



Fred Gaona, Jr.

April 17, 1951 - January 15, 2023

Fred Gaona Jr., born April 17, 1951, went to be with the Lord on January 15, 2023 at the age of 71.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Estela Gaona and son, Raymond Joseph. He is survived by his sons, Fred Gaona III (Marisia Parra-Gaona), Anthony Gaona, and Gavin Gaona; sisters, Carrie Gaona, Marjorie Menchaca (Daniel), and Rose Marie Johnson; brothers, George Gaona and David Gaona (Vilma Aguayo-Gaona); grandchildren, Gabriela Gaona, Fred Gaona IV, Cecilia Gaona, Alona Jae Gaona, Donivan Anthony Gaona, Jaden Gaona, and Aubrey Noel Braden; nieces, Jessica Schexnayder (Derrick) and Kassandra Johnson; nephews, Philip Daniel (Kelly) and Zakary Johnson; numerous other loving family members and friends.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, January 24, 2023, from 5:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. with a rosary to be recited at 6:30 P.M. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. A funeral mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. at St. Anthony Catholic Church – Elmendorf, TX. Interment will follow at St. Anthony Catholic Cemetery – Elmendorf, TX.

Please join the family for food and refreshments following the interment at St. Anthony Catholic Church Hall.

Cemetery Details

St. Anthony Cemetery

16505 Kilowatt Road
Elmendorf, TX 78112

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 24. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Recitation of the Rosary

JAN 24. 6:30 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

JAN 25. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Anthony Catholic Church
16505 Kilowatt Road
Elmendorf, TX 78112

Interment with Military Honors

JAN 25 (CT)

St. Anthony Cemetery
16505 Kilowatt Road
Elmendorf, TX 78112

Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Fred Gaona, Jr.*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - January 24, 2023 at 03:43 PM

CM

“ *Christine Martinez lit a candle in memory of Fred Gaona, Jr.*



Christine Martinez - January 26, 2023 at 10:44 AM

DP

“ *Darnel & Lisa Francis and Alicia Parra purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Fred Gaona, Jr..*



Darnel & Lisa Francis and Alicia Parra - January 23, 2023 at 11:07 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Fred Gaona, Jr..*



January 23, 2023 at 03:32 PM



“ *Michelle Matthews and Justin Manicho purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Fred Gaona, Jr..*



Michelle Matthews and Justin Manicho - January 23, 2023 at 12:50 PM

CG

“ *My dear brother,
You so much wanted to stay here with us but
your body was so tired. In the end, the
disease did not win. You did. You are a new
creation, free of all pain and suffering. Now
you are basking in God's glory.*



You always knew of my love of cardinals and their symbolism. In fact, over the years you gifted me with several momentos depicting the cardinal. Last Thursday I was at Mom and Dad's filling up the birdfeeders in the back yard. I filled the first two and then moved away to watch them eat. I looked up at the branches in the tree near the feeders. I had to count twice, couldn't believe what I was seeing. Six cardinals. Not one or two but six. One for each of us. I just knew in my heart that this was a sign. You were ok. You were safely home.

Give Mom and Dad a hug from us. Tell them we are doing ok. Let Dad know I still miss those nightly phone calls where we discussed everything under the sun. Plus let Mom know her homemade tortillas are still missed and well you know, her tamales are very much missed at Christmas.

Fred, don't worry about us. We will be ok. We will look after Gavin and make sure he gets his college degree and make you proud.

Rest in peace my brother. Love you. Your sister, Carrie

Carrie Gaona - January 23, 2023 at 09:00 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Fred Gaona, Jr..*



January 20, 2023 at 07:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Fred Gaona, Jr..*



January 20, 2023 at 04:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Fred Gaona, Jr..*



January 20, 2023 at 04:34 PM



“ *Fred and worked together at John Deere in Columbus Ohio. We shared a lot of laughs, played a lot of cards and did a few stupid things along the way. In 1982 he attended my wedding. We worked together on “Operation Feed”. I was always proud to call him my friend and I will miss him a lot. RIP my friend.*

Chuck Stiltner - January 20, 2023 at 11:38 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Fred Gaona, Jr..*



January 20, 2023 at 11:25 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Fred Gaona, Jr..*



January 19, 2023 at 11:51 AM