



## Ronald John Gonsalves

August 20, 1939 - November 24, 2016

Ronald J. Gonsalves, 77, passed away Thanksgiving morning at home. Ron's death comes after an extended battle with cancer, but he will be remembered for his lifelong dedication to his family and the Turlock community.

Ron leaves his wife of 55 years, Lorraine, his sons, Doug and Rodney and their families. Ron was blessed with the opportunity to know and love his five grandchildren and his one-year old great grandson, the newest addition to the family. Ron will also be missed by his many close friends and extended family members.

Born and raised in Turlock, the son of Manuel and Grace Gonsalves, Ron was a lifelong resident of Turlock and active in the community. A graduate of Turlock High School, he met his wife at Modesto Junior College and they were married at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in 1961.

In 1970, while working at International Paper Company, Ron chose to return to his roots of farming and purchased a block of farm property on which he planted a relatively unknown crop at the time, almonds. Once the land came into production, Ron left his position at International Paper and farmed full time. Ron also took over management of his father's ranch and later transitioned the ground from grapes to almonds. Ron also ventured into other operations, including custom harvesting and farm property development. Ron was also active in Blue Diamond Growers, where he served several terms on the Liaison Committee. In 2008, Ron was awarded a Certificate of Recognition from the California State Senate, California State Assembly and

County of Stanislaus for his service to the city of Turlock and the agriculture industry.

Ron will best be remembered for the great joy he received from his favorite hobby of golf, and time spent socializing and with family. A longtime member of the Turlock Country Club, Ron held various leadership positions including serving as board member and then President from 2004-2006. During these past few years as Ron valiantly battled cancer, he hung up the golf clubs but remained active with Club activities and farming. He drew strength from his friends and family, and lived each day with passion knowing that he would eventually be out on the course again. Ron will truly be missed.

Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. on Thurs. Dec. 1, followed by a rosary at 6 p.m. at Turlock Funeral Home, 425 N. Soderquist, Rd., Turlock, CA. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Fri. Dec. 2, at the same location. Private interment will be held.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial gifts to your favorite charities.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 1. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

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

## Recitation of the Rosary

DEC 1. 6:00 PM (PT)

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

## Funeral Mass

DEC 2. 10:00 AM (PT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald John Gonsalves*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *I miss so sorry to hear of rons passing. He was always friendly and nice to talk to. Rob was a great community supporter! He will be missed. Susan Quigley*

**susan quigley** - December 03, 2016 at 08:08 AM



“ *Chris & Serena Gernhard and family purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Ronald John Gonsalves .*



**Chris & Serena Gernhard and family** - December 01, 2016 at 03:07 PM



“ *AGILENT IR team purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ronald John Gonsalves .*



**AGILENT IR team** - November 30, 2016 at 09:03 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald John Gonsalves .



November 30, 2016 at 05:59 PM



“ Lorraine  
Thanks for letting me know about Ron's passing. So sorry to hear about his struggles over the past few years. I remember when we were neighbors and use to ride our bikes to and from Monte Vista grade school. It's sad that we lose touch with our childhood friends.

*Jim Escobar*

**Jim Escobar** - November 29, 2016 at 10:24 PM



“ Robert L. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ronald John Gonsalves .



**Robert L.** - November 29, 2016 at 08:48 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Ronald John Gonsalves .



November 29, 2016 at 01:45 PM

JP

“ *Judy Paulson purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ronald John Gonsalves .*



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**Judy Paulson** - November 29, 2016 at 12:42 PM

GF

“ *GEORGE PACHECO AND FAMILY purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Ronald John Gonsalves .*



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**GEORGE PACHECO AND FAMILY** - November 29, 2016 at 12:09 PM

RM

“ *To Lorraine and all of your family, I offer my sincere sympathy. Very positive thoughts are sent your way.*

*Fondly,  
RJ Moriconi  
Modesto, CA*

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**RJ Moriconi** - November 29, 2016 at 09:44 AM

KK

“ Lorraine, Doug , Rod and family my sincerest and deepest condolences to all of you. I just decided to go through emails after the holiday and found that one of my best friends ever had passed away. What a fight this man put up these past years. What great support all of you, his family, gave to him. One of my biggest regrets leaving California 10 years ago was not being able to play in the Turlock Invitational with Ron anymore. I always looked forward to those 4 days every year. We had so many great times on the golf course over the years and Lorraine you were just perfect as usual. We had great conversations about life and family at your home. He loved his family and was so proud of Doug and Rod. He always wanted the best for you two boys. Once I got to know Ron over all the rounds of golf and Easter reunions, behind that deep gruff voice and the serious demeanor, he was a big teddy bear. He is no longer suffering nor is he in pain He was a wonderful man and I will miss him. Kev .

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**Kevin King** - November 29, 2016 at 12:53 AM

TF

“ The Tony Bettencourt family and The Patricia Lombardo Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Ronald John Gonsalves .



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**The Tony Bettencourt family and The Patricia Lombardo Family** - November 28, 2016 at 11:58 PM

MC

“ Dear Lorraine,  
I was so surprised of Ron's passing. My hugs and prayers are with you. Take time to grieve, everyone is different. Thinking of you.  
Love, Mary Lou Cederlind.

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**Mary Lou Cederlind** - November 28, 2016 at 04:40 PM

CF

“ Dear Lorraine and Family,  
Our sincere and heart-felt condolences to all of you for the loss of Ron after his long battle with the cancer. Perhaps a 'battle' lost - but the war is won for his perseverance in being steadfast to Our Lord/ for his love for each of you being a husband and father and Grandfather <and GreatGrandFather> / for his kindness and love of others. A friend to whom anyone could turn to in their time of need or in confidence to ask his counsel and advice.  
May God richly Bless Ron in the Eternal Home prepared for him by Jesus Christ.  
Love -

Christopher and Sandra Freeberg  
11-28-2016

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Christopher Freeberg - November 28, 2016 at 09:16 AM

TF

Lorraine: Our warmest condolences to you and your family. Time will not erase our good memories of Ron, but He who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb will in time lessen your sorrow at his loss. He fought the hard fight with dignity and he is now pain and care free in his Father's house.

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Tommy and Deana Farr - November 29, 2016 at 12:26 PM

LA

*Lorraine, Doug Rodney and families,  
This is one of the hardest obituary we have written. We have been friends since our Turlock High School days and graduated with class of 1958,. Sorry Lorraine, you had to wait until 1959. We got married the same year of 1961 and had our first sons in 1962 of October. In fact Doug was born on my birthday. Many hours were spent at Ron's home working on Ron Allen's car, while Manuel, Ron's father help. The highlight of the evening was hot cinnamon rolls fresh from the oven made by Ron's mother, Grace. We spent many fun moments at the lake and eating Lorraine's wonderful lunches.  
Ron became a successful farmer and was until the end. He was looking into the future on what he was going to plant next.  
I (Louisa) will always remember Ron as being a gentleman to everyone he was around. He was polite and wonderful even in high school when some of us turn into idiots.  
You will be missed at your Thursday morning breakfasts. We know how much you loved that.  
Now you may rest in peace until we meet again.....I know you'll be there with your wings which you deserve.  
Not good-bye, but SEE YOU LATER ALLIGATOR.  
Friend forever and ever,  
Hugs,  
Ron and Louisa Allen*

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**Louisa and Ron Allen** - November 29, 2016 at 09:45 PM

JG

*Lorraine, you were the apple of Ron's eye, ever so lovely to behold. He was so cordial and I prized the times I had a chance to say "Hi." He was a valuable asset to our community and to the Turlock Golf and Country Club. Please accept my warm sympathies.  
Jane Giesbrecht*

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**Jane Giesbrecht** - December 03, 2016 at 06:52 PM