



## Rafael Gallegos-Montejano Sr.

November 7, 1953 - February 11, 2021

Rafael Gallegos-Montejano, Sr., 67 of Peoria, passed away on Thursday, February 11, 2021 in Niles, IL. He was born on November 7, 1953 in La Soledad, Michoacan, Mexico to Pedro Montejano and Ma. Del Refugio Gallegos.

He is survived by his children Denell Everett, Laura (Hector Ruiz) Montejano, Erika Montejano, and Rafael Montejano, Jr., all of Peoria; and two sisters, Luz Montejano of Mexico and Angelita Leon(Martin Leon) of Dalton, GA. Rafael enjoyed being a grandfather to his twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Augustin, Miguel, Sr., and Alfredo Montejano.

Rafael worked as a mechanic for Nestle for 30 years. He was also an accomplished soccer player for the Cruz Azul, Kickers and La Chole teams in Peoria, IL and was a member of St Mary's Cathedral in Peoria.

A funeral mass, officiated by Father Julio Faes, will be held at The Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Peoria on Friday, February 19, 2021 at 11:00 AM, with visitation beginning at 10:00 AM. Gary Deiters Funeral Home and Cremation Services is assisting the family. Memorials may be made to his church. Online condolences may be left at [www.GaryDeitersFH.com](http://www.GaryDeitersFH.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

FEB **19**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Cathedral of St Mary of Immaculate Conception  
Peoria, IL

## Funeral Mass

FEB **19**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Cathedral of St Mary of Immaculate Conception  
Peoria, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rafael Gallegos-Montejano Sr.*

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ *I have so many great memories with my tio rafa growing up i just can't pick one*



shanna garcia - February 17, 2021 at 08:12 PM



“ *Tammy Oceguela lit a candle in memory of Rafael Gallegos-Montejano Sr.*



Tammy Oceguela - February 17, 2021 at 01:08 PM



“ *Sylvia Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Rafael Gallegos-Montejano Sr.*



Sylvia Rodriguez - February 16, 2021 at 02:25 PM

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“ *Beverly Ramirez lit a candle in memory of Rafael Gallegos-Montejano Sr.*



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**Beverly Ramirez** - February 16, 2021 at 08:53 AM