



Gerald Eugene Bowles

April 1, 1936 - December 11, 2024

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our dad, Gerald Bowles, on December 11, 2024. Gerald was born on April 1, 1936 to Eugene and Geraldine Bowles in Wasco, California. His family moved to Strathmore where he attended Sunnyside Elementary School. He went on to graduate from Tulare Union High School in 1953, where he was active in the marching and dance bands.

He married the love of his life, Shirley Bastrire, in 1954 while attending San Francisco State University as a music major. They settled in Tulare, where Gerald farmed for many years. After selling his ranch in 1972, he managed Continental Grain Company in Lemoore, finally working for JD Heiskell as a grain broker until he retired. Music was a very large part of Gerald's life. He played in several bands, even touring Italy and Switzerland with good friends and Tulareans Doug Cardoza and Gary Adcock.

Gerald was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Shirley, his son Steven and his parents Gene and Jeri. He is survived by his sister, Evelyn Bryson of Visalia, daughters Leslie Clark (Mike) of Tulare and Lori Faulkner (Dewayne) of Exeter; his grandchildren Brandon Clark (Sanisha) of Tulare, Blair Clark of Tulare, Serena Flores (Justin) of Exeter, Dewayne Faulkner, Jr. (Brittney) of Visalia, Brooke Oldfield (Mitchell) of Visalia and Chloe Faulkner of Exeter, and 8 great-grandchildren.

Recitation of the Rosary will be January 6, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Tulare with the Funeral Mass on January 7 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Aloysius Catholic Church. Interment will be at Tulare District Cemetery following the Mass. Gerald's family would like to thank the staff at Grand Oaks Nursing and Rehabilitation and Gentiva Hospice for the exceptional care provided to our father.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Rosary

JAN 6. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

St. Aloysius Catholic Church
125 E. Pleasant Avenue
Tulare, CA 93274

Catholic Memorial

JAN 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Aloysius Catholic Church
125 E. Pleasant Avenue
Tulare, CA 93274

Graveside

JAN 7. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (PT)

Tulare Cemetery
900 E. Kern Ave.
Tulare, CA 93274

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gerald Eugene Bowles.

January 07, 2025 at 02:57 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Gerald Eugene Bowles.



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gerald Eugene Bowles.

January 06, 2025 at 10:14 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Gerald Eugene Bowles.



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JD

“ *Joseph and Cindy Dias purchased the Serene Re treat for the family of Gerald Eugene Bowles.*



Joseph and Cindy Dias - January 06, 2025 at 01:00 PM

ED

“ *Gerald and I played many a gig during the 70's. A real gentleman, a fine musician and a good friend, RIP Mr. Bowles. My condolences to his family.*
Ed Duarte

Ed Duarte - January 02, 2025 at 01:00 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gerald Eugene Bowles.*

December 27, 2024 at 10:29 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gerald Eugene Bowles.*



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