



## Ricardo Gonzalez

January 4, 1959 - September 11, 2022

Ricardo (Rick) Gonzalez, age 63, passed away September 11, 2022, surrounded by his loving family. Rick was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed the beauty and wonders of nature. He loved spending time with his family, fly fishing, hunting camp, boating and grilling on Big Star Lake, classic films, cars and rock. He enjoyed vetting the perfect movies for his family to watch together after an evening of grilling. Rick also enjoyed motorcycle trips with his brother, Ruben, and driving his 30 year old Suzuki Samurai around town. He was also mechanically inclined. He could fix just about anything; for that reason his family referred to his "MacGyver" talents with appreciation. He was a man of faith with a great devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe - who always leads us to her son, Jesus. He looked forward to going to Sunday Mass at St. Ann's in Baldwin, Michigan. Everyone knew, "the bus was leaving" for church at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. Rick owned his own automotive restoration business for 15 years in Metro Detroit and recently retired from it to the Big Star Lake area, south of Baldwin, Michigan. Unable to stay retired saying, "retirement was overrated" - he picked up part-time work for the United States Postal Service, where he enjoyed the people and the purpose. He will always be known for his sense of humor, keen wit and ability to talk to anyone about anything for hours on end.

Gonzalez, Ricardo September 11, 2022, age 63 of Baldwin, Michigan. Loving husband of Josephine. Proud father of Daniela Maria and Ricardo Antonio Gonzalez. Beloved son of Gonzalo Sr. and the late Elena Gonzalez. Dear

brother of Gonzalo Jr. (Lorri), Mari (the late Santiago), Sylvia (Jose Luis), Diana (Carlos), Ruben (Yvette), the late Alba Nellie (Troy) and the late Rene. Survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday, September 18th 1-8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Road (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill) Westland. In state Monday, September 19th 10 AM until the 11 AM Funeral Mass at the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit, 1000 St. Anne Street in Detroit. To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **18.** 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Westland  
980 North Newburgh Road  
Westland, MI 48185  
(734) 326-1300  
westland@vermeulenfh.com

## Funeral Mass

SEP **19.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit  
1000 St. Anne Street  
Detroit, MI 48216

*In state 10 AM*

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ricardo Gonzalez*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Love you, Poppa!*

**Daniela** - September 11, 2023 at 03:07 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Daniela** - November 14, 2022 at 09:19 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Daniela** - October 06, 2022 at 08:41 PM

SG

“ *His Journey's Just Begun*

*Don't think of him as gone away  
his journey's just begun,  
life holds so many facets  
this earth is only one.  
Just think of him as resting  
from the sorrows and the tears  
in a place of warmth and comfort  
where there are no days and years.  
Think how he must be wishing  
that we could know today  
how nothing but our sadness  
can really pass away.  
And think of him as living  
in the hearts of those he touched...  
for nothing loved is ever lost  
and he was loved so much.*

*~ Ellen Brenneman  
Love you hermanito, Shebe*

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**Sylvia Garza** - September 27, 2022 at 12:30 PM

SG

“ *To My Brother*

*I said a prayer for you  
to thank the Lord above  
for blessing me with a lifetime  
of your tenderhearted love.  
I thank God for the caring  
you've shown me through the years,  
for the closeness we've enjoyed in  
time of laughter and of tears.  
And so, I thank you from the heart  
for all you've done for me and I bless  
the Lord for giving me the best brother  
there could be!  
- Author Unknown~  
Love you hermano, Shebe*

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**Sylvia Garza** - September 27, 2022 at 12:22 PM

SG

“ *Love Lives On*

*You went away so suddenly  
We did not say goodbye  
But brothers can never be parted  
Precious memories never die  
- Author Unknown ~  
Love you hermano, Shebe*

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**Sylvia Garza** - September 27, 2022 at 12:14 PM



“ [https://youtu.be/Cac7Rqp\\_U6Q](https://youtu.be/Cac7Rqp_U6Q)

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**Justin Vaquera** - September 22, 2022 at 11:35 PM

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“ *Cresencio and Rosa purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ricardo Gonzalez.*



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**Cresencio and Rosa** - September 18, 2022 at 11:34 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ricardo Gonzalez.*



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September 17, 2022 at 11:35 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Ricardo Gonzalez.*



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September 17, 2022 at 08:47 AM

TV

“ *The family of Steve Vaquera purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ricardo Gonzalez.*



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**The family of Steve Vaquera** - September 16, 2022 at 08:58 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ricardo Gonzalez.



September 15, 2022 at 11:03 PM



“ We are thinking of your family with much love.  
Lisa & Taylor Spivey



Lisa Spivey - September 15, 2022 at 10:20 PM

DA

Thank you so much, Lisa. Big love and hugs to you and Taylor ❤️

Daniela - September 15, 2022 at 11:13 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ricardo Gonzalez.



September 15, 2022 at 10:17 PM

DF

“ Don and Sue Vaquera & family. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ricardo Gonzalez.



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**Don and Sue Vaquera & family.** - September 15, 2022 at 08:03 PM

LZ

“ Dear Jo, Danielle, Ricky, Ruben and family, I'm so deeply saddened for your loss of Rick. He was truly a wonderful guy, hysterically funny, insanely loyal to his friends and so dedicated to his family that he adored so much. He will be terribly missed and will be part of very happy and fun memories! Mostly the mayhem and hilarity of the annual canoe trips!! Sending love to you all, Linda Pavlon Zukin

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**Linda Zukin** - September 15, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ricardo Gonzalez.



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September 15, 2022 at 07:04 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ricardo Gonzalez.



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September 15, 2022 at 05:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Ricardo Gonzalez.



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September 15, 2022 at 03:00 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Ricardo Gonzalez.



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September 15, 2022 at 12:28 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray* was purchased for the family of Ricardo Gonzalez.



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September 15, 2022 at 08:16 AM



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**Jo Gonzalez** - September 14, 2022 at 10:06 PM

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**Jo Gonzalez** - September 14, 2022 at 10:03 PM

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**Jo Gonzalez** - September 14, 2022 at 10:01 PM

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**Jo Gonzalez** - September 14, 2022 at 09:58 PM

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**Jo Gonzalez** - September 14, 2022 at 09:55 PM

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**Jo Gonzalez** - September 14, 2022 at 09:51 PM

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**Jo Gonzalez** - September 14, 2022 at 09:49 PM

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Jo Gonzalez - September 14, 2022 at 09:47 PM

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Jo Gonzalez - September 14, 2022 at 09:43 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ricardo Gonzalez.



September 14, 2022 at 07:12 PM

SC

“ Sarah D'Addese and Ryan Chambers purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ricardo Gonzalez.



Sarah D'Addese and Ryan Chambers - September 14, 2022 at 05:04 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Ricardo Gonzalez.* ”



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September 14, 2022 at 03:45 PM



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**Jo Gonzalez** - September 14, 2022 at 03:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ricardo Gonzalez.* ”



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September 14, 2022 at 03:09 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Ricardo Gonzalez.* ”



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September 14, 2022 at 02:33 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ricardo Gonzalez.*



September 14, 2022 at 02:22 PM



“ *October 29, 2019*

*Tio Ricky, I'll miss you always, the laughs, stories, inside jokes, a lifetime of memories though will help to heal the sadness, love you Tio.*

*Michael*

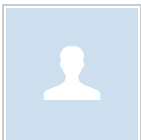


**Mike Highsmith** - September 14, 2022 at 02:01 PM

IS

*There are no words to express our sadness or condolences to the Gonzalez family. We are deeply sorry for his loss and we will keep all of you in our good thoughts and prayers. Ricky will certainly be missed.*

**irma Saldivar** - September 14, 2022 at 02:53 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ricardo Gonzalez.*



September 14, 2022 at 01:12 PM

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“ 6 files added to the album *Family photos*



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**Troy Highsmith** - September 13, 2022 at 10:51 PM