



## Michael L. Salas

November 17, 2020

Michael L. Salas, 70, of Pueblo, passed away unexpectedly on November 17, 2020. He was preceded in death by his mother, Adelina Garcia; and his grandson, Brenden Diamond. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Rosalina Salas. They would have celebrated their 47th Anniversary on December 14th. He is also survived by his daughters, Terra (Bubba) Diamond and Erica (Gary) Lucero; special granddaughter, Marissa Salas; grandchildren, Destin, Tristan, Domenic, Terryn, and Vivian; sister, Connie (Ron) Meek; Godson/nephew, Jason (Mytae) Wallace; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins; extended family and friends. Michael joined the Army in 1968 and was a proud Vietnam Veteran. He enjoyed a successful career at the Government Printing Office in Pueblo where he began as a janitor and worked his way up to a supervisory position. Michael and Rose decided to share their love of music and dancing by creating the Little Rose DJ Service in 1997, which continued until his passing. He was dedicated to his family and friends and was especially proud of his affiliation with the Pueblo Fraternal Order of Eagles #145 since 1993, where he was serving as Worthy President for a second term. He was a member of Holy Family Parish and will be greatly missed by his loving family and the Pueblo community.

# Tribute Wall

AA

“ I was shocked to hear about the passing of Uncle Mike. He was always so good to our family and while I hadn't seen him in awhile, he will be missed! My fondest memories are of him and Auntie Rosie leading the wedding march at my own wedding back in 97, thank you for that memory!

*Sending my love & condolences - Antoinette Ayala-Steffen*

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**Antoinette Ayala-Steffen** - January 08, 2021 at 03:04 PM

TD

“ I'm going to miss you grandpa!! You were truly an all around great person. I will always remember when you and grandma took us to Disney land as a kid. Going to miss seeing you drinking your coffee when I'd be going to work early in the morning. Someday we will be able to see eachother again. Love you grandpa!! Long live Mike Salas.

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**Tristan Diamond** - January 01, 2021 at 01:13 AM



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**Terra Diamond** - December 24, 2020 at 03:08 PM

TD

“ I Don't know where to start... I Spent many summers with my Gramma and Grampa and I was sure spoiled crazy. I would always have a blast with both my Gramma and Grampa. My Grampa would always give me all his attention and made me smile so much. I will never forget him getting under the dinning room table to play with me. Little things like that will make me smile forever. My Grampa was a great man and such a pure person. He will always have a place in my heart along with all the memories shared. I love you so much Grampa with everything in me. Your presence will be missed dearly. <3



Terryn Diamond - December 24, 2020 at 02:08 AM



Grampa loved you dearly as well Baby. I remember Gramma telling me you would have Grampa under the dining room table for hours and also playing with the play kitchen downstairs, making pretend meal after pretend meal. ❤️❤️❤️

Terra Diamond - December 24, 2020 at 02:22 AM



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Terra Diamond - December 21, 2020 at 09:15 AM



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Terra Diamond - December 21, 2020 at 09:14 AM



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Terra Diamond - December 21, 2020 at 09:09 AM



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**Terra Diamond** - December 21, 2020 at 09:04 AM



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**Terra Diamond** - December 21, 2020 at 08:43 AM



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**Terra Diamond** - December 21, 2020 at 08:39 AM



“ As I sit up late at night at my childhood home having thought after thought repeat over and over in my head, there are just way too many memories to be able to share via this type of forum. I would need to write a series of novels to provide every memory that I have of my Beautiful Dad ever in existence. And even then, I am sure I would still leave out thousands.

*My Dad was my protector. He taught me the importance of always working hard and giving everything my best. Treating everyone with the same respect regardless if they were the Janitor or CEO of an organization. Especially since my Dad was so very talented and hardworking that he started at GPO as a Janitor and worked his way up through the ranks to a Boss. I was always so proud. And still, remember the phone number because I had to call and check-in as soon as we got home from School. I remember it has its own zip code and quirky commercials and always felt a dorky sense of pride. And not to sweat the small shit. (Although the last one I continue to struggle with daily because small shit can turn into big shit very quickly, but I will continue to do my best with it daily for you Dad). I remember my signature calling card of my last name- You can spell it the same frontward and backward. My own kids and husband continue to tease me about this to this day as well as call me Salsa.*

*But what I do remember the most is all the Love, Kindness, Support, and Encouragement both he and my Mom always provided. How hard they always worked to make sure that we had such a good and happy life and childhood. Along with the additional support of my Beautiful Gram who he adored so, My Aunt Connie and Uncle Ron who were also such a big part of our lives, and my Grampa Chuey on my Mom's side, we had EVERYTHING!*

*I can still see him sitting wherever in the house when he was able to actually relax with his pinky finger being gnawed on. His self-coaxing tool. Remember, he had 2 teenage daughters and Little Rose as his wife. God, he loves Little Rose. Her favorite line to him*

*is -Mikey, while you are up.....But the funny thing is he really wasn't up for anything for himself, he would get up to get whatever my Mom's little heart desired. Never complaining. Always happy to get her ice cream, soda, whatever. My Dad also loved his Popcorn. He would go through 2 large refills at the movie before the movie would ever start. I would love to make it for him on my gas stove when he came to visit. Of course, my Mom always trying to wipe his mouth before he could even finish. She is so funny.*

*Dancing and Music- OMG did he love both of these things almost as much as his Little Rose, Kids, Grandkids, and Friends. He would spend hours purchasing and loading music and even more choreographing dances that he loved to share with his loved ones, friends, and fellow Eagle Members. And damn was he smooth on his feet. Unfortunately, I did not inherit that trait, even though my Beautiful Burgz and other kids did. My parents could dance in all genres/types. And they are so good. I was always in AWE the way they would glide over the floor of my old middle school roller rink hangout. They LOVED it! He loved his business.*

*I loved it when they were able to come to LV to visit, even though the visits were never long enough. Especially after my Grams passing and me not wanting to come back here any longer. He was the absolute best Son any Mom could ever ask for. My Gram adored him and he adored my Gram.*

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**Terra Diamond** - December 17, 2020 at 10:13 AM

RU

*Your dad was a wonderful person, your tribute allowed me to relive so many good times we had with your mom and dad. When he spoke of you it was with a smile on his face and gleam in eyes!*

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**RICHARD URRUTIA** - December 20, 2020 at 06:34 PM



*Thank you 🤔 When I speak of him it is the same.*

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**Terra Diamond** - December 21, 2020 at 06:55 AM



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*The smell of my parent's room when they were getting dolled up for their night out at the Eagles I will never be able to experience again. His cologne, hairspray, and my Mom's perfume was such a joyous happy scent I wish I could have bottled and kept forever. When they would dress up I would still be in awe no matter how old I was. It was so exciting for me to see how much pride they had in everything they did together. And they did EVERYTHING together.*

*He also loved to cook and I learned how to make so many dishes from my Dad which is not necessarily common but I will always cherish. I am also so glad I was able to share some of my gained knowledge over the years back with him as well.*

*His love of everything Grandkids also melts my heart. He saved random sticky notes, paper cards, and rocks from over 26 years ago when he came to visit us in AZ, and so many other random trinkets because to him those items held special value and sentiment.*

*I will miss calling just for random advice or just to tell him something totally dumb and irrelevant, (One of those sweating the small shit types of things) But just having him listen always made me feel better.*

*My love of beautiful vehicles also came from my Dad. It was not ever very common for a girl to be interested in things like that, but it was something we were able to share and love together. I am also so glad that my Boys ended up with an interest in cool cars as well and they continue with the hobby even though they are so much better at it than either myself or my Dad with building and maintaining them.*

*The house now is just not the same even though I know he will always be filling the halls with his continued love and watching over his Little Rose. Hopefully helping her find her glasses she misplaces*

*at least 15x's a day.*

*Seeing all the love that has been shared for my Dad has filled my heart with so much pride for I can see how much he was adored by so many and how much he will be missed. Reading the memories and cards that my mom has received makes me burst with pride in knowing that my Dad was truly a great man who was true inside and out during his entire life and always cared so much for everyone in his life.*

*Dad- I Love you with all my heart. I know that you are leading the biggest dance party in the sky right now and you and Burgz are probably choreographing the biggest production ever. I will make sure that I take care of your Little Rose for you for the time being and you will be watching over us keeping us safe. Until we can become a part of the big show in the sky we will hold it down here.*

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**Terra Diamond** - December 17, 2020 at 10:12 AM

RM

*“ Will see you again some day. We will chow down on some prime rib, beans, and potatoes! Thinking of all the family and you....*

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**Ron Meek** - December 15, 2020 at 12:06 PM

WH

*“ We send our heart felt condolences to Rose and family. Hearing of Mike's passing shocked and sadden us. He will be missed not only by his family and friends in Pueblo but also by his friends in Knoxville, Tennessee.  
Sadly, Bill & Beverly Hughes*

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**William Hughes** - December 07, 2020 at 01:34 PM

AA

“ Mike was the “Bomb” dancer and together with his beautiful DJ wife, Rose they danced and taught many of us to line dance, even my Nina!!! No matter where he was, so was Rose. Together, they fundraised for different causes, DJd at many special events in our lives and within our community. A beautiful human...he played straight guy to Rosie’s jokes! A cool, kind, responsible, respectful, and fun-loving type of friend and family guy! Mike, you are missed already. Fly with the angels and give all of our loved ones our love. Rest In Peace and May God’s Perpetual Light shine upon you. My heart is aching for Rose and her family. I love you, Rose. May God hold you all in His loving arms, heal you and keep you all safe. Peace and Love, Abbey Algiene 🌹🌹🌹

Abbey Algiene - December 05, 2020 at 08:16 PM



“ Mike was the first cool person I remember meeting as a child. He had a Hot Rod in the Garage, a pool table in the basement, the best music on tap and his own bowling ball! He could dance so good it made jaws drop. Thank you Uncle Mike. You set the standard and we’re trying to follow 🙏

Beau Meek - November 29, 2020 at 06:43 PM

EV


“ Our family offers heartfelt condolences to Rose and her family. Our hearts are broken with Mike's loss. Mike and Rose provided a welcoming place for so many people to go and enjoy a safe night with others at the Eagles 145. Many of those evenings helped us through difficult evenings in our life . Mike was a gentleman always and driven in doing worthy tasks for the community. John knew Mike since they were in 5th grade. Mike's mother lived across the street from my parents..... a great family. Mike's spirit will live on in our hearts and in the dance steps of many, many friends. Thank you Mike for your generous contribution to our community. There is a candle burning bright in our home for you. Abrazos, John and Eve Muniz Valdez

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**Eva Muniz Valdez** - November 29, 2020 at 10:38 AM

VA

“ Rosie and family, I was do saddened to hear of Mike's passing. I have known you both since the 70's and it's with a heavy heart I write this. I pray God will give you some peace and comfort in the days and months ahead. You will be in my prayers. God bless you!

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**Viola Archuleta** - November 28, 2020 at 12:08 PM

 Sandra Salazar

“ My cousin Mike was the sweetest caring and selfless person I know! He loved with all his heart! He was the best son to his mommacita! The world will not be the same without him! Love and prayers to his family...my family! May God give you all comfort!!



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**Sandra Salazar** - November 28, 2020 at 11:05 AM

TR

“ it is through a broken heart and much sadness that we read our Mikes obituary. it is a beautiful picture of Mike.we will never ever forget him ,it was going to his and little Roses dances and music that got my husband and I through some tough losses in our life in a close amount of time. Mike and Rose ,you have a special place in our heart , we will never ever forget you. and through sadness we give our deepest condolences to you Rosie and your beautiful family. you will always be in our thoughts and prayers. Tm and Phyllis Roldan.

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**Tim and Phyllis Roldan** - November 27, 2020 at 03:47 PM

JG

“ Rose and family, I am so sorry to hear of Mike passing. Hold in your hearts all the memories of him. Prayers to all of you  
Jodean Guay

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**jodean Guay** - November 27, 2020 at 02:39 PM

DM

“ Our sincere condolences to the Salas Family for their loss. Mike, although a small man in stature, was a giant personality. His caring for people and dedication to the community will be missed. His giving of self and his sharing of Little Rosie's DJ service will be missed. His countless hours of giving free dance lessons at the Eagles Aerie 145 will be missed. His quick wit and teasing of family and friends will be missed. His leadership, countless hours of volunteering at many events and cleanup at Eagles Aerie 145 will be missed. Thank you, Mike, for your service to our country, our community and for your friendship. Rest in peace , our friend. As with everything else you will be greatly missed by us. We love you,Rosie, and place you in our arms in a perpetual hug...Dan and A Montoya

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**Dan Montoya** - November 27, 2020 at 12:02 PM

DM

*I am just heartbroken about this loss. It has touch home so much . I want to express my deepest condolences to Lil Rose & her family. Your friendship has always meant so much. Thank you mike for being a good friend& a big impact to the Eagles & the community. Also thank you for your service. You will be miss very much. The Eagles will never be the same. Thanks for always playing mine & John's special songs. Please tell him hi & that I miss him.....Diane Martinez😭*

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**Diane martinez** - November 27, 2020 at 01:03 PM

DM

“ 2 files added to the album Memories



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**Dan Montoya** - November 27, 2020 at 11:16 AM

RW

“ To the entire Michael Salas Family--my most deepest and sincere sympathy to you.

*Mike truly personified the term "gentleman",He possessed all the qualities that we should all aspire to.*

*I had the privilege of knowing Mike back in high school and he was always one of the nicest, kindest,giving person you would ever meet.*

*The purpose of human life is to serve and to show compassion and the will to help others, this is a true measure of man and Mile was certainly the epitome of this concept.*

*May your heart and soul find peace and comfort and may he rest in peace and may Gods perpetual light shine upon him.*

*Richard Wallace*

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**Richard Wallace** - November 27, 2020 at 10:47 AM

RB

“ Mike was the best Brother-In-Law anyone could ever have. He was like a real brother to me, and we had many many wonderful times together. Mike, Rosie, Terra, Erica, and Mom Lena made me feel like one of the family from the very beginning after I married his sister Connie 36 years ago. I will always be thankful that I am a member of such a wonderful loving family. I love you, I will miss you, and I will see you again. Give Mom Lena a big hug for me. Rest in Peace.

*Ron Meek*

*Dr.RonMeek@gmail.com*

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**Ron Meek - Brother-In-Law** - November 27, 2020 at 12:32 AM

MB

“ Anyone who knew Mike loved him. He will be so missed and it will leave a void in our hearts forever. Prayers and love to Rose and family. Our hearts are broken and our tears flow for we lost a wonderful man and a great friend

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**Mary Barovich** - November 26, 2020 at 09:18 PM

MM

“ We are so sorry for you & your family's loss. With sympathy, Ron & Michelle Madrid

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**Michelle Madrid** - November 26, 2020 at 07:25 PM

DO

“ Condolences Rosie sorry Mike has passed away you are in our prayers 🙏 peace be with you. John and Diane Oreskovich

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**Diane Oreskovich** - November 26, 2020 at 03:32 PM

PL

“ Fred and I would like to extend our deepest condolences to Rose and family. As members of Eagles 145, I will always remember Mike's hard work, dedication, professionalism and as a friend. May he rest in peace.

Sincerely,  
Fred and Pat Lujan

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**Patricia Lujan** - November 26, 2020 at 11:00 AM

MR

I am so very sorry for the loss of your beloved, Mike. May God comfort you and your family during this most difficult time in your life. And may you cherish the beautiful memories of him. 🙏

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**Margaret Rojas** - November 27, 2020 at 12:06 PM

SL

*Bob and I send our Condolences to the Sales Family.  
Bob and Shirley Leonard*

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**Shirley Leonard** - November 29, 2020 at 01:09 PM

TN

*To Little Rose and the entire family of Mike Salas, we would like to extend our deepest condolences. We were so saddened by Mike's passing. We were just talking to him at the Eagles playing cornhole. May GOD fill your hearts with his PEACE that surpasses all understanding. Mike we're going to miss you so much. Rest in peace friend. GOD BLESS YOU ALL*

*Sincerely,  
Gene & Theresa Naranjo*

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**Theresa A Naranjo** - November 29, 2020 at 04:19 PM

GV

*My condolences to Rose and family. Of all the people that will miss Mike you can add the neighbors in the neighborhood. With fewer and fewer neighbors getting to know each other Mike was always quick with a smile and wave any time he passed a neighbor outside.*

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**Greg Valencia** - December 01, 2020 at 08:03 PM