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A Quiet Melody Lives On

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Gilbert Joseph Negrette Jr., 71, of Hayward, California, passed away on October 27, 2025, after an almost two-year battle with ALS.

Born on May 31, 1954, in South Gate, California, to Captain Gilbert Joseph Negrette Sr. and Angela Mary Pacheco, Gilbert was the youngest and only son in his family, joining his older sisters Irene, Diane, and Cathy. He grew up in the Los Angeles area before moving to Mariposa with his family in 1964, where he attended Mariposa High School for his freshman and sophomore years and was on the freshman football team. He was also in a band called Chest Fever. The family later moved to Citrus Heights in the early 1970s, where he graduated from San Juan High School. He later settled in Hayward along with his parents in 1973, where he attended Hayward State University. During the summer years of college, he worked in Yosemite flipping burgers at Camp Curry.

On New Year's Eve of 1985 in Lake Tahoe, Gilbert married the love of his life, Maureen Lynn Blossom, whom he met through her twin brother Marlin, who was his best friend. Together they shared nearly 40 wonderful years of marriage, building a beautiful life and raising three daughters — April, Dominique, and Desiree — who were his greatest joy and pride. In his later years, he was blessed with two beloved grandsons, Clarence and Julian, the youngest arriving just weeks before his passing.

Gilbert started working for Amfack in 1982, before Ferguson Enterprises bought out Amfack. He retired in 2019 after 37 years of service. In 2023, Gil was diagnosed with ALS, which he fought with determination and grace even when the disease took his ability to speak or walk. Throughout it all, he maintained his strength, sense of humor, and love for his family — always making sure they were taken care of, even toward the end.



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A lifelong music lover, Gilbert was an especially devoted fan of The Beatles. Their songs were the soundtrack of his life, and he cherished the memory of seeing Paul McCartney perform live at AT&T Park in July of 2010 — an experience he often spoke of with joy. Beyond his love of music, Gil was passionate about genealogy, spending countless hours researching his family's history and preserving the stories of those who came before him — a reflection of his deep appreciation for family roots and legacy. He also had a keen mind for finance and investing. He enjoyed following the stock market, studying trends, and sharing his knowledge of trading with family and friends.

Gilbert will be joining in death his parents, Gil and Angie Negrette; his older infant sister, Loretta; his grandparents, Rodrigo and Concepcion Pacheco and Rafael and Lupe Negrete; his niece, Christy Power; his great-nephew, Ryan Salazar; as well as his brother-in-law, Marlin Blossom; sister-in-law, Sue Saunders; father-in-law, Clarence Blossom; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He is survived by his loving wife Maureen; daughters April, Dominique, and Desiree; and grandsons Clarence and Julian. He is also survived by his sisters Irene Walker, Diane Pfutzner and her husband Jim, and Cathy Power and her husband Mike; sisters-in-law Jackie Garcia and her husband Anthony and Linda Knight; brother-in-law Robert Blossom; as well as many loving nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews, great-great-nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends who loved him dearly. Gilbert will be remembered for his kindness, humor, curiosity, and deep devotion to his loved ones. He loved sharing stories, lending a helping hand, and bringing laughter to any room he entered. His legacy of love, strength, and song will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Services will be held at a later date (TBD) at Skylawn Memorial Park, 888 Lifemark Road, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019. Burial will follow at Skylawn Memorial Park, with a reception to take place afterward.

“And in the end, the love you take is equal to the love you make.” — The Beatle




Events


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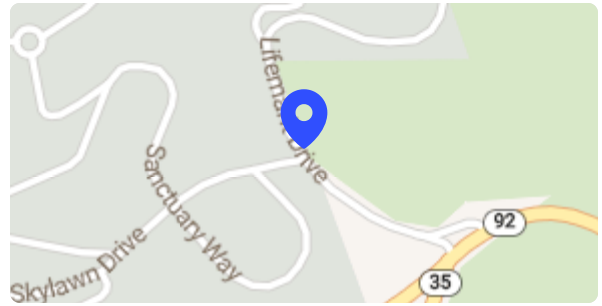
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Funeral Service

 **Thursday**, November 13, 2025

 12:00 PM PT

 **Lifemark Center at Skylawn Memorial Park**
Lifemark Center at Skylawn Memorial Park, San
Mateo CA 94402





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Pesca Dorr posted:

I have many happy memories of my uncle Gil, his easy laugh, his generous smile, his inquisitive mind and kind and gentle demeanor, I'm so glad to know such a great man.

November 13 at 11:09 AM



Cathy Power November 14 at 9:37 AM

Thank you so much for being there. It was wonderful to give you a hug!



Boone Family sent an Arrive in Style to the Negrette family.



November 13 at 9:22 AM



David W. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gilbert.



November 11 at 7:42 PM



Renee Bartlett sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Negrette family.



November 11 at 4:43 PM



Renee Bartlett planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gilbert.



November 11 at 4:43 PM



Judy Ross Ferguson Hvac sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Negrette family.



November 11 at 3:37 PM



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Anonymous sent a Love's Journey to the Negrette family.



November 11 at 1:54 PM



Pamela Pretell & Fabian Iglesias planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gilbert.



November 11 at 1:54 PM



Hugs. Cousin Ron & Carole Pacheco sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Negrette family.



November 11 at 11:28 AM



Anonymous sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Negrette family.



November 10 at 4:37 PM



John Baird posted:

I worked for Gil for nearly 7 years and he was much more than the best boss I've ever had, he was always cool, calm and collected during any type of situation. I'm still in the wholesale HVAC industry and not a week goes by where I don't ask myself how would Gil handle this situation or think about using a technique that he taught me in dealing with a problem. I've worked with many in my years and can honestly say not only was he a terrific boss but he was hands down the best inside salesman I've worked with and so many customers relied on him for getting material for their jobs. He was and is one of one in my eyes and he will be sorely missed but never forgotten. Rest in Peace Gil. I will forever remember how well you treated me in my time with you.

November 5 at 12:27 PM



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Cathy Carrillo lit a candle in honor of Gilbert.

May an eternal light shine upon you. Gil was always a shining light at work whenever you had an issue and needed an answer he was always there to guide you. What a joy he was to work with for 20+ yrs. I will always cherish the memories and the laughs we shared and the great potlucks. Rest in peace Gil

November 5 at 11:01 AM



Tammie (Power) Langley And Robert. sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Negrette family.

November 3 at 9:57 AM



Tammie (Power) Langley And Robert. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gilbert.

November 3 at 9:57 AM



Cathy Power November 12 at 10:18 AM
Thank you Tammy



Tammy Villa posted:

Growing up with girls a going to Girl Scouts & dinners ! I'm so sorry for your loss. Your dad was amazing man a father to all !! He will truly be missed !! Me and Renee loved your Guys family !!! We love you girls

November 3 at 4:26 AM



Desiree Negrette November 3 at 10:04 PM
Thanks Tammy! We miss and love you guys, thank you for the support!



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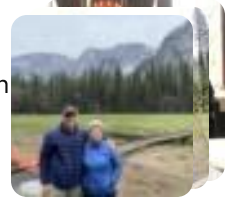
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KS

Kathy Sanchez shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Maureen & I went to school together. We reunited at our class reunion & met each other's husbands. Gil invited us to join him in Yosemite one day. So, we did and had a great time. We stayed at their family home in Mariposa and Gil guided us through Yosemite the first day. He was so full of kindness, stories and information. We will never forget the time we spent with him. We are thinking of Mo, her daughters and grandchildren while they deal with this huge loss to them. I'm sorry Gill had to suffer in the end as well.



November 1 at 2:34 PM

BR

Bruce Richman posted:

An unpretentious man grounded in family. One would be foolish to challenge him in a music trivia contest and think of winning. Godspeed in your next journey my friend.

November 1 at 5:22 PM

JW

Jared Walker posted:

Uncle Gil, You were my favorite Uncle, Thank you everything you have done to help me further my love of genealogy, I will miss our weekly talks and spending time with you and visiting you. I will miss you dearly. I love you Uncle Gil, until we meet again. Your Great-Nephew Jared

November 1 at 2:34 PM



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Kathy Sanchez shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

November 2 at 10:19 PM





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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gilbert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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