



Craig Gonzalez

August 25, 1964 - April 9, 2016

Craig Gonzalez, 51, of Montclair, NJ passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family after having lost a nearly six year battle with cancer. This devastating loss is felt by all who were privileged to know him, but especially his beloved wife, Paulette (née Broadwick), his adored son, Andrew, his parents, Gabriel and Cecelia, siblings Stephen (Lisa), Eileen Russell (Gwen Faust), Bryant (Donna), Gary (Melissa), nephews and nieces Bryant Jr, Matthew, Anna, Elizabeth and Kate, his in-laws, Gunner and Paula Broadwick, and many aunts, uncles and cousins. Craig, born in New Brunswick, NJ on August 25, 1964, earned a BS from Montclair State University and worked in the family business at Gabe's Carpet Inc., the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and Pallotta Teamworks, prior to finding his true passion as an educator. He began teaching at Washington Academy and concluded his career as a dedicated teacher at the Maria L. Varisco-Rogers Charter School. Craig was an accomplished cook, an avid Giants fan, and supported Andrew's love of snowboarding during joyful winters spent in Vermont. He especially enjoyed music, cars, traveling and entertaining. However, it is his quick wit, creative vision, and signature smile that will be forever remembered, along with his huge heart, his kind and generous nature, and his impeccable character. Viewing will be held at the Van Tassel Funeral Home, 337 Belleville Ave, Bloomfield, NJ 07003 on Thursday, from 2-4 and 7-9. Funeral Mass, Friday, April 15, 10:00 AM at St. Cassian Church, Montclair, NJ followed by the cremation at Rosedale Cemetery, Montclair, NJ. In lieu of flowers, and to

honor Craig's commitment to education, tax deductible donations may be made to establish the "Craig Gonzalez Scholarship" to benefit future high school graduates. Please mail donations to Montclair Scholarship Fund, 100 Chestnut Street, Montclair, NJ 07042 or you may donate online at montclairscholarshipfund.org.

Cemetery Details

Bloomfield Cemetery

383 Belleville Avenue
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 14. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Van Tassel Funeral Home
337 Belleville Avenue
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
(973) 743-1234 or (973) 743-1761
<https://www.vantasselfuneralhome.com>

Visitation

APR 14. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Van Tassel Funeral Home
337 Belleville Avenue
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
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Funeral Mass

APR 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Cassian Church
187 Bellevue Ave
Montclair, NJ

Chapel Service

APR 15. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Rosedale Cemetery & Crematory
408 Orange Road
Montclair, NJ 07042

Tribute Wall

MM

“ *If I had to pick the perfect husband and father for my beautiful God Daughter and fantastic Nephew, it would have been Craig. Will miss his smile and laughter. Love you both so much, Aunt Miki and Uncle Russ*

Marie Merrell - April 18, 2016 at 07:51 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of the lose of Craig. Being a great friend of Bryant growing up I had many occasions spending time with Craig. A memory that sticks out with Craig is the time we went to Point Pleasant with him and a wave hit him in a way that broke his leg and we ended up in an emergency room! It was one of those crazy days that puts a smile on your face when you think of it. My prayers go out to your family and I will always have a place in my heart for him. Mike Cannon.*

Mike Cannon - April 13, 2016 at 08:23 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Craig Gonzalez.*



April 13, 2016 at 05:43 PM



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Van Tassel Funeral Home - April 13, 2016 at 03:12 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of *Craig Gonzalez*.



April 13, 2016 at 01:44 PM



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



April 13, 2016 at 08:28 AM

CR

“ Ahhh so grateful for the opportunity to share a memory. I am a west coast beach person...used to great fresh food, down to earth company and campfires. Who knew that in the heart of a NJ suburb, I would experience great food brought to you by, the fabulous chef, Craig and an evening by a fire- with roasted marshmallows even, s'mores anyone? - and the most good-humored company, spirited conversations and warmth of family. The friendship the Gonzales and Broadwick family have graced me with over the years has been a blessing and joy, indeed a treasure. I am so grateful. Craig was not only a terrific chef, he had the gift of charm, grace and humor that at once, put you at ease and feel right at home and laugh and laugh and laugh with shared stories. Whenever I traveled east I reached out to the Broadwicks and Gonzales (so selfish I know, but how could I help it?) Where else would you want to be and who else's company would you want to keep? THANK YOU Craig and may your smile live on. It does in my heart! And my thanks to Paulette, Gunner, Paula and Andrew as you are that circle of love. My heart aches with and for you. And I treasure every moment I have shared in your circle and trust that I will continue to.

All my love,
Cheryl Lynn Ramon

Cheryl Ramon - April 12, 2016 at 11:31 PM

JN

“ I am sorry to learn of your loss. The passing of a love one is painful. You have my deepest sympathy. I'd like to share scripture that may bring comfort and hope.

1Thes. 4:13, 14 reads...Moreover, brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who are sleeping in death, so that you may not sorrow as the rest do who have no hope. If we have faith that Jesus died and rose again, so too God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep in death through Jesus.

John 11:25 lets us know this...Jesus said to her: I am the resurrection and the life. The one who exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life.

Daniel 12:2 also lets us know...And many of those asleep in the dust of the earth will wake up, some to everlasting life.....

John 6:40 tells us why these words are faithful and true...For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who recognizes the Son and exercises faith in him should have everlasting life and I will resurrect him on the last day.

I sincerely want these scriptures to bring hope and help your family endure.

J Nunnally - April 12, 2016 at 07:49 PM

AF

“ Paula, I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of your son-in-law. May he rest in peace. My condolences to you and his family. Sincerely, Ann Fedorisin (MSU)

Ann Fedorisin - April 12, 2016 at 07:38 PM

ES

“ *Dear Steve & family,
Our love, thoughts & prayers are with you.
May the memories of your brother comfort
you & know that he will always be in your
heart.
We love you.
Eva & Gary Van Scyoc*



Eva Van Scyoc - April 12, 2016 at 06:03 PM

JT

“ *My prayers are with the family....God Bless.
Judy Tirador*



judith tirador - April 12, 2016 at 04:02 PM

TI

“ *I hope your no longer In pain. We will miss
you love always, Tierra*



Tierra - April 12, 2016 at 02:24 PM

DK

“ Dear Steve,

My deepest condolences and sympathies on the loss of your brother. I pray to the Lord to bless the departed soul with eternal peace and give you and your family the strength and support to cope up with the loss.”

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Depec & Family

Depec Kohli - April 12, 2016 at 02:15 PM

LK

“ We will miss you Uncle Craig!



Love Always. Elizabeth and Kate - April 12, 2016 at 12:48 PM

SM

“ Scott Maita lit a candle in memory of Craig Gonzalez



Scott Maita - April 12, 2016 at 11:33 AM

SM

Thoughts and prayers to all members of the Gonzalez family.

Scott Maita - April 12, 2016 at 11:35 AM

EF

“ *Executive Team, Taconic Correctional Facility purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Craig Gonzalez.*



Executive Team, Taconic Correctional Facility - April 12, 2016
at 11:33 AM

HL

“ *My condolences to all of the Gonzalez's family.*



Helen Lowry - April 12, 2016 at 11:14 AM

DM

Danny and I feel your loss as our own. A piece of our heart is missing as we remember Craig. Our pray is that parents, Paulette and Andrew will feel Gods comfort and lean on His everlasting arms.

Dan & Priscilla Medina - April 12, 2016 at 04:07 PM

LH

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Luis Hernandez - April 12, 2016 at 11:04 AM

MC

“ *Mark Chanley lit a candle in memory of Craig Gonzalez*



Mark Chanley - April 12, 2016 at 07:01 AM

MR

“ *Paulette...*

I can't begin to understand what you are going through. I wanted to offer my thoughts and prayers to you and your son. Always a friend.....Michelle Roth

Michelle Roth - April 12, 2016 at 07:01 AM

PK

“ *Patti, Mark & Kyle lit a candle in memory of Craig Gonzalez*



Patti, Mark & Kyle - April 12, 2016 at 07:00 AM



“ *In happy and loving memory of Uncle Craig. Matthew & McKenna*



McKenna Johnson - April 11, 2016 at 10:45 PM

ER

“ *In memory of our sweet brother
Eileen & Gwen*



eileen g russell - April 11, 2016 at 09:58 PM

DD

“ *D D. purchased a sympathy card for the family of
Craig Gonzalez.*



D D. - April 11, 2016 at 09:18 PM

DK

“ *Don & Kathleen lit a candle in memory of
Craig Gonzalez*



Don & Kathleen - April 11, 2016 at 08:02 PM

SG

“ *Stephen And Lisa Gonzalez lit a candle in
memory of Craig Gonzalez*



Stephen and Lisa Gonzalez - April 11, 2016 at 07:14 PM



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Van Tassel Funeral Home - April 11, 2016 at 01:22 PM

DG

A great brother in law who will be missed forever!

Donna Gonzalez - April 12, 2016 at 05:50 AM

GJ

“ *Ginger & John lit a candle in memory of Craig Gonzalez*



Ginger & John - April 11, 2016 at 09:54 AM



“ *Dawn of Remembrance Basket was purchased for the family of Craig Gonzalez.*



April 11, 2016 at 08:38 AM

BM

“ Dear Paulette, Andy and family,
There are no words that can help ease the pain or heartbreak you are feeling at this time. All we can do is keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Please know that Craig will always be with you, loving you and especially helping you through this painful time. He is in our hearts and will always be there.
Our love and prayers are with you all the time.

Bill & Debbie Miller - April 10, 2016 at 08:08 PM

GI

I pray that God give you all the strength to know how to go through this turbulent times!

Gisella - April 11, 2016 at 10:33 AM

DM

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Debbie Miller - April 10, 2016 at 08:00 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Craig Gonzalez.



April 10, 2016 at 07:12 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Craig Gonzalez.*



April 10, 2016 at 06:43 PM



“ *Craig's Massage Therapist lit a candle in memory of Craig Gonzalez*



Craig's massage therapist - April 10, 2016 at 05:06 PM



“ *Dear Paulette, Andrew and all of Craig's family: I know the loss of Craig's physical presence is heartbreaking. Take comfort in knowing that his body is no longer in pain; that his spirit will always be with you, loving you so much and watching over you; that you have people close by who care deeply and who will be on call to help you through this.*

*Much love & sympathy,
Diana Cramer*

Craig's massage therapist - April 10, 2016 at 04:52 PM