



Carolyn M. Rowlands

March 8, 1938 - January 29, 2026

Carolyn M. Rowlands passed away peacefully on January 29, 2026, in San Jose, California, after a long and courageous battle with Huntington's Disease. She was 87 years old. Carolyn was born on March 8, 1938, the youngest of four children born to the late Lena E. and Robert E. Tibbet. She grew up in Turlock, California, where the values of family, hard work, and devotion to loved ones took deep root and guided her throughout her life.

On January 19, 1957, Carolyn was united in marriage to the love of her life, Robert "Bob" Rowlands, in Minden, Nevada. Together they shared a deeply loving and devoted union that spanned 45 years. Bob proudly served in the United States Air Force for 21 years, and Carolyn lovingly supported him throughout his military career, moving with him to various bases across the country. Through every transition, she created a warm and steady home for her family. Her whole life and purpose were centered around those she loved, and nowhere was that more evident than in the home she built—one filled with comfort, laughter, and unconditional love.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her beloved husband Bob; her daughter Theresa Lynn; her granddaughter Ashlyn Ayers; her sisters Elda Bernice and Clarice Elaine; and her brother Bobby.

She is survived by four children: Gregory Scott and his wife Colleen of Marcy, NY; Steven of Prescott, Arizona; Sherri Ayers of San Jose, CA; and Robert of

Oakland, CA. She also leaves behind five cherished grandchildren: Elliott Lindsay and his wife Jessie; Tia Lyn Moreau; Kyle Rowlands and his wife Kelsey; Shannon Epstein and her husband Jason; and Ian Ayers. Carolyn was further blessed with seven great-grandchildren: Eli Lindsay; Harley, Logan, and Lukas Buttenschon; Scarlett and Delilah Epstein; and Ezekiel Rowlands; and many nieces and nephews.

For many years, Carolyn worked in the Commissary at Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome, New York, where she formed a lifelong friendship with her very best friend, Bridget Libby—one that brought her great joy and companionship.

Carolyn was an amazing woman whose kindness, humility, and boundless love touched everyone she met. Selfless and endlessly giving, she always placed the needs of her family before her own. Her strength was gentle, her heart generous, and her presence a source of comfort to all. She will be deeply missed and forever held in the hearts of those who were blessed to know her. Her legacy of love lives on through her family, who were the greatest joy of her life.

Visitation for family and friends will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with a funeral service to follow from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Turlock Funeral Home, in the Small Chapel. A graveside service will be held at 11:30 a.m. at Turlock Memorial Park.

Those wishing to make a donation in Carolyn's memory, please consider the Huntington's Disease Society of America (HDSA), San Francisco Bay Area Chapter: <https://give.hdsa.org/team/803292>. Her family will be taking part in the San Jose Team Hope Walk/Run in May 2026 in her honor, and would greatly appreciate your support.

Cemetery Details

Turlock Memorial Park

575 N. Soderquist Rd.
Turlock, CA 95380
(209) 632-9111
<http://turlockmemorialpark.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 17. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Turlock Funeral Home
425 North Soderquist Road
Turlock, CA 95381
(209) 632-9111
<https://turlockfuneralhome.com>

Small Chapel

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



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

February 15 at 01:07 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Carolyn M. Rowlands.



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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Carolyn M. Rowlands.

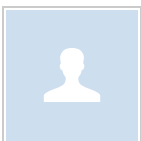


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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carolyn M. Rowlands.

February 11 at 06:46 PM



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

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“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carolyn M. Rowlands.



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“ Mrs Rowlands was a loving woman who took care of us all as young men. The days of wiffle-ball in the back yard come to mind. She loved us all and she will be deeply missed. My condolences to her family. May God bless you all in these times of sadness. Keep your heads up. Know your family gave me memories for my lifetime. RIP. John Trzepacz and family

John Trzepacz - February 11 at 04:54 PM



Mrs Rowlands was a kind loving person who opened her home to all the village kids in whitesboro New York . We played nerf basketball in the living room , and rod hockey tournaments as well in the living room God bless her soul. 🙏🙏🙏🙏 . And don't forget we never left the house hungry she had about 25 boxes of the best cereal that any kid could ever want.. 😊 also I remember the days of running home after school to watch General Hospital with Luke and Laura with Mrs. Rowlands, Sherri and the crew. Thanks for being very kind to all of us kids growing up. I will never forget you prayers for the Rowlands family.. 🙏🙏🙏.

jeffrey Hill - February 11 at 05:52 PM

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Mrs Rowlands was a very nice and kind person 🙏! I remember Mrs Row's (as us kids would say that her her well) was always so friendly and sharing of dinners and her home! As kids we would play ball in & out of the house! Mrs & Mr Rowlands were both great to all of kids (Utes-you know who you are). The parents as we got older allowed us to watch sporting events morning, noon and late evenings. Even though it may have sometimes cause a little disturbance of noise. God bless Mrs Rowlands as a nice & beautiful person, mother and friend 🙏🙏🙏!

Hal Wafer - February 12 at 11:42 AM