



## 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

# Upcoming 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)

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

## Prayers

JUN 9. 9:15 AM (CT)

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

## Mass

JUN 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

MA

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



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**Maricela Burciaga y José Luis A** - 50 minutes ago

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

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**Maricela Burciaga y José Luis A** - 50 minutes ago

DV

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

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**Dee Vazquez** - 1 hour ago



“ *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!*

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**Wayne Watts** - 2 hours ago

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

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**Tom Modica** - 2 hours ago