



Joe A. Vigil

April 24, 1924 - May 2, 2019

Joe Aristo Vigil, born April 24, 1924 in Passcreek, Colorado the son of Albert Vigil, 3/6/1894 - 4/1/1972, and Silviana Garcia Vigil, 4/17/1897-8/9/1970, ended his adventure on May 2, 2019 in Carle hospital in Urbana Illinois with his daughter, Judy Diane and granddaughter, Jacki at his side. He was a great family man, quiet, loyal, patient and kind. Seldom raising his voice and never uttering foul language around his daughters or women. He took care of his wife, Anita Medina Vigil after she developed dementia until her passing in 9/29/2008 of a CVA and then took care of his youngest daughter, Sherri Ann Vigil (12/25/1963) until her passing of scleroderma 1/28/2012. He was a hard working man and started working at the age of 9 when after skipping so much school his father gave him an ultimatum, school or work. He chose work and from then on he could be found out in the hills with a herd of sheep and his dog Shep. Often left there alone for days at a time. As a teenager he attempted to join the work force at the army depot until they found that he was not yet 16 years of age. He often said of himself that he was a jack of all trades as he could do plumbing, carpentry, electrical, welding and driving BIG trucks as well as fixing clocks/watches or any type of engine or motor. Suffering a broken back while working at the Pueblo brick yard he underwent surgery which involved fusion of his spine with stainless steel wires. As he got older these wires broke and he was often in terrible pain from his back injury. He didn't let this stop him from working to support his family. He worked for over thirty years as a heavy equipment operator on just about every road in

Colorado. He made friends easily and was always ready to help anyone in need, frequently towing home someone he found stranded on the roadside. They would eat a meal with us and often slept overnight until he got their vehicle running again, never expecting compensation and often handing over a few dollars to see them on their way. He loved the outdoors and was a great hunter and fisherman. One of his favorite memories is the elk hunt with a favorite cousin Ernest Garcia and his family in Meeker. He was especially close to his first cousin Eddie Vigil and they often took their families on fishing/camping trips. He loved all animals but especially horses and apes especially the silverback gorilla and elephantoodies. Baby animals had his heart on sight although his Spanish machismo required him to try to cover this up so as not to have this "weakness" exposed. He enjoyed feeding the squirrels. Joe was preceded in death by his parents; younger sister, Maria Adonisa (Mary) Montoya, 12/9/2009; wife and daughter. He leaves his oldest daughter, daddies girl, Judy Diane Vigil Sheets (6/21/1950); two granddaughters, his namesake, Jody Lynn Sheets Lambert (5/31/1976) (Tim); and his hita, Jacki Rene' Sheets Pasquale (7/21/1977) (Jamie) and the light of his life, great grandson Dean Garret Lambert (6/2/1996). Each of which he loved dearly. His older sister Maria Eclopatria Gomey (5/5/1921) and younger brother Fernando Vigil 7/15/1929, numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family, friends and acquaintances. Joe will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him dearly

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's North

Walsenburg, CO

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 15. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (MT)

Romero Family Funeral Home
110 Cleveland St.
Pueblo, CO 81004
(719) 583-1313
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Rosary Service

MAY 15. 6:00 PM (MT)

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Visitation

MAY 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Holy Family Catholic Church
2827 Lakeview Avenue
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Mass of the Resurrection

MAY 16. 11:00 AM (MT)

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