



## Richard Frederick Gerner

May 21, 1935 - April 8, 2020

### Obituary

Richard Frederick Gerner, 84, of Union City passed away on April 8, 2020 due to natural causes at the Palo Alto VA hospital.

Richard was born in Oakland, California on May 21, 1935. He grew up in Richmond, California with his parents John and Viola Gerner. Survived by his siblings John, Margaret and Robert Gerner.

Graduated from El Cerrito high school in 1954. Served in the Air Force where he worked on B-52s as a jet engine mechanic. After the Air Force he worked at the family business where he bartended for many years. He later then worked for Levlor for 19 years. He retired in 1998.

1973, Richard married his loving wife Ester.

He was a loving father to his 3 children Frederick Augustine, Albert and Joy Gerner.

He had two grandchildren which he absolutely adored, Nadia Gerner and Josiah Gerner.

His hobbies were watching Judge Judy, taking his dogs to the dog park and telling stories.

Funeral services will be held in Santos Robinson Mortuary, Friday, April 17, 2020. He will be laid to rest at Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward.

Due to the current situation regarding COVID-19 there will only be immediate family.

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**Albert Gerner** - July 01, 2020 at 10:30 PM

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“ *Uncle Richard served me my first cocktail when he was a bartender. I was 5 or 6 at the time and btw the drink was a Shirley temple! Lol 😊 He also took me and my brother Danny target shooting on a few occasions and If I remember right it was the Rod & gun club in Richmond. You will be very missed Uncle!!! RIP*

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**Mike Ortiz** - May 11, 2020 at 03:59 PM

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“ I grew up down the hall from Joy. She was my best friend and we visited each other often. When I would visit Joy, Richard would always say, “Hi JJ!” with a big warm smile! When he wasn’t working he could be found in his favorite chair watching recordings of Judge Judy. Richard was always kind, happy and generous. He would take Joy to lunch at local diners and he would always invite me and he would share stories of the past. I loved listening to his stories, watching his face light up and hearing him laugh. To this day those lunches are some of my best childhood memories. Richard would also encourage me to try different foods including his fruit cake, beets, artichokes and pot roast. I loved his roast and I would even pick at his leftover pot roast that was in the fridge as I waited for Joy to get ready for school. It was still delicious a day later and cold! Richard would also take Joy to visit family and I was always invited to join and got to visit both sides of the family which was always so much fun. I am so thankful for Richard’s kindness, generosity and love over the many years. I am so happy my children got to meet him and have lunch with him at Baldie’s. Richard was the sweetest and I will miss him dearly.

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**Judy** - April 17, 2020 at 11:45 AM

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**Fred Augustine** - April 17, 2020 at 11:15 AM