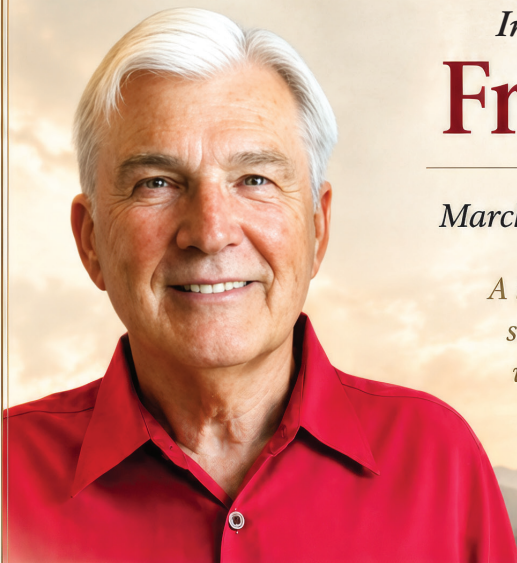




In Loving Memory
Fred Rich

March 27, 1949 – July 1, 2026

*A life of faith,
service and love
will always be
his legacy.*

Fred Rich passed peacefully into eternal life on July 1, 2026, with his wife of 41 years by his side. His family has been surrounded by the love and support of relatives, friends and the congregation of Cornerstone Church, and they extend their heartfelt thanks to everyone for the outpouring of kindness and compassion.

Born Freddie Dale Rich on March 27, 1949, in Woodlake, California, Fred was the son of Wanda Mae (Boswell) Rich and Kenneth Omer Rich. He was raised in Tracy, where he graduated from Tracy High School in 1967. He earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Pasadena College of the Nazarene, completing his graduate studies after the institution was renamed Point Loma Nazarene College.

Fred devoted his professional life to education and the success of young people. He began his career teaching at Burton Elementary School in Porterville before joining Modesto City Schools. Throughout his years there, he served as a teacher in math and reading labs, coach, vice principal and principal at several elementary schools and two junior high schools. He later joined Oakdale Joint Unified School District, where he served as assistant superintendent and deputy superintendent of human resources before concluding his distinguished career as superintendent of schools. He genuinely loved children of all ages and especially enjoyed visiting classrooms and interacting with students.

Retirement provided new opportunities for service. Fred volunteered countless hours and much hard work at Oakdale Community Christian Sharing, helping provide food to those in need. A longtime member of the Oakdale Lions Club, he also enjoyed participating in the town's Dinner Club. As a faithful member of Cornerstone Church, he served multiple terms on the church council.

Fred found joy in bringing people together. Whether grilling meals for gatherings of more than 100 people, spending a day fishing or enjoying spirited games of backgammon, liar's dice, canasta, rook or spades, he treasured fellowship and laughter with family and friends.

He is survived by his loving wife, Susan Lawrence Rich; daughter Sarah Lawrence Rich; son Kenneth Lawrence Rich; son-in-law Oscar Garcia Castro; and beloved granddaughters Eleanor and Lydia. He is also survived by his sister, Sharelyn Dietz; her three children and nine grandchildren; various aunts and uncles; his mother-in-law; a sister-in-law; two brothers-in-law, their wives and children; and many lifelong friends who were a treasured part of his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wanda Mae and Kenneth Omer Rich; his father-in-law; and many beloved aunts and uncles.

In lieu of flowers or plants, the family requests that memorial donations be made to Oakdale Community Christian Sharing Center, P.O. Box 1160, Oakdale, CA 95361, or Oakdale Rescue Mission, P.O. Box 1147, Oakdale, CA 95361, organizations that reflected Fred's lifelong commitment to serving others.

