



Ramon Gaytan, Sr.

February 29, 1948 - March 12, 2026

Ramon Antonio Gaytan, 78, of Fennville--affectionately known to many as 'Tony,' 'Ray,' 'Gate,' 'Jr.,' 'Tio I,' and 'El Rey'--passed away on Thursday, March 12, 2026, surrounded by his loving family as the cherished patriarch of the Gaytan home.

A man of profound faith, iron discipline, and an enormous heart, Ramon's life was a testament to the power of steadfast love and hard work. A devoted member of Pan de Vida Church, Ramon's faith was the compass of his life. Throughout the years, he served as a deacon in several churches, viewing his role not just as a title but as a calling to serve. His service to the Lord was a partnership; alongside his beloved wife, Angelica, Ramon spent countless hours as a custodian, meticulously caring for the house of God. Together, they labored side-by-side to maintain the sanctuary, and it was one of their greatest joys to serve together in the church of their son, Jeremias. Whether he was serving as a deacon or quietly fixing a broken pew, Ramon led by example, showing his family what it meant to serve with a humble heart.

When he wasn't at church or with his family, Ramon could almost certainly be found at a local hardware store. A talented welder and handyman, he was never without a project and was constantly adding to his collection of tools. He found joy in fixing what was broken and helping others maintain their homes. On Sundays, however, his focus shifted to his favorite team; he was a lifelong and avid fan of the Dallas Cowboys.

Ramon was a guiding light who led his family with integrity and protected them with fierce devotion. His legacy of service, his discipline, and his quiet strength will live on in the hearts of those he loved.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Angelica Victoria Gaytan; his children, Elias Gaytan, Jeremias (Maribel) Gaytan, Priscilla Gaytan, and Ramon Gaytan, Jr.; and a large, loving family who will miss their patriarch dearly.

Ramon's legacy lives on through his grandchildren: Dominic (Gladis) Gaytan, Martin Gaytan, Angelina Gaytan, Jacob Gaytan, Evan Gaytan, Reyna Gaytan, Benjamin Gaytan, Carissa Gaytan, Jasmin (Josue) Gaytan Guillen, Jeremias Gaytan Jr., Jacqueline Gaytan, DaZani Gaytan, Aaron Gaytan, Romeo Gaytan, Amaya Gaytan, Jiovannii Alejo Gaytan, Isaiah Gaytan, Mercedes Gaytan, and Cattaleya Gaytan; as well as his three cherished great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind his great-furbabies, who were his constant companions.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ramon and Guadalupe Gaytan; sisters, Claudia Ruiz and Olivia Rios; sons, Aaron Gaytan, Obed Gaytan, and Raymon Gaytan Sr.; and grandson, Raymon Gaytan Jr.

Funeral services are planned for 12:00 pm on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at Trinity Reformed Church, 712 Apple Ave., Holland. Reverend Jeremias Gaytan and Reverend Johnny Bonilla will lead the service. Burial will take place at Pilgrim Home Cemetery. Visitation is scheduled for 5:00 -7:00 pm, Wednesday, March 18, at Langeland Sterenberg Funeral Home, 315 E 16th St., Holland. Memorial contributions may be made to his wife, Angelica Gaytan, via this link: <https://app.giftcrowd.com/app/join-occasion/-CypVCo0zGXiSI2z>. Condolences may be left online at www.langelandsterenberg.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 5:00 AM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home
315 E 16th St
Holland, MI 49423
(616) 392-2306
info@langelandsterenberg.com
<http://langelandsterenberg.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 19. 12:00 PM (ET)

Trinity Reformed Church
712 Apple Ave
Holland, MI 49423

Tribute Wall

RF

“ *Tio I, you were the best Tio ever! Thank you for loving me like your daughter, Thank you for teaching me Love, Caring, Discipline and Compassion through all the animals you would bring me! My love for animals, especially dogs goes beyond...and has continued through my children. I will forever hold you close to my heart, rest in paradise My Tio I, I love you for always, your niece Renae*



Renae Torres Frens - April 01 at 08:47 AM

NM

“ *3 files added to the album Tribute wall*



Naomi Mares - March 21 at 09:34 PM

JM

“ *Julizza M Mares purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ramon Gaytan, Sr..*



Julizza M Mares - March 18 at 06:49 PM

AA

“ My condolences to the Gaytan family, may God give ya'll the strength needed to get through these tough times. It was a pleasure getting the chance to meet Mr. Ramon.

With love, The Alejo Family ☐



Ariana Alejo - March 18 at 03:53 PM



“ Tio you always be missed, I'm sorry that life was to short for you. GOD always has a plan why he needs you with him and the family. I love you and please say hi, and I love you to all my family members please. Now I know that you will be taking care of your family from up above.



Veronica Garcia Mares - March 17 at 01:44 PM

BH

“ Blanca Hernandez lit a candle in memory of Ramon Gaytan, Sr.



Blanca Hernandez - March 17 at 03:43 AM

BH

My condolences to both families I known them through to my hija Erica prissy a big hug from Texas we love y'all take care Blanca Grayson and the kids

Blanca Hernandez - March 17 at 03:46 AM

AG

“ Anita Gaytan lit a candle in memory of Ramon Gaytan, Sr.



Anita Gaytan - March 16 at 06:31 PM

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Love you Dad ❤️

Anita Gaytan - March 16 at 06:38 PM