



Rod Gutierrez

March 13, 1935 - February 16, 2024

Rod Gutierrez, 88, unexpectedly passed away on Friday at Kaiser Hospital in Vallejo.

Rod was born March 13, 1935, in Pueblo, Colorado to Leopoldo and Anastacia Gutierrez and has lived in Benicia for the past 71 years. He graduated from Benicia High School, Class of 1954. He served in the U.S. Air Force for 21 years and was a proud veteran of the Korean Conflict and Vietnam War, before retiring as a Tech Sergeant. Rod also worked as an accountant for more than 40 years at American Home Foods. He was a skilled bowler, softball player, and enjoyed taking walks with his grandchildren. Rod was an avid donor; he tried to make the world a better place by helping those in need. He loved spending time with his family, especially attending the sporting events of his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He was a loyal San Francisco Giants, San Francisco 49ers, and Golden State Warriors fan.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Effie "Cheena" Gutierrez; sons, Rod (Holly), John (Connie), Mike, and Billy (Carolyn); grandchildren, Brad, Katie, Allison, Stephen (Marianne), Sarah (Amir), Eric, Morgan, Nicholas, Nathan (Valeria) and Matthew; and great grandchildren, Maria, Maci, Madison, Lea, Eli, Dylan and Lily.

Vigil service will be held at 6 PM on Friday, March 1 at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel, 901 West 2nd St., Benicia. Memorial Mass will be held at 12:30 PM on Saturday, March 2 at St. Dominic's Church, 475 East I St., Benicia. Inurnment will be private at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, Dixon, CA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are preferred to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Vigil Service

MAR 1. 6:00 PM (PT)

Passalacqua Funeral Chapel
901 W Second Street
Benicia, CA 94510
(707) 745-3130
info@passalacquafuneralchapel.com
<https://www.passalacquafuneralchapel.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 2. 12:30 PM (PT)

St Dominic's Catholic Church
475 E I St
Benicia, CA 94510
(707) 747-7220

Tribute Wall



“ Sorry to hear about My Uncle Rodrigos passing. Uncle Rod will be joining his parents, Leopoldo and Anastacia and all his siblings: Lydia (Damiana), Jennie (Juanita), Lucille (Lucia), Tina (Agustina). Uncle may you rest in peace. We all love you even though we were not allowed to be in your life. Until we meet again Tio Rodrigo.....

Donna Collins - April 25, 2024 at 04:48 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Rod. He leaves behind the most beautiful family in Benicia. He raised a great bunch of boys that I am proud to call my friends. God has a plan for us and we will all see each other again. They were great neighbors to my mother and she so happy to have Rod and Chena as friends.

Daniel Vogelpohl - March 12, 2024 at 11:50 PM



“ Joanie and RAY purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Rod Gutierrez.



Joanie and RAY - February 28, 2024 at 09:44 PM

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“ *The whole Lopez clan, love Eli & Bobbie purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rod Gutierrez.*



The whole Lopez clan, love Eli & Bobbie - February 28, 2024 at 12:01 PM

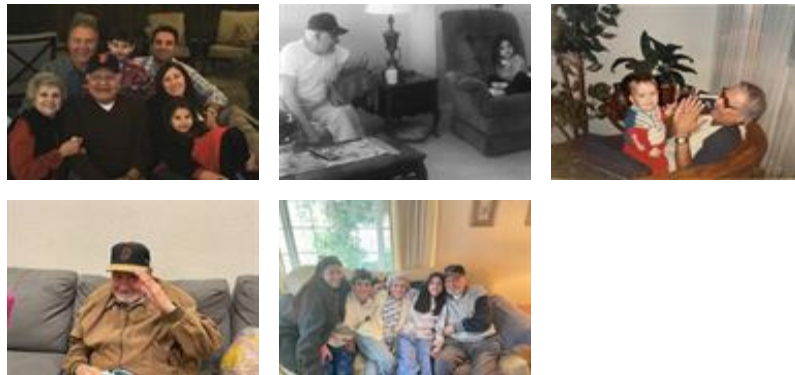
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“ *The whole Lopez clan, love Eli & Bobbie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rod Gutierrez.*

The whole Lopez clan, love Eli & Bobbie - February 28, 2024 at 12:01 PM



“ *232 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Passalacqua Funeral Chapel - February 27, 2024 at 02:07 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rod Gutierrez.



February 24, 2024 at 06:07 PM



“ Rod was one of the nicest and kindest people I knew. I met him through Elaine, and loved how they all teased each other. Rod would say “Cheeeen” when referring to Cheena. I’m so sorry for your loss of a great man..RIP Rod

Nancy Lewis - February 24, 2024 at 02:55 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rod Gutierrez.



February 23, 2024 at 08:55 PM



“ Love, John & Connie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rod Gutierrez.

Love, John & Connie - February 23, 2024 at 08:55 PM

JV

“ *I consider the Gutierrez family as family! I'm so sorry for your Pops! But I can tell you this that man and Mrs. Gutierrez gave us one of Benicia's strongest and inspirational family! God Bless you!!*

Julian Valdez - February 20, 2024 at 12:01 PM

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He always interrupted his viewing of his sporting event he was watching to greet me with enthusiasm! I'll miss him!

Bobbie Nickolatos - February 22, 2024 at 02:58 PM