



## Mr. Richard Edward Butland

December 16, 1945 - January 17, 2019

Richard Butland, a resident of Mission Hills, California passed away at home on January 17, 2019 at the age of 73 with his wife Merlita Butland by his side. He is survived by his sisters Mildred Blackmore from Malden, Massachusetts, Ruth Johnson from Cedar City, Utah and many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Richard was born in Malden, Massachusetts to Clarence Todd and Dorothy (Blunt). Richard's mother passed away at the age of 45 when he was 8 years old. He was adopted by Dorothy and Frank Butland also from Malden, Massachusetts who raised him with their sons Stephen and David.

Richard moved to Mission Hills, California with his sister Mildred and her family in 1963, he was a long time employee of the Olga Company, Van Nuys, Ca. He loved to travel and made several trips back to Boston, the South Pacific islands and Hawaii. Richard traveled to the Philippines with a friend who introduced him to Merlita and they were married on April 8, 2000 in San Fernando, Ca.

Richard and Merlita traveled to the Philippines several times, building a home and supported the construction of a church for the local village. Their last trip to Boston in 2011 is filled with wonderful memories, attending a Red Sox game on the 4th of July, a harbor cruise, a BBQ in Gloucester and a family reunion in Melrose.

Richard was predeceased by his birth parents and adopted parents, and his siblings William Todd and Thelma Cooper. He will be dearly missed by all that

knew him and his infectious smile and love for Merlita.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Memorial Park

22601 Lassen St.  
Chatsworth , CA 91311

# Previous Events

## Viewing and Visitation

**JAN 25.** 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM (PT)

Utter McKinley San Fernando Mission Mortuary  
11071 Columbus Avenue  
Mission Hills, CA 91345  
(818) 361-4751  
<https://www.uttermckinley.com/>

## Funeral Service

**JAN 26.** 9:00 AM (PT)

Utter McKinley San Fernando Mission Mortuary  
11071 Columbus Avenue  
Mission Hills, CA 91345  
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# Tribute Wall



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October 07, 2023 at 09:33 AM



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