



Miron Bonca

February 10, 1922 - May 20, 2018

Miron Bonca was born on February 10, 1922 in Arad, Romania, to Toma and Ecaterina Bonca. He died of old age on May 20, 2018 at the age of 96, in his home, surrounded by family, in Costa Mesa, California. He is survived by his loving wife, Mildred E. Bonca; three devoted sons, Mircea Bonca, Cornel Bonca, and Victor Bonca; three devoted stepchildren, Susan Swift, Ramona Findley, and Dennis Swift, as well as his son-in-law Patrick Findley, and his daughters-in-law Robin Bonca and Angelique Bonca. Two additional stepchildren, Sharon Ewing and David Swift, preceded him in death. He was the grandfather of twenty children.

His village life in Romania ended in 1948, when, after World War II ended, he escaped from a communist regime he despised. He survived two dangerous years as a refugee in Hungary, Austria, Germany, and France. (It was in these years that he picked up his knack for languages: he eventually was fluent in French, Portuguese, English as well as Romanian, and was conversant in German, Spanish, and Italian.)

In 1950, unable to obtain a visa to the United States, he sailed to Brazil instead, where he started a successful flax factory and married his first wife, Rosi Magaleas. They had the first of three children there before moving to New York City in 1957. Their marriage ended in 1966 in Los Angeles, with Miron retaining custody of his children. For 19 years, he was an electrician and then electrical engineer for [General Motors](#) in South Gate, California. He married Mildred E. Swift in 1972, and they shared 46 wonderful years together, raising the children, traveling extensively (touring Europe several times, going on multiple cruises, and visiting each of the capitols of the 50 states), and running a highly successful real estate business.

For several decades he was active in the Holy Trinity Romanian Orthodox Church, often serving as council president, was a longtime treasurer of the American Romanian Academy, had a wide circle of admiring friends, was an avid dancer, a reader of poetry, a beautiful baritone singer, and was extremely active physically till the age of 88, he took twenty mile bicycle rides three times a week. On May 31, 2018, at 11 AM, a memorial service will be held for him at Harbor Lawn Mortuary, located at 1625 Gisler Ave. in Costa Mesa. A viewing will be held at the same address the preceding evening, May 30, from 7-8 PM. The family wishes to thank Miron's long-time caregivers of the last few years for their faithful care on his behalf, and Seacrest Hospice Services for their wonderful work in his last weeks. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the Pacific Symphony in Costa Mesa, or to the [charity of one's choice](#).

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