



Eloy "Freckles" Bustos

September 18, 2021

Eloy "Freckles" Bustos, age 89, passed away on Saturday, September 18, 2021, at his home in Pueblo, CO. He was preceded in death by his parents Ben and Sophie Bustos, brothers Joe Bustos, Bonnie Bustos and Benito Bustos, previous wife of 49 years, Henrietta Bustos and their daughter Brenda Bustos. Freckles is survived by his wife of 6 years Rita Bustos; son Bobby (Lori) Bustos, daughter Bonnie (Karl) Schultz; grandsons Jack Loberg & Jayson Loberg, granddaughter Sarah Starsky, and great granddaughter Jacqueline Loberg. Along with numerous extended family members and dear friends whom he loved dearly, including niece Claudine, and nephews Larry, Jim & Ben Bustos. Freckles was born on July 4, 1932, in Huerfano County, Colorado on his father's ranch. He grew up herding sheep and as he stated, "cowboy'd and rodeo'd until the day, he left for the service in 1953." In 1956, he was honorably discharged and came home to help on the family ranch. There are many a tale to tell about this cowboy. Besides his family, his proudest accomplishments often happened in a horse arena; whether he was judging a Little Britches Rodeo, getting bucked by a bull, or showing off his world class bit and spur collection. Freckles was a proud retiree of the Teamsters Union, where he worked for twenty years. He was a past member of the Colorado Wool Growers' Association, the Colorado Cattlemen's Association, the American Quarter-Horse Association, and the Little Britches Rodeo Association. He was a co-founder and life member of the National Bit, Spur & Saddle Collectors' Association. He was also a lifetime member of the

Professional Rodeo Cowboys' Association. He was awarded numerous trophies and plaques for all his generous humanitarian work. Many Puebloans will fondly remember seeing Freckles upon one of his many horses. Often with one of his beautiful horse carriages in tow. He loved to give free horse and buggy rides to any child and quickly informed them he got 6 miles per bale of hay. It all started at City Park in the 1980's, Union St. West Park, West Side and every parade imaginable. He rode his horse until the end. Just last week, he heard about a loose bull. He saddled up, jumped on his horse, and corralled that bull within minutes, by himself! He never stopped moving. He loved to make people laugh and had a very funny one-liner for every occasion. Freckles had many cherished lifelong friends all over the world. Including his dear friend, Derek Spinuzzi. Freckles was a man of his word and a genuine cowboy to the core. He will be dearly missed by many. A cowboy celebration of life will be held on Saturday, October 2, 2021, 1:00 pm at The Avenue Church: 3030 Thatcher Avenue, Pueblo, CO 81005. Reception to follow at same location. Please wear your favorite cowboy attire.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM.

The Avenue Church

Tribute Wall

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“ *My dad, Fred, grew up with Freckles and they have been many a mile together over the years. They do have plenty of stories to tell and we credit them with the windy day we had last Monday, while they were all in heaven telling stories! We will miss Freckles, his sense of humor and his big heart.*

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