



Ernest C. West

March 6, 1946 - March 17, 2021

Ernest C. West Jr., passed away in his home in Pueblo, surrounded by his loving family, on March 17th, 2021. He was 75 years old. He was born March 6, 1946 in Chicago, IL to Barbara Chilcote West and Ernest C. West Sr. He was preceded in death by his parents and his grandmother who raised him, Goldie Chilcote. He grew up in GlenEllyn, IL. He joined the Marine Corps in 1964 and served in Vietnam and earned two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star. He married Lola Annette Lee in 1977. He proudly served his country for four years in the Marine Corps. and 14 years in the Army Special Forces. He received his Bachelor's of Science from UCCS, his Masters degree from Webster University, and his DBA from California Coastal University. After he settled in Colorado Springs, Ernie started teaching at Blair College, National College/National American University, Denver Technical College. Pikes Peak Community College, Pueblo Community College, Colorado Technical University, and Adams State University. He was involved in Bethel UMC, SonRise UMC, and held leadership roles in The American Legion Post 2, American Legion Riders, Marine Corps League Detachment #1376 and the Veterans Council of Pueblo. Through the Boys and Girls of Pueblo, he taught Karate alongside Sensei Greg Garcia for ten years, teaching 460 students. Survived by his loving family including his wife of 43 years, Lola; children, Darla Smith (Cary), Ernest Charles West III, Victor Ernest West (Sara), Tanya Annette West (Harley), Sarah Michelle West Herrera (Shaun); and grandchildren, Kimberly, and Kristopher West, Taylor West, Mackenzie

Killough, Michael Vialpondo, Emily and John Barney, Alyssa Sykes, Kayla and Joseph West, Lux Herrera; and his constant companion Princesszin. At Ernest's request, cremation has taken place with services at a later date.

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“ You will be truly missed brother, take care and we'll see ya soon. Santa Eddie



Santa Eddie - March 27, 2021 at 09:42 AM