



Gerald Paul Lequia

September 27, 1938 - February 8, 2026

Gerald Paul Lequia passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 8, 2026, at his home in

Corning, California. He was born on September 27, 1938, in Ishpeming, Michigan, to

Thomas and Marie Lequia. He grew up alongside two brothers and one sister.

At the age of 17, Gerald enlisted in the United States Navy, where he proudly served his

country aboard the USS Roanoke for three years. His time in the Navy reflected his strong

sense of duty, discipline, and work ethic that would guide him throughout his life.

On November 21, 1959, Gerald married the love of his life, Joyce Darley, in The Church of

Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Corning, California. They were later sealed for time and

all eternity on November 21, 1975, in the Oakland Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter-day Saints. Together, they built a beautiful life and recently celebrated 66 years of marriage.

Gerald's greatest joy was his family. He was a loving husband, devoted father, and proud

grandpa whose happiest moments were spent with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Known for his sense of humor, Gerald loved to joke around and bring laughter into the lives of those he loved. He always found ways to be present with his family and treasured the time they shared.

A man of service, Gerald spent much of his life helping others through quiet acts of kindness. He believed deeply in hard work and always strove to put in an honest day's work, a value he lived by and passed on to his family.

Gerald enjoyed watching all sports and was a talented basketball and baseball player in his youth. His love for athletics stayed with him throughout his life as a devoted sports fan.

Gerald was a faithful and devoted member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served as Bishop in both the Corning, California Ward and the Springfield, Oregon Ward blessing many lives through his leadership, compassion, and unwavering faith.

Gerald was preceded in death by his father and mother; his sister, Joan Barker; his brother, Thomas, his son, Joseph, and two great-grandchildren, Everly and Emmerson.

He is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Joyce Lequia; his brother, Richard; his children, Thomas (Sheri), Robert (Edmara), Paul (Michelle), Jennifer, and Jeffrey (Bridgett), as well as

20 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Gerald will be remembered for his deep love for his family, his dedication to service, his

strong work ethic, and the joy and laughter he shared so freely. He will be deeply missed

and lovingly remembered.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hill Cemetery

4470 Oren Ave
Corning, CA 96021
(530) 824-2255

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 14. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (PT)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
111 N Marguerite Ave
Corning, CA

Funeral Service

FEB 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

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Graveside Military Honors

FEB 14. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

JL

“ We were so sorry to learn of Bishop Lequia's passing. He was so kind and caring. Hie wisdom was so refreshing and we know he is missed!

judy lloyd - March 10 at 08:38 AM

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“ Love and Prayers, Steve & Kristi LeQuia purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gerald Paul Lequia.



Love and Prayers, Steve & Kristi LeQuia - February 12 at 07:32 PM

PS

“ Jerry was a great citizen of Corning, and a very loyal patriot that represented the people at the City Council meetings. He was a great friend, and the best father and husband for his family. He will be greatly missed. We love you Jerry, and to all of the family.

Patty Smith - February 12 at 01:32 PM

GS

Jerry was an outstanding citizen, helping the City Council start and then see that these projects were completed. Corning is now missing a great caring person.

Gary and Clara Strack

Gary Strack - February 12 at 07:25 PM

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“ *The O'Dell family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gerald Paul Lequia.*



The O'Dell family - February 11 at 04:05 PM