



Loretta Joyce Fernandes

February 4, 1937 - August 25, 2018

With heavy hearts we said goodbye to our beloved Mom, Grandma and VaVa, Loretta Joyce Fernandes. Loretta passed away on August 25, 2018, at the age of 81, at Alexander Cohen Hospice House in Hughson.

Loretta was born on Feb. 4, 1937 in Merced to Henry Sr. and Mary Soares. She grew up on the family farm in rural Turlock, attended schools in Hilmar and graduated from Hilmar High in 1955. After graduation, she worked in the office at Souza's Furniture in Turlock until her marriage.

At a dance in Turlock, Loretta met Ray, her soulmate and the love of her life. They were married May 26, 1957 at Sacred Heart Church in Turlock, a marriage that lasted 59 years until his death in 2016.

While staying home to raise her four children, she was very involved with PTA, Brownies, Cub Scouts and 4H and once the youngest started school, Loretta returned to the work force as a teaching aide at Turlock High School. When Ray retired, she was once again at home so that she could join him volunteering for the Salvation Army, United Samaritans and Meals on Wheels. They always made time to attend their children and grandchildren's school and sports events.

Retirement also provided time for travel. They enjoyed many memorable vacations with family and friends including Hawaii, the Madeira Islands, and several cruises. There were also getaways to Monterey and Pismo Beach to enjoy a meal at one of their favorite restaurants.

Loretta's true passion was spending time with her family and treating us to her

homemade soups, chocolate chip cookies and chocolate cream pies. An expert at knitting and crocheting, as soon as the upcoming birth of a new baby was announced, she would crochet a baby afghan, with matching sweater, booties and hat, beautifully fashioned and ready for the baby's arrival. At Christmas, their entire home was beautifully decorated with her Christmas villages and nativity scenes.

Loretta was an active member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, member and Past President of Ave Regina Y.L.I. #200, member of Native Daughters, and past member of Turlock Golf and Country Club. She also enjoyed being a member of the "We-Gals Birthday Club." Loretta was proud to be a founding board member of "Fava Day", a fundraiser held on May 9 each year to benefit children with cancer.

Loretta is survived by her children, Raelyn (Jim) Jimenez, Mike Fernandes, Lori (Gerrit) Dorrepaal and Ted (Allison) Fernandes; grandchildren, Nicole Myers, Grant Parish, Cecilia Fernandes (fiancée Matt), Kayla Fernandes, John Fernandes, Matthew Fernandes (fiancée Jarika), Hailey Fernandes, Reese Dorrepaal, Nick Dorrepaal and Luke Fernandes; great-grandsons, Jack, Reid and Cooper Bullard; step-grandsons, Mason and Max Stocking; brother and sister-in-law, Henry Jr and Vivian Soares; aunt, Ethel Bettencourt; along with her beloved nieces and nephews and numerous adored cousins. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Ray, her parents and her brother, LeRoy Soares.

Visitation will be on Sunday, Sept. 9 from 4-7 pm, followed by the Rosary at 7 pm, at Turlock Funeral Home, 425 N. Soderquist Rd., Turlock. A funeral Mass will be held on Monday, Sept. 10 at 12 pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 1200 Lyons Ave., Turlock. The burial will be held privately.

We would like to thank the nurses and staff at Alexander Cohen Hospice House for the loving care and compassion they gave to Mom during the last days of her life.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Ray & Loretta Fernandes Memorial Baseball Scholarship at Turlock High School, 1600 E.

Canal Drive, Turlock, CA 95380, Attn: Scholarships or to Alexander Cohen
Hospice House, 4368 Spyres Way, Modesto, CA 95356.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **9**. 4:00 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

SEP **9**. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

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

Funeral Mass

SEP **10**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (PT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
1200 Lyons Ave
Turlock, CA 95380

Tribute Wall



“ *Loretta Joyce Fernandes*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *Roscoe, Kathy & Ryan Trent purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Loretta Joyce Fernandes.*



Roscoe, Kathy & Ryan Trent - September 07, 2018 at 01:15 PM



“ *I had the honor of caring for Loretta while she was at Brandel Manor for a short time. In that short time, I learned what a beautiful, loving, humble woman she was...she touched my heart so deeply.. may she RIP, God Bless all of her family & friends💕💕*

amber - September 05, 2018 at 11:17 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy and condolences to the whole family. I was privilege and honor to have known Loretta for 4yrs as her manicurist. I will miss her but always remembered. Always, Nancy Contreras(manicurist)*

Nancy Contreras - August 29, 2018 at 11:09 PM

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“ Our condolences to the family of Loretta Fernandes. This is a person I met many years ago and shall never forget the kindness and loved that she showed to her friends, new and old. She had praise for everything.

May she rest in peace. Let her know she may be gone from here, but will never be forgotten from those that knew her. Love to her family. I know she is with her husband Ray and is happy.

Louisa Allen - August 28, 2018 at 04:29 PM