



Jeannie Gapinski

April 17, 1970 - February 11, 2026

Jeannie Pelagio Gapinski (née Pelagio), 55, of Lake Villa, Illinois, passed away at 12:16 p.m. on February 11, 2026.

She was born on April 17, 1970, in Manila, Philippines, the daughter of the late Alfredo Pelagio and Erlinda Pelagio (née Zamora).

Jeannie devoted her life to caring for others. In the Philippines, she worked as a cook and lovingly cared for her family. She was especially close to her siblings, nieces, and nephews. Alongside her mother, she helped with their family's small food business, sharing her gift of cooking with many. She also served her community as a public security officer. Jeannie was fondly remembered by the neighborhood children, who were often the happy recipients of her complimentary porridge.

In 2016, Jeannie moved to the United States, where she married her beloved husband, Calvin. She later became a proud U.S. citizen. She worked at the Kaibigan Store, where she found a second family among her coworkers and customers.

Jeannie had a vibrant spirit and many passions. She was an avid plant collector, loved karaoke, and knew more about the NFL than most men. She cherished spending time with her grandchildren and was a fierce lover of

Jesus. A phenomenal cook, she brought joy to every gathering—especially with her famous spaghetti. If you knew Jeannie, you knew her kind eyes, bright smile, and genuine soul.

She will be greatly missed and forever loved by all who knew her.

Jeannie is survived by her beloved husband, Calvin Gapinski; her stepchildren, Calsey (Samuel) Fernandez, Allyson Walton, Corine Barrera, Russell (Jenn) Walton, Jeremy (Lori) Walton, and Nathan (Lori) Walton; her grandchildren, Sienna Fernandez, Eliza Walton, Macee Walton, Carlee Walton, Ethan Walton, and Kiera Helman; and her siblings, Ariel Pelagio (Grace), Jinky Pelagio, Arnold Pelagio (Elpha), and Patricia Pelagio (Darwin).

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Edelmina Maranan (née Pelagio), and brother-in-law, Jesus Maranan.

A visitation will be held from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on February 16, 2026, at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 135 S. Milwaukee Avenue, Lake Villa, Illinois 60046, followed by an 11:00 a.m. Mass. Mass will be livestreamed at: evt.live/jeannie-gapinski

Burial will take place at Avon Centre Cemetery, 21300 W. Shorewood Road, Grayslake, Illinois 60030.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church
135 S. Milwaukee Ave
Lake Villa, IL 60046
(847) 356-7915

Funeral Mass

FEB 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Live Cast

FEB 16. 11:00 AM.

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Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jeannie Gapinski.

February 15 at 11:02 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose* was purchased for the family of Jeannie Gapinski.



February 15 at 10:58 AM



“ *Dan and Aiden Miller* purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of Jeannie Gapinski.



Dan and Aiden Miller - February 14 at 03:00 PM

PA

“ Jeannie is truly the sweetest and most selfless individual one could ever hope to meet. This photograph captures a cherished moment of her with my children when they were younger. Her affection for children is so profound that she has cared for nearly all, if not all, of her nieces and nephews. It has been a truly wonderful experience, and I am deeply grateful to have her as a sister. We will undoubtedly miss you, and we love you dearly.



Patricia - February 14 at 02:17 AM

MF

“ MGA BATA FRIENDSHIP purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Jeannie Gapinski.



MGA BATA FRIENDSHIP - February 13 at 08:53 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jeannie Gapinski.

February 13 at 01:10 PM

DE

“ Dolores Eladio and Grace Eladio purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Jeannie Gapinski.



Dolores Eladio and Grace Eladio - February 13 at 01:10 PM

WO

“ With love, Jason, Kathy, Tyler & Oliver planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeannie Gapinski.

With love, Jason, Kathy, Tyler & Oliver - February 12 at 06:24 PM

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“ With love, Jason, Kathy, Tyler & Oliver purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jeannie Gapinski.



With love, Jason, Kathy, Tyler & Oliver - February 12 at 06:24 PM

RI

“ Rafael and Merry Ann(Joliet Illinois) purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Jeannie Gapinski.



Rafael and Merry Ann(Joliet Illinois) - February 12 at 04:54 PM

AF

“ *Auntie Mary Ahles and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jeannie Gapinski.*



Auntie Mary Ahles and family - February 12 at 03:51 PM