



Joseph R. Duran

March 19, 1941 - April 13, 2015

Joseph R. Duran, 74, of Trinidad, passed away in Pueblo on Monday, April 13, 2015, after a long illness. He was preceded in death by his father, Eugene Duran; and his sister Ruby Joy Duran-Maez. He is survived by his daughter, Xellina (Daniel) Wieland; granddaughter, Victoria; mother, Jennie Duran; siblings, Tom (Janet), David (Karen), Bernadine, Rose (Richard) Cozette, Larry (Roma), Phillip and Dorothy; cousins, Marcia (Bob) Robinson; and numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Born and raised in Aguilar, the son of Eugene and Jennie (Jimenez) Duran. He was the second born and oldest son of 9 children. Joe graduated from Aguilar High School in 1959. He attended TSJC before enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps. After his military service, he would go on to attend the University of Northern Colorado. Later, he would settle in Trinidad. He would work odd jobs over the years. He was content to just get by and be able to lend a hand when needed. He even spent a short time working alongside his father in the coal mines. In later years, this would allow him the ability to provide transportation for his mom from Aguilar to Trinidad on a regular basis. He would often be seen outside grocery stores waiting for her to finish her shopping. Joseph was a great storyteller. He would often hold court in the Del Monico on Main St. His daughter would later compare him to Edward Bloom from the movie Big Fish. One of her favorite stories was about her great grandmother and Pancho Villa. Xellina has selected the following quote which describes him best. "In telling the story of my father's life, it's impossible to separate fact from fiction, the

man from the myth. The best I can do is to tell it the way he told me. It doesn't always make sense and most of it never happened... but that's what kind of story this is." ~ William Bloom, Big Fish

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **24**. 3:00 PM (MT)

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