



Virgil Keith Wigley

May 1, 1937 - February 23, 2026

Virgil Keith Wigley, born May 1, 1937, passed away on February 23, 2026. Virgil was a beloved member of his community and was known for his kindness, generosity, and the way he was always there for his friends and neighbors.

Virgil was the proud founder and longtime owner of The Red Lantern, which he established on September 1, 1976. For nearly 50 years, The Red Lantern was more than just a business it was a place where people gathered, friendships were formed, and the community came together. Virgil dedicated decades of hard work and passion to the establishment and to the many people who walked through its doors.

Those who knew Virgil remember him as someone who truly cared about others. He built lifelong friendships and created a welcoming place where everyone felt at home. His generosity, humor, and dedication to his community left a lasting impression on all who knew him.

The Red Lantern was preparing to celebrate its 50th anniversary this coming September, a milestone that reflects Virgil's dedication and the legacy he built over the years.

Virgil will be deeply missed by his friends, patrons, and the community that

meant so much to him. His legacy and the memories he created will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Cemetery Details

Belmont Memorial Park

201 N. Teilman Avenue
Fresno, CA 93706

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 11. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (PT)

Chapel of the Light
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Tribute Wall

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“ *Robert Ragan-Telesco lit a candle in memory of Virgil Wigley* ”



Robert Ragan-Telesco - March 09 at 08:43 PM