



Ernest C. Roybal

January 18, 2021

Ernest C. Roybal, 89, of Pueblo, went to be with the Lord on January 18, 2021. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 55 years, Norma Roybal; parents, Juan B. Roybal and Clorinda Lobato Roybal; step-son Patrick Martinez; sisters, Eloisa, Emma and Madeline; brothers John and Eddie. He is survived by his loving wife of seven years, Aurora Roybal; children, Ronald (Betty) Roybal, Gary Roybal, Stephanie (Carrol) Chataignier, and Mark (Julianne) Roybal; step-children: Della (Joe) Russo, Diane DeHerrera, Ted Martinez, David Martinez, Mike Martinez, Michelle Ponce, Paul Martinez and Gloria Sandoval; grandchildren Jessica (Joseph Montoya), Ryan and Jacob; great-grandchildren Alissa, Makyla and Xavier; siblings, Orlando Roybal, Dr. Evangeline (Val) Sena, Gloria (Phil) Covarrubias; sisters-in-law Marcella Roybal and Margaret Roybal. Ernest was born and raised in the Ft. Garland/ Blanca area of the San Luis Valley. He was a loving and devoted husband and father. He had a deep faith in the Lord and was a Lecturer and Catechist for many years at The Shrine of St. Therese and St. Joseph Catholic Churches in Pueblo. Ernest was a friend to all and considered whoever he met to be a stranger only once. He graduated from Adams State College in Alamosa in 1954 with emphasis in Education. He entered the US Army after graduation and became expert at writing technical manuals. Upon his exit from military service, Ernest began his teaching career of 33 years beginning in the San Luis R-1 School District and later District 60 in Pueblo, where he taught at both Minnequa Elementary and Corwin Middle

Schools. He was very proud of being one of the founding members of the Pueblo Congress of Hispano Educators. He is remembered by many students as being a caring teacher who always had a great story to share. Ernest was always busy working on cars, building projects and even had a very successful wood hauling business to earn money for the family. He loved to travel and owned many RV's throughout the years, spending many winters in Laughlin Nevada. Ernest married Norma Lobato in 1957 and raised 4 children. Upon her passing in 2012, he joined fellow seniors in the area at the SRDA center. It is there that he met Aurora. They were married in 2013 and have lived happily together until his passing. His family has grown and he loved each and every one as his own. He will be missed dearly. May he Rest in Peace. Private Mass of Resurrection, 10:00 am, Wednesday. Inurnment to follow, Roselawn Cemetery. Service may be viewed through Live stream on Facebook at Romero Family Funeral Home, Pueblo and YouTube at Romero Family Funeral Home Pueblo.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Cemetery

Pueblo, CO

Previous Events

Live Stream - Facebook Romero Family Funeral Home Pueblo

FEB 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
1145 S. Aspen Road
Pueblo, CO 81006

Tribute Wall

VS

“ So happy he received the cardigan he wanted for Christmas :) we'll miss you.



VERONICA SANDOVAL - February 02, 2021 at 09:16 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ernest C. Roybal.



February 01, 2021 at 09:41 PM

MR

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Mark Roybal - January 31, 2021 at 04:00 PM

MR

Memories of my Father, a great man who will be missed dearly.

Mark Roybal - January 31, 2021 at 04:03 PM

MB

Thank you for sharing these memories with us. He truly was a gentle man and one of the greatest generation of Roybals which we are so very fortunate to call family. Nena wrote in her recollections about when he was born at Trinchera when she was 12. She took care of him and he would cry when she left to go to school each day. I will always think of my Uncle Ernie when I hear the soulful music from a harmonica. My thoughts and prayers are with you all as you grieve the loss of your wonderful father.

Maria Boelter - February 02, 2021 at 09:39 PM

DK

Beautiful tribute Mark. Your father would be proud. Love the soundtrack!

Dolores Kurash - February 03, 2021 at 11:57 AM

RT

I taught at Minnequa School and Ernest was teaching the fifth grade. He was well liked by all the students and staff. We sure missed him when he transferred to Corwin Junior High.

Rosanna Trujillo - February 03, 2021 at 01:45 PM

VF

So sorry for your loss. Ernest was a good man. May he rest in peace.

Victoria Arellano and family - February 10, 2021 at 04:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ernest C. Roybal.*



January 31, 2021 at 01:24 PM

ES

“ *Evangeline R. Sena purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Ernest C. Roybal.*



Evangeline R. Sena - January 29, 2021 at 06:14 PM

LC

“ *When I first met Mr. Roybal, I was substituting in the District and spent many, many days at Corwin, where he was teaching. Mr. Roybal took me under his wing, mentoring and advising me, and we shared many a great conversation. When we discovered that I had gone to Central and knew his son Ron, that made him and I have even more great discussions and all, sharing stories of our Spanish heritage via "el valle" and the Huerfano area, where my momma's family had lived. He was such an intelligent and most interesting man, a great teacher, yet he always kept his family first in his heart. After I got hired at Central to teach, we often got to see each other and catch up with each other, and I taught some of his younger kids. He was always so proud of his family and couldn't say enough about all of them. I genuinely admired him. As happens, we often begin to lose contact with people we wish we saw more often. But I want his family to know that this man, whom they have treasured and adored and will truly miss, touched so many, many lives in a good and lasting way, including mine. He has left a lasting legacy of which you can all be so proud. Vaya con Dios, Maestro superior, and know that your time here on Earth among us was a blessing and joy. My sincere sympathy to his family and friends.*

Lois Conatore-Houpe - January 29, 2021 at 01:54 AM

WR

“ *With Much Love & Sympathy, Della & Joe Russo purchased the Rose Impression Casket Spray for the family of Ernest C. Roybal.*



With Much Love & Sympathy, Della & Joe Russo - January 28, 2021 at 04:26 PM



“ *Thoughts & Prayers was purchased for the family of Ernest C. Roybal.*



January 28, 2021 at 09:54 AM

TF

“ *We are truly sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you and your family. - The Franks*

The Franks - January 28, 2021 at 09:31 AM

AR

*I am so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers & sincere condolences to your family.
Anna Ruiz, a Friend of Ronald Roybal.*

Anna Ruiz - January 28, 2021 at 03:10 PM

DR

*Your father will forever remain in our thoughts & prayers as our father, as well. We loved him very much too.
Forever your "sis", Della Russo (Aurora's daughter)*

Della Russo - January 28, 2021 at 04:31 PM

ES

I have many memories of growing up with a wonderful big brother. He always took good care of me and protected me as his little sister. I have always admired him for his hard working ethic, and his love and care for his family. I will miss our phone calls, but his spirit will always be with us.

Evangeline R. Sena - January 29, 2021 at 06:31 PM