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## Richard Lee Gallagher

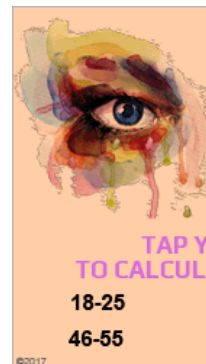
Richard (Rick) Lee Gallagher of Ontario was born Dec 11, 1947 to Robert and Jayne Elizabeth Gallagher in Long Beach, CA. and entered heaven Feb 23, 2018. Rick loved baseball, playing T-Ball, Little League, Pony League, etc. as a young child and later for Glendale High and eventually for the famous Coach John Scolinos at Cal Poly Pomona. He also played football in high school and was particularly good at kicking, earning the moniker "The Golden Toe of Glendale" and a football scholarship at [UCLA](#).

Becoming ill while at UCLA and unable to continue playing football, he transferred to Cal Poly Pomona where he starred on the Cal Poly baseball team. It was at Cal Poly that he met his wife Karen in 1968, whom he married in 1975. He signed a professional baseball contract with the San Francisco Giants in spring of 1969 and headed off to a farm team. After that he returned to finish college with honors and go on to graduate school at Iowa State Univ

Rick's career in construction spanned 40 years. He and his wife owned RLG Construction, Inc. which was known for excellence, earning them the 1990 Gold Nugget Award for Best Commercial/Industrial Project in the 14 western states. Other companies recruited him to run projects for them such as 410 housing units built for the [US Navy](#) in San Diego, several managed care facilities, and the Ponte Winery Hotel in Temecula. To him, his crowning achievement was serving on the Crosspoint Core committee and helping build Crosspoint Church. Turning to Jesus in 1995 his life was completely changed. He strived to have his work, his family, and all his relationships reflect his faith. Through the years, his athletic ability and experience were used in coaching at Don Lugo High School and Ontario Christian High School. He was a life coach, shoulder to lean on, encourager, and counselor to any who needed him whether at the Claremont Club, Kaiser Health facilities, church, or neighborhood.


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Plagued by health issues, the diagnosis of adult onset cystic fibrosis six years ago finally explained his health struggles. He was grateful to the many Kaiser doctors and care givers who became his friends and supported him in so many ways. The last 10 years have been particularly difficult, but God refined and used Rick in miraculous ways as Prayer Ministry became his focus. He has made an impact on many people as he prayed with and for them, and stayed connected to them. He entered into the arms of Jesus on Feb 23, 2018 at 11:22am with his wife, daughter, grandchildren and beloved Great Dane by his side. He was preceded in death by his parents, step mother Marge Gallagher, parents-in-law, and sister-in-law Allyson Whitlow. He is survived by Karen his wife of 43 years; daughter Patricia Michelle (Miki) and husband Brian Arvidson, grandchildren Nathan, Taylor, Brandon; sister Jane and husband Don Royer; brother in law Mike and wife Patti Whitlow; cousins and numerous nieces and nephews, whom he loved dearly. Memorial service is Saturday March 10 at 10am at Crosspoint Church 6950 Edison Ave, Chino. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Crosspoint Kenyan Widows Ministry; Crosspoint Church Youth Program; or Ontario Christian High School Gymnasium Fund.

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