



James (Jim) J. Fernandes

July 16, 1935 - June 26, 2018

James J. Fernandes (Jim) was born in Turlock, CA on July 16, 1935. He was the only son of Ferdinand and Adeline Fernandes, both deceased. Jim attended Tegner School and then graduated from Turlock High School in 1953. While in high school, he participated in football and track. It was during this time that Jim met his future wife, Norma Nunes, whom he married in 1954. They were married for 62 years and had four children.

Jim was an active farmer, contractor, and enjoyed dabbling in real estate. In 1972, he started Jim Fernandes Construction, Inc., where he specialized in metal building construction. During his lifetime, Jim served in the National Guard, was a board member of the Turlock Rural Fire Department, and was a member of various organizations including: the Knights of Columbus, Turlock Rotary Club, Turlock Pentecost Association, Stanislaus County Farm Bureau, and the Portuguese Fraternal Society of America. Additionally, he donated his efforts to the Turlock Historical Society and built wood duck boxes for the California Department of Fish and Game. This involvement earned him the honor of Turlock Businessman of the Year in 1984.

Jim enjoyed spending time in the mountains and at the family cabin in Pinecrest. He was an avid hunter throughout the United States, Mexico, Canada, and the Northwest. Although he was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease twenty-five years ago, he was determined to continue living an active life for which his wife, Norma, supported and made possible throughout the years. Jim's sense of humor and fighting spirit continue to serve as an

inspiration to his family, friends, business partners, employees, and all who had the opportunity to know him.

On June 26, 2018, Jim passed away from complications caused by the disease he so nobly fought. Jim is survived by his wife, Norma, and their four children: Cindi (Rick) Alvernaz, Karen (Ron) Macedo, Robert (Cara Allen) Fernandes, and Scott (Krissa Braden) Fernandes. He will be remembered fondly by his nine grandchildren: Colt (Ashley) and Blake Alvernaz, Michael (Alex), Sarah (Taylor), and Matthew Macedo, Emely Allen Fernandes, and Erika, Luke, and Elise Fernandes; along with one great-grandchild, Zane James Alvernaz. Jim will be forever remembered by his sister, Dorie Pereira. A visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, July 1, at Turlock Funeral Home, 425 N. Soderquist Rd., Turlock. The Rosary, with a funeral Mass to follow will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 2, at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, 2602 S. Walnut Rd., Turlock. The burial will follow at Turlock Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, for those who desire, memorial donations may be made in Jim's name to the Jim Fernandes Memorial Scholarship (P.O. Box 3520, Turlock, CA 95381), the Parkinson's Institute and Clinical Center (675 Almanor Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94085-2934), or to a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Turlock Memorial Park

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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

Recitation of the Rosary/Funeral Mass

JUL 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church
2602 South Walnut Road
Turlock, CA

Interment Following Funeral Mass

JUL 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James (Jim) J. Fernandes*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *Norma,
We have always loved the fine wood creations that Jim has made. We especially love the pepper grinder which sits right by my cooktop and gets used multiple times a day. Some time ago, I asked Jim if he would do some work making three more to put up for my three boys to have in there homes to remember Jim. As awkward as that was to do, I knew that some day he would be gone. He gladly supplied me with 3 more and Nick and Daniel both use them in their homes now and the third is up in a cupboard waiting for Eli to need his own. We will ALL remember Jim when we are cooking and using our special pepper grinders.
Lovingly,
Ken, Lori, Nick & Cait, Daniel and Eli*

Lori Braden - July 31, 2018 at 02:35 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences. Rick and Diane Smookler purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James (Jim) J. Fernandes.*



Our deepest condolences. Rick and Diane Smookler - July 01, 2018 at 02:39 PM

LS

“ It is with deep sorrow that we acknowledge the passing of our dearly loved cousin, Jim Fernandes. We are fondly remembering all of the times and memories shared between our families and the experiences during our lifetime, especially traveling, socializing and growing up together in Turlock...what a wonderful life!
God Bless Jim and his family. May he Rest In Peace . He will be sincerely missed.
Lawrence and Judy Souza

Lawrence James Souza - July 01, 2018 at 02:10 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of James (Jim) J. Fernandes.



July 01, 2018 at 12:43 AM

FF

“ From Eldon, Mireya, & Kenneth Fernandes purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of James (Jim) J. Fernandes.



From Eldon, Mireya, & Kenneth Fernandes - June 30, 2018 at 10:22 PM

 Jodi
Balma

“ It's hard to imagine Turlock without the Fernandes family and Jim certainly served as an example for the whole community about giving back and serving others. His whole family lives on as a tribute to his values. I'll remember his kind spirit and big smile fondly whenever I think of him.

Jodi (Jenkin) Balma

Jodi Balma - June 30, 2018 at 01:07 AM

JM

“ So very sorry of Jim's passing. I was 8 or 9 when I met Jim when Norma started dating Jim. I was the Norma's pesty little sister. Jim would show me coin tricks . I thought he was so cool and I still do. We had a similar love for wood carving that I really appreciated. He did such great work. I will greatly miss him. He was a wonderful brother in law. 🙏🏻🙏🏻

Janyce Mack - June 30, 2018 at 12:55 AM

MS

“ I'm so sorry to here this, my thoughts and prayers go out to Norma and her children and their families.

Marcia Smith - June 29, 2018 at 11:18 AM

MN

I'm so sorry for the loss of my Mr. Fernandez GOD be with his wounderful wife and family and friends The Sky really need an ANGEL in heaven 🙏🏻 RIP Mr Fernandez

Maria Elena Sanchez home health nurse - June 29, 2018 at 05:28 PM

LA

Condolences to the Fernandes family of Jim. He was the person who always had a smile on his face and a friendly hello. He'll be missed by all that knew him. We will always have the memories of this gracious man. Rest in peace.

Ron and Louisa Allen

Louisa Allen - June 30, 2018 at 11:40 AM