



## Louis Salas Sr.

January 20, 2022

Louis Salas Sr. (“Big Lou” or “Salas”), 87, died peacefully at Allison Senior Care Facility in Lakewood, Colorado on January 20, 2022. Big Lou was born on October 19, 1934 in Clayton, New Mexico to Max and Antonia “Queenie” Salas. He was the third of ten children. He moved to Pueblo early in his life, where he raised his own family. He tragically lost two of his sons, and his later years were deeply impacted by their loss. He was no stranger to hard work. As a teenager, he worked on the Mesa farms. Later in life he took a job at Bessemer Auto Parts, where he worked for 40 years. The job required technical know-how and social savvy; two skills he was blessed with in abundance. He would brag about his affable customer service, noting he could gab with the old guys and “rap down with the bros.” In 1991 he was recognized as National Counterman of the Year for his tireless efforts; he proudly displays the award in his home to this day. He could also play as hard as he worked. If he wasn’t tending to his garden or tinkering in his garage, he was catching up with friends or taking a stroll at Central. He was quick to befriend strangers, had a story for every occasion, and was an avid listener with a curious mind. He loved - loved - his grandchildren (and now great-grandchildren). He lived for family gatherings and felt at home in nature, particularly when fishing at San Isabel Lake. He was an early-riser, eager to embrace his morning coffee, sweet pastry, newspaper, and word search. His sweet tooth was matched only by his love for green chili and beans. Big Lou is survived by his siblings; John Raymond “J.R.”, Rebecca (Mike) Baros, Tony

(Carol), Joseph (Marina), LeRoy, Felix (Charlotte), his sons; Louis Salas Jr. (Annie), Ronnie (Julie); his grandchildren, Staci Cruikshank (Bryan), Karli (Brandon), Spenser, Carter, Jessie, Kelle (Eric) Gutierrez, Cassidy; and great-grandchildren; Jacob, Logan Cruikshank, Melody Nakayama, Mason Nakayama, Poppy Crase, Kennedy Gutierrez and Layla Gutierrez (...and one more coming later this winter). He was preceded in death by his parents, Max and Queenie; his wife; Theresa Margie Ann Salas "T.M.A.S.", his brothers; Max (Gloria), Ernie (Flora), Ezekiel (Mary Frances), his sons; Robert ("Bobbie") and Les (Pam), and daughter-in-law Patti. He will be dearly missed by all those who knew and loved him. Memorial Service, 10:00 am, Saturday, April 30, 2022, Romero Family Funeral Home followed by inurnment, Imperial Memorial Gardens. Service may be viewed through Live stream on Facebook at Romero Family Funeral Home Pueblo and YouTube at Romero Family Funeral Home Pueblo.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR **30**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Romero Family Funeral Home  
110 Cleveland St.  
Pueblo, CO 81004  
(719) 583-1313  
romeroffh@live.com

## Inurnment

APR **30**. 11:30 AM (MT)

Imperial Memorial Gardens  
5450 W. Highway 78  
Pueblo, CO 81005

# Tribute Wall

RD

“ I knew Lou in the late 60's. I worked at Cliff's Texaco on Lake Ave and Lou worked at Bessemer Auto. He was FUN! He would deliver parts to us and when he drove up he would holler "BESSEMER AUTO". He stretched it out for 5-10 seconds. What a kick he was. Always upbeat and full of fun. He would make our day. My sincere condolences to Lou's family. -Ron Dehn

Ron Dehn - April 27, 2022 at 08:16 PM

MM

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Lou's passing. He spent many hours enjoying a beer and telling stories in my dad's grocery store butcher shop. He was a good man with a kind heart. He will be missed. With deep sympathy. Marilyn (Samples) Moran

Marilyn Moran - April 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM

JH

“ My Uncle Louie used to come to my Dad & Moms. House to help my dad when he was remodeling he would come with with their cousins and they would get the job done. My dad had Ernie had a name for his sons Louie the Lug, Ronnie the Bull & Les he would always tease him calling him Pam. I regret that we were not close cousins we would play together when we kids but we probably won't even know each other when we see other. Hope to see Little Louie & Ronnie.

With Love ❤️ your cousin Janice

Janice Hooks - April 23, 2022 at 04:33 PM

JH

I just wanted to say that I love you ❤️ cousins

Janice Hooks - April 23, 2022 at 04:35 PM

KM

“ I love this man as he was like a 2nd dad to me and was so saddened to hear of his passing and to see Big Lou and my mom both in the same obituary... he was a good man, he will be forever remembered for his love to my family... Rest easy Big Lou, Love Kim aka Gina lol Josh aka JJ and Jayden

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**Kimberly Morita** - April 23, 2022 at 12:31 AM