

John L. Rivas, Mr. Blue,



passed away on Aug. 29, 2010, surrounded by his loving family. A lifetime Puebloan, he was born June 15, 1933, to the union of Lorenzo and Maria C. Rivas, both of whom preceded him in death; along with in-laws, Luis and Marina Lucero. John graduated from Central High School, Class of 1952. He received his B.A. from UNC, his M.A. from Adams State College and his Superintendent Certification from the University of Wyoming. He was a teacher, coach, principal and administrator with 36 years of service with School District No. 60. John also was the owner of Los Tres Restaurant in the Pueblo Mall. John was a life member and past president of the National Education Association, Colorado High School Activities Association Board of Control, Pueblo Education Association, Colorado High School Activities Association Executive Committee and Colorado Athletic Directors' Association Executive Committee. John was involved in endless civic and community involvements, including being a founding member of the Pueblo Central High School Foundation, past president of the Greater Pueblo Sports Association, Pueblo Softball Association; he helped advance the men's fast-pitch program and developed the men's slow-pitch program for the City of Pueblo in 1963 as an alternative program for older softball players. John was invited to attend the I.S.C. World Fast-Pitch Softball Tournament in 1974 by I.S.C. Commissioner Carrol Forbes to prepare Pueblo as a future site for the World Softball Tournament. He was a member of the USC Alumni Association, Boys' Club, YMCA and Southern Colorado Sports, Inc. John had many achievements in sports as a high school and college multi-sport athlete, high school coach and administrator.

The sports he enjoyed the most were wrestling, football, baseball and golf. He was instrumental in developing the soccer and softball programs for high school boys and girls. John was inducted into the Greater Pueblo Sports Association Hall of Fame in 1984, inducted into the Mexican American Sports Hall of Fame 1985, selected the Outstanding Athletic Director for the State of Colorado 1991, inducted into the Colorado High School Activities Association Hall of Fame 1995, commended by the Colorado State Senate in 1995, awarded the Sollie S. Raso Award, Lifetime Achievement Award in 2007 and inducted into the Pueblo Softball Hall of Fame in 2010. John leaves behind his cherished wife of 56 years, Clara Lucero Rivas, whom he loved "A Bushel and a Peck"; his children, Louise, Bud (Pat), Ron (Cheryl), Gary (Karen) and Jerry (Cindy) Rivas; his grandchildren, Chris, Jacque, Rachel, Lorenzo, Steven, John, Jeff, Alex, Maria, Jesse, Lucas, Maggie and Benny; great-grandchildren, Peyton, Ben and Avery Roman; sister, Hilda (Salvador) Gallegos; and brother, Carmen (Mary) Rivas; brothers-in-law, Harkin and Loren Lucero; sisters-in-law, Frances Martinez, Barbara (AD) DeHerrera, Lola Lucero and Trini Lucero; uncles, Carl (Twyla) Califano, Paul (Joy) Califano and Vera Gurvoich; numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends. Our father loved Mom, us, Central, the New York Yankees, the Denver Broncos, traveling and golfing. The family would like everyone to wear Central Blue to celebrate the life of a True Blue Wildcat. Omission of flowers and food, memorial contributions in John's memory to the Rivas Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 2536, Pueblo, CO 81001. Visitation, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, Angelus Chapel. Rosary, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, funeral Mass, 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 3, both services will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church.

Memorial reception, 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, 2010, 2003 Northmoor Terrace. Under the direction of Adrian Comer Garden Chapel.

Gladys Jensen, 85, passed away Aug. 31, 2010. Arrangements pending under the direction of George McCarthy Funeral Home.

Stella Bobian, 74, passed away Aug. 29, 2010. Rosary, 6 p.m. today, Imperial Funeral Home, Imperial Mass, 10 a.m. Thursday, Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Interment, Imperial Memorial Gardens. Online Condolences, www.Imperialfunerals.com.

Ralph D. Bundy, Also survived by friends, John and Betty Golob and Mike and Beverly Asher. Viewing, 4 to 7 p.m. today. Funeral service, 2 p.m. Thursday, both at T.G. McCarthy Funeral Home.

Pamela Van Loon, 80, Arrangements pending with T.G. McCarthy Funeral Home.

Edwin Keith Graham, 85, of Pueblo, passed away on Aug. 26, 2010, after battling cancer. He was born Aug. 2, 1925, in Agnes City, Kan. Edwin married Julia Odom, who preceded him in death. He is survived by his children, John and Julia, and their families. After retirement from Centel, Edwin was always giving of his talents and time. He volunteered at USC Pueblo, and was heavily involved with the Steel City Kiwanis Club, annually working the Little Britches Rodeo and the Junior Miss Pageant. His giving heart was large and humble and it will be missed. Viewing will be held one hour before the service at Roselawn Funeral Home. Funeral service, 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 3, 2010. Roselawn Funeral Home.

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