



Enrique 'Gonzo' Fernando Gonzalez-Rodriguez

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Obituary
Enrique Fernando Gonzalez-Rodriguez, 76, also known as "Gonzo" or "Jim", passed away on January 3 at Newport Medical Center, where he had worked for 38 years as a nurse and as house supervisor. Gonzalez was born September 21, 1938 in Guayama, Puerto Rico. He is survived by his wife Sheila McFeeture Gonzalez, of Newport. Gonzalez is also survived by two daughters and three grandchildren: Rosita Gonzalez, husband Jonathan Sleeman, and children Noah and Mia, of Madison, Wisconsin. Angela Gonzalez, husband Ryan Dungy, and daughter Mara, of Spokane, Washington. He is also survived by his stepdaughter Brandi Holt. His five surviving sisters include Marta Pabon, Pilar Rosa, Carmen "Cuchy" Rivera, and Lizzette "Lizzie" Ortiz, all of Puerto Rico. A Master Sergeant in the US Army, Gonzalez bravely served 20 years including in Korea, Japan, Germany, and Vietnam. He was predeceased by his parents Enrique F. Gonzalez and Manuelita Rodriguez and his brother Rafael E. Gonzalez-Rodriguez, Puerto Rico, and by his first wife Frances Taylor Gonzalez, of Newport. Services provided by Brown Funeral Home on Thursday, January 8. Visitation from 11 to 1 with a 1 o'clock Chapel funeral following and a military graveside to conclude after the service at Union Cemetery. Online condolences may be sent to www.brownfuneralhomenewport.com Brown Funeral Home is honored to serve the Gonzalez-Rodriguez Family.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Enrique 'Gonzo' Fernando Gonzalez-Rodriguez, please visit our floral store.



Tribute Wall

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RG

Ruchi Gupta posted:

few people are blessed with a personality like Gonzo. His smile love and caring always will be cherished. May he rest in peace

February 2 at 8:00 PM

DJ

Dellasue Johnson posted:

I am so sorry to hear about Gonzo. I had no idea until a few minutes ago. He was such a special person. He had a personality that made you feel so at ease. I hadn't got to see him lately but he will always be special to me. Praying for your family now. God bless you all.

January 8 at 8:00 PM

BM

Betty Jo Miller posted:

So very sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

January 8 at 8:00 PM

MR

Mechelle Lewin Robinson posted:

I would like to send my deepest sympathy to the Gonzalez Family. I went to school with Rosita and recently visited Enrique and he was in good spirits at that time. I hate that he has passed away, but always know that he is in a better place. Mechelle

January 8 at 8:00 PM

KR

Kathy Watts Ragan posted:

There will never be another Gonzo. He was a great mentor and friend to so many of us.7 So sorry for your loss.

January 8 at 8:00 PM

CN

Chris & Kristie Norton posted:

Sheila,we are so sorry about Gonzo. He was a great person and will be missed.

January 8 at 8:00 PM



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LV

Leela Velez posted:

Gonzo was a wonderful man and a great blessing to my family. He was a true friend to my grandfather and a great help with my grandmother. I also had the honor of working with him as well. He was the best nurse you could ask for and an awesome coworker. He was always willing to lend a helping hand and could know how to make everyone smile. He will truly be missed. I am so sorry for your family's loss.

January 8 at 8:00 PM

TV

Tony Velez posted:

They say in life if you have one friend then you are truly blessed. Well, I was truly blessed to have been friends with Gonzo for the past 29 years. He was a great person and friend to everyone that came to know him. He was a great support to me and my family that I will forever be grateful for. He was my buddy. My heart is heavy for losing my friend but I am so thankful to have had him all these years, I will smile when I think of you my friend, my brother. Enjoy your rewards.

January 7 at 8:00 PM

TB

Terry Brockwell posted:

Shelia-Jan and I are so sorry for your loss. He was such a good guy. If we can do anything or if you need us please call. Love You. Jan and Terry

January 7 at 8:00 PM

MP

Melissa Ponder posted:

So sorry to hear of your loss. Gonzo was a great person to work with. No one could have a bad shift when he was around. He not only made you laugh but was a great source of knowledge. He will be greatly missed. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

January 7 at 8:00 PM

RC

Randy Hurley & Sonya Dorsey Cashen posted:

Gonzo was a great friend/ co-worker... He will be sadly missed, we know he's gone to be an angel...

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KB

Keela Bible posted:

Rosita, Our loss is heavens gain! Gonzo was one of a kind. He had a heart of gold. He has touched so many lives. It was an honor to have known him and worked with him. He is greatly missed. My heart goes out to you and your family. May you find peace. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you dearly, Keela

January 7 at 8:00 PM

JL

Jessica Lancaster posted:

Deepest sympathy to the family of Gonzo. He will be greatly missed. Newport Medical Center will not be the same without him.

January 7 at 8:00 PM

WL

Woody An Tura Lawson posted:

We are so sorry,He was such a good man.

January 7 at 8:00 PM

GP

Georgia Parton posted:

Sheila, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Georgia

January 7 at 8:00 PM

BG

Barry K. Gregg posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with and for due to the loss of your family member.

January 7 at 8:00 PM

TV

Tony Velez posted:

If you have only one friend in life, you are truly blessed. and I am truly blessed. Gonzo, has been my true friend for the past 29 years. He was always there for me and my family and he will never know how much I appreciated all that he did. We shared a lot of good times together that will be with me for the rest of my life. To my friend, my brother, you gave so much, enjoy your rewards.

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KG

Karen Schmidt-Graves Rn posted:

Special people who touch so many lives with kindness, compassion and professionalism will never be forgotten. Gonzo was this special person! With deepest sympathy.

January 6 at 8:00 PM

JS

Jim & Bev Sweeten posted:

Our deepest sympathies to the entire family. Jim was a wonderful and talented man!

January 6 at 8:00 PM

JB

Jack & Mary (Allen) Bryant posted:

Sheila, Elizabeth & Family: our deepest sympathy and love. Praying for all of you. May God strengthen and comfort as only He can.

January 6 at 8:00 PM

JM

Janette Murr And Michelle Murr posted:

So sorry for your loss. Gonzo was a good man he was always a good friend and always had a smile on his face. He will be sadly missed.

January 6 at 8:00 PM

LB

Louise (Gunter)Brown posted:

Cocke County has lost one of the best. He was a good man and the best at what he did. R.I.P., my dear friend.

January 6 at 8:00 PM

DC

Deede Cogdill posted:

So sorry for your loss. He surely will be missed by all who knew him.

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AB

Abbybalch posted:

Everyday better day with Gonzo. Lifted so many spirits. Love and prayers.

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KB

Katy Sue Bowlin posted:

Love and prayers for your loss!

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LC

Ld&Alice Crum posted:

Gonzo was a great man and a good friend he will be sadly missed by everyone that he ever made contact with, our prayers and thoughts are with the family god bless.

January 5 at 8:00 PM

KM

Katandra Mcgaha posted:

I'm sooo very sorry for your loss! Gonzo was such a special person and loved by ALL who knew him! Newport medical center will never be the same!! I'm going to miss getting the call from gonzo "barbie I'm in a pickle and I need u to come in!". I love and will miss him so very much!! You all are in my prayers!

January 5 at 8:00 PM

CG

Carla Sane Grooms posted:

Gonzo was a wonderful person. I am so grateful to have gotten to know him and work with him. Her will be missed by so many who loved him. My continued thoughts and prayers are with you.

January 5 at 8:00 PM

DM

Diana Taylor Mcgaha posted:

My friend and co-worker since 1979. A wonderful Christian mentor and an AMAZING man. I'm lucky to have made his acquaintance...the pleasure was all mine. Prayers for Sheila, Rosita, Angela, and the grandchildren - the true loves of his life.

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DH

Dola Handley, Rn posted:

Please know that my prayers are with you and that Gonzo was a special nurse, leader and friend to so many. He taught me much but mostly he lived goodness and caring. I will miss him.

January 5 at 8:00 PM

BD

Bethany Dungy posted:

Angela, Ryan and Mara, I am so sorry for your loss. I know Mara will miss her "Poppy". You all will be in my thoughts and prayers. I love you all. Bethany Dungy Ryan's aunt

January 5 at 8:00 PM

EE

Earl & Ila Ruth Edmonds posted:

We are sorry for your loss.

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MJ

Michael & Crystal (Susong) Jarnigan posted:

We are so sorry for your loss, and will be praying for your families. He was a sweet soul.

January 5 at 8:00 PM

JF

Jamie Ford posted:

I feel blessed to have known Gonzo. We worked together for over 12 years. He was a man of character you rarely see. He taught me many things over the years and we shared many, many laughs together. Gonzo always knew how to help me when I was "in a pickle". To say he will be missed is an understatement. Rest in peace my dear Gonzo- I know you are smiling down on us all.
Love, Jamie

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DM

Debra Michelli posted:

So sorry for your loss. Gonzo will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

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LG

Lisa Giles posted:

FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT WILSONS SAV MOR PHARMACY. SO VERY SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT GONZO.

January 5 at 8:00 PM

LR

Lynn Ricker posted:

So sorry for your loss. He was a great man and nurse, whom I had the pleasure of working with for 11 years.

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PT

Pat & Patricia Mathis Taylor posted:

We are so sorry for your loss our prayers are with you.

January 5 at 8:00 PM

JF

Julie Feeney posted:

It was always a pleasure to work with Gonzo. He had great character and was caring and kind to his patients. He could easily make you laugh while being professional. He will be missed by many. RIP

January 5 at 8:00 PM

BD

Becky Dance posted:

Gonzo will be sorely missed as he touched so many lives in this area.

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AM

Anna Ruth Murrell posted:

So sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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LD

Linda & Bud Dawson posted:

Sincere sympathy to Rosita, Angela and families for the loss of your father. Gonzo was known and loved by many in our community. Sincerely, The Dawsons (Eric Dawson & Family)

January 4 at 8:00 PM

WC

Whitney Chambers posted:

Sending prayers!

January 4 at 8:00 PM

BC

Beth Cruz posted:

Sheila, Rosita and Angela, I just wanted to tell you how much Gonzo meant to me, he was such a great man and will be missed by all. Prayers for your whole family! Beth

January 4 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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