



## Elden 'Sonny' Gilbert Mackey II

March 6, 1959 - October 13, 2010

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**Evergreen Memorial Gardens** - July 03, 2025 at 09:25 PM



“ . Sonny wasnt just loyal to Chona and his family, he was loyal to anyone who worked with him. He was not a CYA kind of guy. I worked with Sonny on many bank collection issues and I can tell you there were many times I thought Man we could get in trouble on this but I always knew Sonny would stand with you and back you. I saw him do it for others and it is character trait that you never forget once you see it. It was his loyalty and his willingness to stand up and call it how it was that I think gained him the respect he received. I hope that Tory and Jenna can read this and not only know that their Dad had these great character attributes, but also realize that those same character traits are in them and that they use those traits they have inherited to be successful in their lifes.

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**William Suttell** - November 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I know that Sonny's funeral is tomorrow but I am out of the country and won't be able to make it. I have been pretty upset ever since I heard the news of his passing thinking about Sonny, what a friend he was and how it just seems so sad and unbelievable that he could be gone. In trying to eulogize Sonny I think I have decided that it comes down to one word character. Sonny had character and not just because he was funny but real moral character. Sonny always knew what was important and the most important thing in his life was his wife Chona. He never said a single bad thing about her, in fact it was always the opposite he always praised her as both a friend, wife and mother. He was always bragging up how long they had been together. So many people you meet in business and you never know a thing about their family, but not Sonny he was proud of his family and brought them into your life. He cared about his family, which of course led to him caring about your family.

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**Bill Suttell** - November 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ My heart goes out to Chona because I cannot imagine having loved someone like Sonny for as long as they have been together and then losing them. I will pray that God gives her the strength to understand this and to be able to continue to enjoy her family and life without Sonny. sorry I took 3 postings and its backwards but I had a lot to say and still wasn;t enough

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**Bill & Debbi Suttell** - November 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ I also worked with Sonny during the West One/US Bank Merger and was fortunate enough to work with him these past three years. I got to know him and his family as if they were my own. My deepest sympathies to Chona, Tori and Sjenna. He was a great man with a big heart and always made you feel important. He was a close friend and my mentor and will be missed by everyone he touched throughout his life.

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**steven wilsey** - November 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ My deepest condolences to Sonny's family. I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Sonny at Security Pacific Bank, he was a unique and special person, always upbeat and willing to give advice. I gained knowledge from him which helped shape my career. May God bless you and your family during this time and always, Janet Gonzales

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**Janet Gonzales** - November 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ I love you and wish I were around more.

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**ashley morton** - November 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ I worked with Sonny at Rainier Bank and at Financial Pacific. He had a great impact on my career and was always a very supportive Boss and Friend. Sad to say we lost touch in recent years. I will truly miss him. My condolences go out to his family.

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**Patrick Burke** - November 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ My Heart aches for you and your family Chona. Sonny is now with his mother and Grandmother, and looking down and still taking care of his family....Sonny will always be with you. I can remember Sonny running and playing when he was little and as a young man, He was a go getter. I remember you and sonny going together, And you having a wonderful Life With Him....With these wonderful memories He will always be with you and give you the strength you need. If there is anything I can do, just call. Uncle Roy and Family

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**Roy Mackey** - October 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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**Roy Mackey** - October 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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**Roy Mackey** - October 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ my heart breaks for you chona and your family for the loss of Sonny, I know it is very hard to let go of such a beautiful part of your family, but keep in your hearts all the fun times and great memories,that you will always have, I always enjoyed the camp outs, you both are the greatest, love you,if I CAN HELP YOU IN ANYWAY, PLEASE LET ME KNOW, MY PRAYERS,LOVE AUNT Rolyne and family

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**Rolyne moe** - October 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ my condolences to the family imet sonny only once but will always remember him

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**craig urlacher** - October 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ I worked for Sonny back in the days of Security Pacific, he was my boss, friend and mentor. Are paths parted, but then connected again when I was with Wachovia. Sonny will be missed but never forgotten. Joan Duke

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**Joan Duke** - October 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ I had the privilege of working with Sonny at Pacific NW Floor. He was a great guy to work for - very considerate, fair, and thoughtful of my family. He proved himself as a great family man worthy of respect. He will be greatly missed. My prayers to your family. Thank you for sharing Sonny with us!

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**Troy Johnson** - October 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

UM

“ our deepest sympathies to Chona, Tori and Sjenna we did not know Sonny very well as we live so far away but when ever we met we found a very honest, loving, and caring person who loved his family very much and who we loved and admired. he will be missed greatly by us all.

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**uncle tommy and auntie mary** - October 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ sonny was a good hearted person. when ever anyone need help he was always there for them. He will be greatly missed.

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**sandra and sean curtis** - October 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Sonny was the "rock" to his family. He was a very generous, kind person. I will never forget where he took me for Christmas Eve one year. Chona I am sure you havent forgotten either! :) Sonny you will be greatly missed by many. Your grand daughters think of you often. I tell them to look in the sky and when they see the twinkling light that is you looking down upon them.

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**Becca Davis, Jordynn Davis and Chona Mackey** - October 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ You all are in our hearts and prayers during this tragic time of loss and grief. We have all the information and will see you next weekend at the services. Please, if there is anything that we can do now or next week end, let us know. Love, Judy and John

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**Judy & John Mckee** - October 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ My deepest condolences go out to the love of his life chona and his two dear children sjon tori, & sjenna I will miss my brother Sonny for the remainder of my own life! Sonny and I were only 10 months apart so we were the same age for awhile. I remember people would come up to us and ask our age never failed it was usually during the same time/age period. and they would say are u two twins we would look at each other and say ew! NO WAY! We were both cute toe heads and did look alot alike up till 8 or 9 years of age. I Love You Sonny Jamalee

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**Jamalee Mackey** - October 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Chona and family. I was fortunate to meet Sonny while employed with Rainier Bank. He would drop anything to assist some one. Sonny is also a wonderful friend. While I didn't see Sonny a lot in the past few years, I always knew I could contact him for information and he was always willing to help out. You will always be remembered.

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**Bob Strain** - October 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Sonny and I go back to RainierBank days and even though we went different directions in our careers, he was always a great resource and friend to discuss a variety of issues and experiences with. He will be missed. My condolences to Chona and family.

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**Bruce Spencer** - October 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Sonny and I first worked together and then did business together for more than 20 years. He was a creative, "can do" guy, always optimistic about the future. While he could be tough, he was always amazingly generous of both his time and his knowledge. He always worked lots of hours, but I don't think we ever had a conversation where he didn't also talk about his family. He was a good friend, and I will miss him. My thoughts are with his family.

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**Gary Wagers** - October 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LV

“ To Chona and Family, Sonny was the main reason I went into banking - way back in the days of Rainier Bank. Working for him was an everyday learning experience, and I would not be where I am in my career had he not taken me under his wings and taught me everything he knew about the collections business. He was my boss, my friend and my mentor and while he will be missed he will never be forgotten. Warmest regards, Lori Vanderpool

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**Lori Vanderpool** - October 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ To Chona and Family~ Sonny influenced so many people. He was special and unique and he left his mark with us all. I'll miss his friendship and I'll cherish the many memories. My condolences to all of you.

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**Sharryl Matsumoto** - October 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ I was privileged to have worked with Sonny at Rainier/Security Pacific Bank during the 1980s'. Sonny was a hard worker, always upbeat and seldom without a smile on his face. He had a knack for making you feel better about yourself. My prayers and thoughts are with his family and relatives.

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**George Michal** - October 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with Sonny's family. Chona, my thoughts are with you. Sonny was not only my boss for many years, but my friend. I learned from him and laughed with him. I will miss him. I am so sorry for our loss. Much love., Linda

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**Linda Latawiec** - October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ My thoughts & prayers are with the Mackey family. I loved working for Sonny. He was an excellent mentor and I am grateful to have known him.

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**Nikkol (Nikki) Wirta-Daniels** - October 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Our families have know each other since the early 1970's. Sonny and I had the opportunity to work together for a few years in the Tacoma area, where he and I were able to get to know one another even better. He will be missed and my thoughts and prayers go out to Chona and the rest of his family during this time.

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**Terry Wood** - October 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *Out of an early disagreement came a mutual respect and friendship. I'll miss you. God bless you and your beautiful family. Jerry McClurkin, Jr.*

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**Jerry McClurkin, Jr.** - October 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ *To Chona and Family, I worked with Sonny in the early '80s and came to know he and his family very well. Aside from work we went camping and fishing and always had fun. I don't think I ever met a harder worker. After I moved he would never fail to contact me and I'll miss his friendship enormously. When I last talked to Sonny he was clearly most proud of his now larger family. My thoughts are with his wonderful family. Terry Potter*

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**Terry Potter** - October 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ *My condolences to Chona and the family. Sonny was a great man. He took me under his wings a long time ago at Security Pacific Bank when I was very young and did not know the direction of my life. He gave me hope and the courage to become the person I am today. Sonny and Chona hold a special place in my heart. My thoughts and prayers are with Chona and the family. May happy memories comfort your hearts during this time of sorrow.*

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**Tammie Lentz-Dillingham** - October 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ My condolences to the Mackey Family, During this time of great sorrow, may it comfort you to know that others are deeply touched by your loss. I too know the pain of losing someone dear. Even though our hearts are broken, rest assure that our Grand Creator cares about you personally (1Peter5:7) and can help you though this difficult time. Revelation 21:4 speaks of a time soon when God will do away with death forever. There will be no more sorrow, heartache, or pain. May your happy memories and sure scriptural hope comfort your hearts during this painful time.

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Tammy (tlbpta@yahoo.com) - October 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM