



## Lloyd Hallet Gonzales

December 2, 2021

Lloyd Hallet Gonzales was born in New Orleans on December 6, 1925. He was the son of Hernando Cornelius Gonzales, Sr. and Mary Hendricks Gonzales. His siblings were Hernando C. Gonzales, Jr; Miles Gonzales, Sr.; Lolita Seraile Belford; and Curtis “Sonny” Gonzales.

He graduated from Gilbert Academy High School and attended Xavier University of Louisiana before being drafted into the Army during WWII. He proudly served his country in Europe, Japan, and the Philippines as one of the first Black clerks in his division. He worked in the Post Office for 34 years and retired as a Postal Supervisor. He advocated for civil rights in the post office, insisting there be an aptitude test for the Supervisory position. This enabled all eligible employees—regardless of race—to apply for the position. He then became one of the first Black Postal Supervisors at the Main Post Office in New Orleans.

Lloyd came from a legacy of leadership. His father was one of the first Black United States Customs Inspectors in New Orleans and was one of the founding members of the Bunch Club. His grandfather was one of the first Black graduates of New York City College and was one of the first Black Meteorologists and signal coders for the military.

Lloyd was an ardently devoted husband and father. He was married to the love of his life, Leora Terrell, for 62 years. They were blessed with four

children and five grandchildren: Dr. Lolita Gonzales, Pediatrician, mother of Bianca Gonzales; Lloyd H. Gonzales, Jr., Dr. Lori Gonzales-Qader, Psychiatrist, mother of Mikhail Qader; and Dr. Leo Gonzales (husband Cornelius "Neil" Frazier), father of Wesley Gonzales, Esquire, Cameron Gonzales, and Isaiah Gonzales.

He lived his life with mental discipline, pragmatism, ingenuity, and intelligence. He focused on family and friends, influencing them with his love of music, food, and socializing. It was always an open house at the Gonzales' where he and Leora welcomed and entertained everyone. He made sure his children were well-educated and exposed to travel across the United States and Mexico at an early age. His love of life and kindness were blessings to family, friends, neighbors, and the community. He will be cherished and remembered by all.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Raymond/St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 2916 Paris Avenue on Saturday December 18, 2021 at 9:00 am. Visitation 8:00 am – 9:00 am. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Avenue. Please visit [www.rhodesfuneral.com](http://www.rhodesfuneral.com) to sign the guestbook.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery

4000 Norman Mayer Ave.  
New Orleans, LA 70122

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 18. 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM (CT)

St. Leo/St. Raymond Catholic Church  
2916 Paris Ave  
New Orleans, LA

## Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 18. 9:00 AM.

St. Raymond/St. Leo The Great Catholic Church

# Tribute Wall

GP

“ *Lloyd was much loved. I spent so many wonderful times in the home of Lloyd and Leora - and wonderful, joy filled times at Jazz Fest with Lloyd and even at the casino with Leora - who were always so generous and hospitable to everyone.*

*I am grateful that the last Christmas (in 2019) any of us got to spend gathered with a large group of people, that Lloyd was at the table. We will all miss him, but I am thankful he is reunited with so many of his loved ones - including my father, one of his best buds - on the other side of this existence.*

*Much love and comfort to Mookie, Lori, Leo and their children.*

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**Gisele Perez** - December 19, 2021 at 12:56 PM

EP

“ *He was one of the coolest cats of New Orleans! Now and forever, 'Leader Of The Band'.*

*Legendary...  
EP Perez*

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**EP Perez** - December 19, 2021 at 12:07 AM

AC

“Mr G”, I will always remember the times when you would make it point to share memories via conversation or photos of many memorable times as well as taking a moment to have a “ Jack on the Rocks”.

*Keeping you and your family in our prayers, The Clavo Family.*

*- Marty*

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**Anthony “Marty” Clavo** - December 18, 2021 at 12:28 PM

DG

“ Beloved Uncle....you were steadfast in your love toward me & Curtis, calling us your "angels." I shall always love & remember you greeting me with "Denise ....how's de-nephew?" It never got old & I laughed each time I heard it. You were the diligent "keeper" of all Family photos, never letting not even one of them out of your sight. I can't imagine you not being here to say one more time, " Come by...I have something to show you." ....And you would begin to pull out photo after photo, stirring forever memories tugging at my heart strings. I love you Uncle, now and forever. A great man of honor & principle...always in my heart.

*Yours,*

*Denise Gonzales-Bonner ( Nissey )*

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**Denise Gonzales-Bonner** - December 17, 2021 at 11:22 PM

JD

“ Dr. Lolita Gonzales and Family:

*Please accept our most sincere condolences and prayers. May God strengthen and comfort you all during this most difficult time.*

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**Julia & Gary Dugue'** - December 17, 2021 at 08:01 PM

KJ

“ *To the Gonzales family you all are in my thoughts and prayers. Eternal rest granted unto the soul of my Xavierite and may the perpetual light shine upon him.*



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**Kevin Joseph** - December 16, 2021 at 01:31 PM