



Jose Victor Hernandez

June 8, 1989 - May 9, 2026

It is with profound sadness that we mourn the unexpected passing of Jose Victor Hernandez on Saturday, May 9, 2026. He was the beloved son of Jose C. and Elena S. Hernandez Jr. Devoted father to his darling daughter, Eleanore “ Ella” Hernandez who he loved immensely. Much loved by the love of his life, his fiancée, Golden Elise Smith. Dear brother of Jose C. III (Kimberly) and Jose Antonio “ Tony”. Cherished uncle of Damjan “Damien”, Brianna, Brian, Isabella “Izzy”, Jorge “Jorgie” and Jax.

Victor Hernandez was a lifelong resident of Chicago Garfield Ridge community. He was an accomplished business man and entrepreneur whose contributions and generosity impacted so many people.

Victor graduated from North Central College in Naperville, Illinois, with a Bachelor of Science in Economics and Finance, and a minor in Mathematics. Following his undergraduate studies, Victor continued his education at North Central College and earned a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Finance.

He started his professional career in 2010 by working for Chicago Alderman Michael R. Zalewski, eventually working his way up to Aldermanic Aide. Following his tenure with the City of Chicago, Victor worked for Congressman Dan Lipinski in 2012. He began working as the Congressman's Campaign Manager and then became the Director of Special Events. From 2014 to March of 2017, Victor worked as Chief of Staff for Cook County Commissioner, Stanley Moore of the 4th District. Victor was the co-founder

and partner of Hart Solutions, helping build the company from the beginning alongside Suzanne Hart in 2018. He was instrumental in developing the company's government and consulting contracts, and will be remembered for his dedication, loyalty, and the lasting impact he made on everyone who had the privilege to work beside him.

After leaving the public sector, Victor founded and was Principal for Victory Solutions LLC. Victory Solutions provides business development and government consulting services. In addition to Victory Solutions LLC, Victor co-founded a 501(c)(6) not-for-profit organization called Transportation, Rail, Air, Infrastructure, Networking Ltd (T.R.A.I.N.). T.R.A.I.N.'s focus is to become a premier industry trade association promoting growth and cultivating prime contractors through participation in industry activities, advertising, education, lobbying, and by publishing best practices.

Victor was Co-Owner, Chairman, and CEO of Interstate Construction Corp, which is a commercial general contractor operating in the Midwest and West Coast. The company's primary focuses include hospitality, hotels, restaurants, retail, early education and private healthcare.

In 2021 Victor worked as a Senior Benefit (Medicare) Account Executive for GoHealth, Inc. reaching Diamond status as a Top Sales Agent, and currently was at Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

In 2018, Victor received the Businessman of the Year Award from the Illinois State Crime Commission.

Victor embodied the values of hard work, integrity and compassion. His honesty, loyalty, and devotion earned him the respect and admiration of all who knew him. Victor will be remembered for his warm and engaging sense of humor, his unwavering generosity, and his deep commitment to supporting our service members through his guidance, mentorship, advice, and countless acts of assistance. He was always there when needed, always willing to lend a helping hand, and always made sure that everyone was cared for and supported. His encouragement, compassion, and steadfast dedication left a lasting impact on all who had the privilege of knowing him.

To know Victor was to love him. Victor will be deeply missed, always loved, and forever remembered.

Visitation is Tuesday, May 19, 2026, from 4 PM to 8 PM at Foran Funeral Home, 7300 W. Archer Avenue (55th street just west of Harlem). Family and friends will meet at St. Daniel the Prophet Church on Wednesday morning for a 10 AM Mass. After mass, we will go in procession from the church to St. Casimir Cemetery where Victor will be laid to rest near his grandfather.

Cemetery Details

St. Casimir Cemetery

4401 W. 111th Street
Chicago, IL 60655

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 19. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Foran Funeral Home - Summit
7300 West Archer Ave
Summit, IL 60501
(708) 458-0208
contactus@foranfuneralhome.com
<https://www.foranfuneralhome.com/>

Mass

MAY 20. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Daniel the Prophet Church
5358 South Nashville
Chicago, IL 60638

Family and friends will meet at St. Daniel the Prophet Church on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 for a 10 AM Mass. Please plan on arriving at the Church by 9:45 AM.

Tribute Wall

RE

“ Victor was one of my favorite riding partners. Vic knew all the best places to ride and also how to get there. You will be missed my brother. Till we see each other again and take a long ride enjoying the wind...



Rezo - May 20 at 01:22 PM

MF

“ Mendoza family purchased the Beautiful Heart B ouquet for the family of Jose Victor Hernandez.



Mendoza family - May 19 at 06:25 PM

TM

“ Deepest condolences to Victors family and friends.
Templars M/A

Templars M/A - May 19 at 02:27 PM

TA

“ Tanera A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jose Victor Hernandez.

Tanera A. - May 19 at 11:52 AM

NM

“ *Ninety Sixers MC purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Jose Victor Hernandez.*



Ninety Sixers MC - May 19 at 10:08 AM

DS

“ *Our deepest condolences to the Hernandez family and the many friends of Jose Victor on this tragic loss. May God give all of you strength during this difficult time and may you find comfort and peace in the everlasting memories that this young man gave to all.*



*Darlene Smith
Adam Smith*

Darlene Smith - May 18 at 06:03 PM

BM

“ *Brian Murray purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Jose Victor Hernandez.*



Brian Murray - May 18 at 12:00 PM

BM

“ *Brian Murray planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jose Victor Hernandez.*

Brian Murray - May 18 at 12:00 PM

TF

“ The Cooper Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jose Victor Hernandez.

The Cooper Family - May 17 at 11:31 AM

TF

“ The Cooper Family purchased the In Heaven's Arms Bouquet for the family of Jose Victor Hernandez.



The Cooper Family - May 17 at 11:31 AM

VJ

“ Vanessa, Katia, Lana, and Jax purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jose Victor Hernandez.



Vanessa, Katia, Lana, and Jax - May 17 at 10:53 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jose Victor Hernandez.

May 16 at 03:50 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jose Victor Hernandez.



May 16 at 03:50 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jose Victor Hernandez.



May 16 at 01:04 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jose Victor Hernandez.

May 16 at 01:04 AM



“ Flavia & Hernandez Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Jose Victor Hernandez.



Flavia & Hernandez Family - May 15 at 01:25 PM

FF

“ *Flavia & Hernandez Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jose Victor Hernandez.*

Flavia & Hernandez Family - May 15 at 01:25 PM

SP

“ *Stanley Moore, James Ramos & Alex Peric purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Jose Victor Hernandez.*



Stanley Moore, James Ramos & Alex Peric - May 15 at 12:10 PM

SP

“ *Stanley Moore, James Ramos & Alex Peric planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jose Victor Hernandez.*

Stanley Moore, James Ramos & Alex Peric - May 15 at 12:10 PM



“ *Care and Compassion Spray was purchased for the family of Jose Victor Hernandez.*



May 15 at 12:03 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jose Victor Hernandez.

May 15 at 12:03 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jose Victor Hernandez.



May 15 at 10:16 AM



“ Natalie & James Gifford, Mary Del Carlo purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jose Victor Hernandez.



Natalie & James Gifford, Mary Del Carlo - May 14 at 10:59 PM



“ Your smile was infectious. Your hugs were always so tight. If I had a problem, you had a solution. Victor, you left an impression on me that I will forever cherish. You will always be my friend, my brother from another mother. You are loved, now and forever. Get your rest.
-- Love, Marquita

Marquita Upshaw - May 14 at 05:48 PM

DT

Victor you was my calm at that job. You told to keep my head up and smile never let them see you sweat thank you my friend you will be missed. You was funny and had us always laughing in tbe morning meeting. Get your rest .you will always and forever shine like the diamond you are my brother.

Denna Tharpe - May 14 at 09:41 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jose Victor Hernandez.

May 14 at 04:18 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Jose Victor Hernandez.



May 14 at 04:18 PM

SL

“ *Seameah Lloyd* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Jose Victor Hernandez.



Seameah Lloyd - May 14 at 02:32 PM