



Raymond George Fernandes

May 5, 1933 - October 26, 2016

With heavy hearts we said goodbye to our beloved Husband, Dad, Grandpa and “Boo Boo”, Raymond George Fernandes. He gave selflessly of himself for God, his family, friends, community, his country and total strangers. He never asked for anything in return. He never had an unkind word and was always very interested to know you and keep you as a friend.

Ray passed away peacefully on October 26, 2016 at the age of 83 with his family at his side at Alexander Cohen Hospice House in Hughson.

Ray was born in Turlock on May 21, 1933, the only child of John and Georgina Fernandes. He graduated from Turlock High in 1951 and Modesto Junior College in 1953 where he played outfield for the MJC Pirates baseball team.

After graduating from MJC, he served in the US Army, Air Defense Artillery Unit from 1953-1955.

He married the love of his life Loretta Soares on May 26, 1957 in Turlock. They raised four children and Ray was always involved in their school and sports activities and coached both of his son’s Little League teams. Ray himself played softball until he was 75.

After a 35 year career with Pac Bell/AT&T, Ray retired in 1990. Retirement only meant that he could spend ample time volunteering for Salvation Army, United Samaritans, Meals on Wheels and many other organizations.

Somehow he still found time to help out in his grandchildren’s classrooms.

An avid SF Giants fan, Ray was able to attend one last game at AT&T Park on

Aug. 31. He was also a HUGE Turlock High Sports booster (Go Bulldogs!). Ray was a member of Knights of Columbus, American Legion and Past President of Toastmasters and SIRS. He was a past member of Turlock Golf & Country Club.

Ray is survived by his wife of 59 years Loretta, children Raelyn (Jim) Jimenez, Mike Fernandes, Lori (Gerrit) Dorrepaal and Ted Fernandes, grandchildren Nicole (Ryan) Bullard, Cecilia Fernandes, Kayla Fernandes, John Fernandes, Matthew Fernandes, Hailey Fernandes, Reese Dorrepaal, Nick Dorrepaal and Luke Fernandes, great grandsons Jack & Reid Bullard.

Visitation will be held from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Fri., Nov. 4, with a Rosary to follow at 7 p.m. at Turlock Funeral Home, 425 N. Soderquist Rd., Turlock, CA. Funeral mass will be held at 12 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 5, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 1200 Lyons Ave., Turlock, CA. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Ray Fernandes Memorial Baseball Scholarship, C/O Turlock High School, 1600 E. Canal Drive, Turlock, CA 95380 or Alexander Cohen Hospice House, C/O Community Hospice, 4368 Spyrer Way, Modesto, CA 95356.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 3:00 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

NOV 4. 7:00 PM (PT)

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

Funeral Mass

NOV 5. 12:00 PM (PT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
1200 Lyons Ave
Turlock, CA 95380

Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond George Fernandes*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *To Loretta and family,*

That great and ever welcoming smile, that would pull you in, will always be my unforgettable memory of Ray. My mom was so fond of you both and would certainly be saddened if she were here. He was a blessing to all who knew him.

Sharon Gioletti

sharon gioletti - November 04, 2016 at 09:13 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Raymond George Fernandes.*



November 03, 2016 at 01:24 PM

DF

“ Dear Loretta, Lori and family,

I was so sorry to hear about this. I remember Ray always smiling, so hopeful and optimistic. He was a gentle, happy person. My sympathy to you on his passing. May God rest his soul.

Diana (Sai) Farias

Diana Farias - November 01, 2016 at 06:27 PM

MM

“ Loretta,

We are sending our deepest sympathy to you and your family. As you know I met the two of you when I was a very young teenager. Both of you always made me feel at home. Ray had that great smile that lit up the room. He will be missed by many. We care.... God Bless you and your family. Marlene & Jim McClellan

Marlene & Jim McClellan - November 01, 2016 at 03:49 PM

DP

“ *It was with great sadness that my family learned of the passing of Ray, but joy that he is in Heaven with his Lord and Savior and free of pain. When I told my daughters, one said he always gave the best hugs and the other said he was a kind, kind man. Both statements are true. We were neighbors with Ray and Loretta on Annhurst Ave in the early 60's. Ray was always cheerful, caring and willing to help anyone who needed it. He greeted you with that big smile and made you feel like he had all the time in the world to listen. He will be missed by many, but not forgotten. Our prayers are with Loretta and the family. May God grant you peace, comfort and courage during this difficult time.*

*Love,
Darlene Ferriera*

Darlene Parnell-Ferriera - November 01, 2016 at 11:31 AM

LC

“ Every Saturday without fail Ray and his lovely wife attended mass at Sacred Heart Church in Turlock (5 P. M.) & sat in the same location every week. The only time they missed mass was when he was ill. At mass tonight, their seats where empty.....they were greatly missed. For many years, Ray was one of my dependable ushers, always ready and willing as he did in all of his endeavors thru out his life to assist when needed. Only when he became ill, did he tell me he was unable to do it any longer. I have known Ray and Loretta for so many years that I can't put a number on it, but I could always counted on him as a true friend always being frank, kind and caring. He was also one person that I could depend on to work at the Stanislaus County Fair in the Knight of Columbus Linquasia booth.....always Tuesdays during the day.....Sports and softball was enjoyed by Ray while participating in games at the Mountain View Baseball field.....I always (and the team) enjoyed participating with Ray.....playing all positions for me on the Diamond Hay Team. Even when things got a little hectic, he always kept his cool and composure as he did thru out life. I and my wife Dolores, will truly miss this Catholic man as will so many others.....but I know that he is at peace and now can play any position that the Almighty may need him at. I know as others have, that he set an example in faith, daily spiritual living & caring for all of us to try to live by.....GOD BLESS YOU RAY..... YOU WILL BE MISSED BY EVERY INDIVIDUAL THAT KNEW, RESPECTED & LOVED YOU.....GOD BLESS.....LeRoy & Dolores Catania

LEROY & DOLORES CATANIA - November 01, 2016 at 03:17 AM