



Gonzalo Burciaga Jr.

May 23, 1986 - May 29, 2026

Gonzalo Burciaga Jr., age 40, of Cicero, Illinois, passed away unexpectedly on May 29, 2026. Born on May 23, 1986, in Berwyn, Illinois, Gonzalo was a lifelong resident of the Cicero area and the beloved youngest child of his family. Known for his adventurous spirit, infectious sense of humor, and kind heart, Gonzalo brought laughter, energy, and unforgettable memories to everyone fortunate enough to know him.

Gonzalo proudly served his country in the United States Army Reserve as a Combat Engineer with H Company, 554th Engineer Battalion. During his military service, he deployed overseas in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, serving in Kuwait and Iraq from 2009 to 2010. His dedication, professionalism, and commitment to excellence earned him numerous military honors, including three Army Achievement Medals, the Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal. He was also recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation for achieving a perfect score during a specialized military training examination. Gonzalo was proud to serve his country and carried that same sense of determination, courage, and integrity throughout his life.

A gifted athlete from a young age, Gonzalo excelled in baseball, basketball, running, bowling, water polo, and swimming. Whether competing on the field, spending time creating art, or riding motorcycles alongside his brother, he

embraced life with passion, enthusiasm, and a fearless spirit. Those who knew Gonzalo will remember his quick wit, his loyalty, his artistic talent, his infectious laugh, and his ability to make people smile. He had a way of turning ordinary moments into cherished memories and leaves behind countless stories that will continue to be shared by family and friends for years to come. Above all else, Gonzalo cherished his family. He was a devoted son, loving brother, proud uncle (and great uncle), and loyal friend whose presence brought joy and comfort to those around him. Gonzalo is survived by his loving parents, Sabina Burciaga and Gonzalo Burciaga Sr.; his brother Carlos Burciaga, his sister, Maria Burciaga; his cherished nieces and nephew, Abigail Ayala, Salvador Ayala III, and Isabella Ayala and great nephew Corleone Rodriguez. He also leaves behind many extended family members, friends, fellow service members, and all those whose lives were touched by his kindness, humor, and unwavering spirit. Though his time with us was far too short, Gonzalo lived a life that was full, meaningful, and unforgettable. As those who loved him know, he was here for a good time, not a long time. His laughter, courage, generosity, and adventurous soul will remain in our hearts forever. He will be deeply missed, forever loved, and never forgotten.

Visitation is Monday from 4 PM to 8 PM at Foran Funeral Home, 7300 W. Archer Ave. (55th street just west of Harlem). Visitation at the funeral home on Tuesday from 8:30 AM until time of Prayers at 9:15 AM. We will go in procession from the funeral home to Our Lady of Czestochowa and Charity Parish (3010 48th Court, Cicero, IL 60804) for a 10 AM Mass. Family are asked to meet at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery (20953 W Hoff Rd, Elwood, IL 60421) at 1:45 PM for a 2:00 PM Interment with Military honors.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Rd.
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Foran Funeral Home
7300 W Archer Ave
Summit, IL 60501
(708) 458-0208

Visitation

JUN 9. 8:30 AM - 9:15 AM (CT)

Foran Funeral Home
7300 W Archer Ave
Summit, IL 60501
(708) 458-0208

Prayers

JUN 9. 9:15 AM (CT)

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Mass

JUN 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Czestochowa
3010 S. 48th Ct.
Cicero, IL 60804

Tribute Wall

SO

“ Growing up on the same block as Gonzalo gave me some of my favorite childhood memories. We spent countless days playing in each other’s yards and shooting basketball together. I’ll always be thankful for the friendship and memories we shared. My deepest condolences to his family and everyone who loved him.

Sergio Ortega - June 08 at 07:12 PM

AB

“ I am so sorry for your loss – my deepest condolences to the family and friends. I had the honor of serving with Gonzalo through our 2009-2010 Iraq deployment and after. You will be missed my brother. Rest in peace, Gonzalo “Peligro” Burciaga.

Alex Barajas - June 08 at 05:09 PM

JF

“ Juaquin, Letty, Fidel purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Gonzalo Burciaga Jr..



Juaquin, Letty, Fidel - June 08 at 03:00 PM

MO

“ Marcin Ochoda purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Gonzalo Burciaga Jr..



Marcin Ochoda - June 08 at 01:36 PM

CP

“ We always had a good time! Our last pic. Rest In Peace Primo Gonz. Que Dios te tenga en su Santa gloria.



Cristina Pineda - June 08 at 01:30 PM

MF

“ Maria Pereda Y Familia purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gonzalo Burciaga Jr..



Maria Pereda Y Familia - June 08 at 11:41 AM

DF

“ Deepest SympathyHerrera & Marquez Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Gonzalo Burciaga Jr..



Deepest SympathyHerrera & Marquez Family - June 08 at 08:41 AM

MF

“ Marina & Herrera Family purchased the Strength and Wisdom Casket Spray for the family of Gonzalo Burciaga Jr..



Marina & Herrera Family - June 08 at 12:37 AM

TS

“ The Sucias purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Gonzalo Burciaga Jr..



The Sucias - June 06 at 10:01 PM

LZ

“ La familia Zizumbo-Rebollar purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Gonzalo Burciaga Jr..



La familia Zizumbo-Rebollar - June 06 at 05:27 PM

LZ

“ La familia Zizumbo-Rebollar planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gonzalo Burciaga Jr..

La familia Zizumbo-Rebollar - June 06 at 05:27 PM

LF

“ Love the Ochoa Famik purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Gonzalo Burciaga Jr..



Love the Ochoa Famik - June 06 at 05:19 PM

LF

“ Love the Ochoa Famik planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gonzalo Burciaga Jr..

Love the Ochoa Famik - June 06 at 05:19 PM

MA

“ Maricela Burciaga y José Luis A purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gonzalo Burciaga Jr..



Maricela Burciaga y José Luis A - June 06 at 01:14 PM

MA

“ Maricela Burciaga y José Luis A planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gonzalo Burciaga Jr..

Maricela Burciaga y José Luis A - June 06 at 01:14 PM

DV

“ My heart goes out to Family friends all that had an honor of knowing G fly high G with many of Our Angels !

Dee Vazquez - June 06 at 12:22 PM



“ *I'am so Sorry for your loss, he was a great Soldier and an even better person. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I had the great Honor of Serving with him overseas and after. He was always ready to complete the mission no matter what it took and I'm sure he was the same on the civilian side. I cherish the time we were able to spend laughing and having fun. My deepest Condolences in this difficult time. RIP BROTHER!*

Wayne Watts - June 06 at 11:59 AM

TM

“ *My condolences to the family and friends on your losss. I had the honor of serving with Gonzalo in Iraq and after. He will be missed by many. Rip Gonzalo*

Tom Modica - June 06 at 11:23 AM