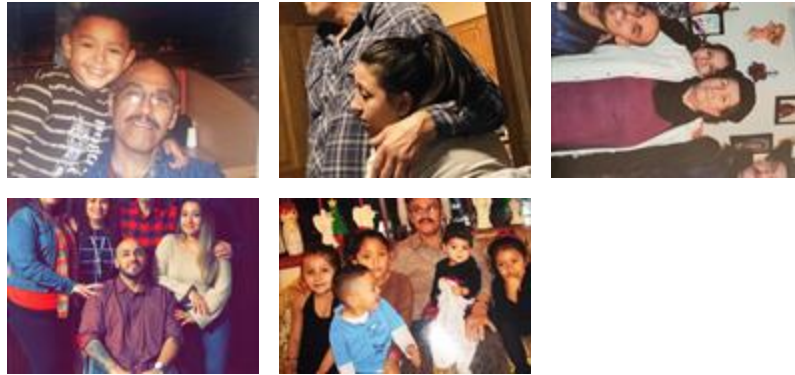
CC

“ Miss you dad till we meet again. Your forever in my heart. Love you always. ❤️❤️❤️🥰🥰

Cathy Contreras - March 30, 2020 at 09:29 PM

GJ

“ I love you pa. Mi gran maestro, mi mejor amigo, mi héroe, mi hermano, mi padre cuanto te quiero y te Extraño. 😭🥰



Gerardo Contreras Jr - March 30, 2020 at 09:18 PM

SC

“ Serjio Contreras lit a candle in memory of Gerardo Contreras Betancourt



serjio contreras - March 30, 2020 at 09:06 PM

CC

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Cathy Contreras - March 30, 2020 at 08:59 PM

CC

“ Cathy Contreras lit a candle in memory of Gerardo Contreras Betancourt



Cathy Contreras - March 30, 2020 at 08:55 PM

BI

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



bianca - March 30, 2020 at 08:14 PM

BI

“ Bianca lit a candle in memory of Gerardo Contreras Betancourt



bianca - March 30, 2020 at 08:08 PM

MC

“ *Monse Contreras lit a candle in memory of Gerardo Contreras Betancourt*



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**Monse Contreras** - March 30, 2020 at 07:22 PM

MC

“ *Mercedes Contreras lit a candle in memory of Gerardo Contreras Betancourt*



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**Mercedes Contreras** - March 30, 2020 at 06:00 PM

MM

“ *Magdalena Martínez sent a virtual gift in memory of Gerardo Contreras Betancourt*

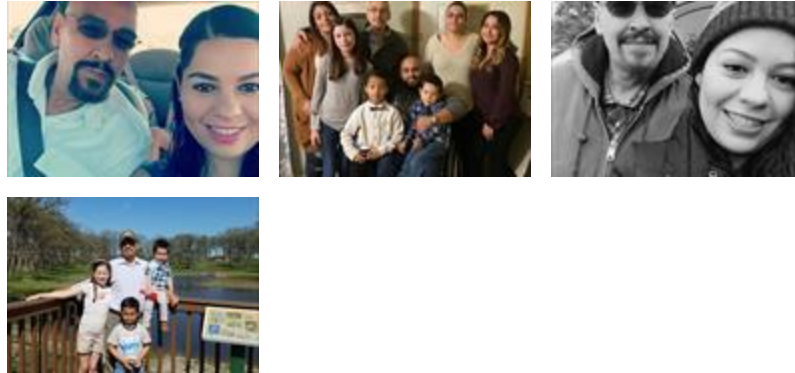


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**Magdalena Martínez** - March 30, 2020 at 06:00 PM

MM

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Magdalena Martínez - March 30, 2020 at 05:58 PM

LC

“ Linda D. Cap lit a candle in memory of Gerardo Contreras Betancourt



Linda D. Cap - March 30, 2020 at 05:51 PM

MB

“ Mireya Contreras Betancourt lit a candle in memory of Gerardo Contreras Betancourt



Mireya Contreras Betancourt - March 30, 2020 at 04:46 PM

SC

“ *Sandra Contreras lit a candle in memory of Gerardo Contreras Betancourt*



Sandra Contreras - March 30, 2020 at 04:38 PM

SC

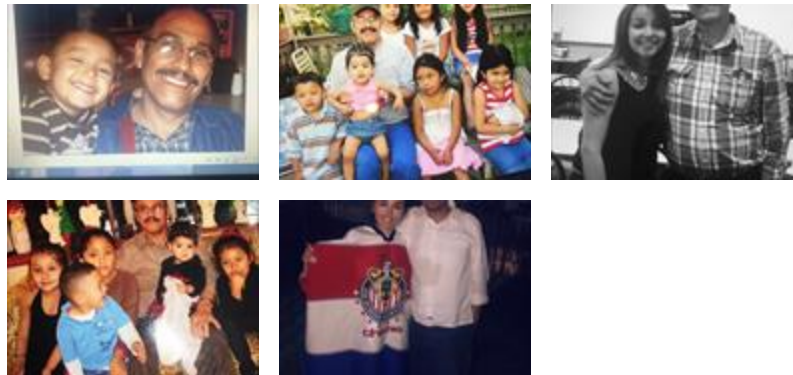
“ *We will forever miss you! Till we meet again my angel*



Sandra Contreras - March 30, 2020 at 04:37 PM

GC

“ *5 files added to the tribute wall*



Gerardo Contreras - March 30, 2020 at 03:17 PM

GJ

“ Gerardo Contreras Jr lit a candle in memory  
of Gerardo Contreras Betancourt



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**Gerardo Contreras Jr** - March 30, 2020 at 03:07 PM