



Ralph Rizo Jr

July 15, 1959 - December 13, 2025

Ralph Rizo Jr, 66, of Pueblo, CO passed away on December 13, 2025. He loved and adopted many non blood relatives as family; many considered him father, grandfather and mentor. He was preceded in death by his parents, Rafael and Jennie Rizo; and in-laws, Jesus and Esther Garza. He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Maria Esther Rizo; children, Pauline Zaragoza, JJ Aparicio, Tim (Rose) Rizo, Jacob Rizo and Alyssa "Alisa" Rizo; grandchildren, Sophia, Tiago, João, Iroh and numerous other grandchildren and great grandchildren; siblings, Hector (Elena) Rizo, Stevie (Teresa) Rizo, Rodrick (Amy) Rizo and Michelle (Glenn) Wathern; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, extended family and friends. His legacy and teachings will live on in all of those who loved him and were loved by him. Ralph loved to be outdoors and in nature, he often marveled at God's creation. He enjoyed competition shooting and building firearms, and going to the gym to workout. He was a man of unwavering faith, who was heavenly involved in church community at Fellowship of the Rockies. He loved God and was devoted to his family. It was an honor and privilege to have loved and been loved by Ralph, many will continue loving and missing him. Services to honor Ralph's legacy and celebrate his life will be held at Fellowship of the Rockies church on January 7th at 10 am. Reception to follow.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Fellowship of the Rockies
3892 W. Northern
Pueblo, CO 81005

Tribute Wall

DV

“ *Ralph a good friend. I enjoyed working out with weights our freshman year in high school at the Rizo residence. And walking and joking on the way home from junior high until we had to go separate ways. I will always have a warm spot for the Rizo family in my heart. See you you in heaven buddy, be ready to do more super sets with weights.* ”

Dennis Vandenhoeck - February 09 at 02:47 PM

LA

“ *Love, Jeff, Julie, Cory& Nova Aguirre purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Ralph Rizo Jr.* ”



Love, Jeff, Julie, Cory& Nova Aguirre - January 07 at 10:43 AM

LA

“ *Love, Jeff, Julie, Cory& Nova Aguirre planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph Rizo Jr.* ”

Love, Jeff, Julie, Cory& Nova Aguirre - January 07 at 10:43 AM

FT

“ *Our deepest condolences to the family. Ralph was a good friend, role model and a devoted man of God. He was always there when he was needed, and he was always ready to have a party. We pray God's peace surrounds you and your family during this difficult time.* ”

Frank & Trish Toscano - January 07 at 12:05 AM

FF

“ From Frank and Trish Toscano Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ralph Rizo Jr.



From Frank and Trish Toscano Family - January 07 at 12:02 AM

RF

“ Rizo Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph Rizo Jr.

Rizo Family - January 06 at 05:16 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ralph Rizo Jr.



January 06 at 05:16 PM

FA

“ Francine,Aunt Natalie,Aunt Naomi Aguirre planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph Rizo Jr.

Francine,Aunt Natalie,Aunt Naomi Aguirre - January 05 at 04:38 PM

FA

“ *Francine, Aunt Natalie, Aunt Naomi Aguirre purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Ralph Rizo Jr.*



Francine, Aunt Natalie, Aunt Naomi Aguirre - January 05 at 04:38 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph Rizo Jr.*



January 05 at 03:08 PM

RT

“ *Rizo Family- San Antonio, Tx purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ralph Rizo Jr.*



Rizo Family- San Antonio, Tx - January 05 at 12:08 AM



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January 04 at 10:02 PM

AM

“ Alijah Mancilla sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph Rizo Jr



Alijah Mancilla - January 04 at 09:10 PM

AM

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Alijah Mancilla - January 04 at 09:08 PM

AM

“ He was helping me learn to clean guns and teaching me gun safety rules and told me stories about when he was a cop RALPH WAS A KIND AND GENNORISE MAN.

Alijah Mancilla - January 04 at 08:56 PM

AM

He never stopped smiling

Alijah Mancilla - January 04 at 09:08 PM

ZA

“ Zaragoza/Morris/Ward planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph Rizo Jr.

Zaragoza/Morris/Ward - January 03 at 10:11 AM

ZA

“ Zaragoza/Morris/Ward purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ralph Rizo Jr.



Zaragoza/Morris/Ward - January 03 at 10:11 AM



“ Sorry to hear about the loss of Ralph, had such good times with him when we were friends, @ the underground church.. playing games @ your house with Maria the "gamemaster" and shooting prairie dogs off the back porch.also our small men's group had a big impact on me.. he always was so welcoming to me and camice , I always was tickled by his vocabulary, he used to always used the word JUXTAPOSED ,but he never made me feel less then him.... you'll be missed are long lost friend. .. Robert and camice



Robert Hernandez - January 01 at 09:43 PM

JM

“Ralph will be missed by so many family and friends. I have great memories with him: years ago we'd go to Karate classes together at the YMCA, I also remember working with him in Juvenile Hall and Probation. For a time we worked at Pride Academy on Truxtun ave. He as the Probation Officer and me as the Mental Health Case Manager and the students and staff would call us team Rizo. He was more like a brother and enjoyed extended family gatherings. He and his wife Maria even came to Mexico to to visit 2 years ago and showed interest in moving here. Once we went looking at houses for sale and he was ready to sign on the dotted line right then and there haha. I will miss our conversations where we talked about everything from the 1970s to Probation days to our future. He even invited Susan and I to his house in Colorado many times and now I'm finally going but unfortunately, for his funeral.

Javier Rizo Martinez - January 01 at 08:23 PM



“Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ralph Rizo Jr.



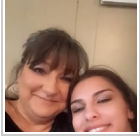
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JF

“Jorge and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ralph Rizo Jr.



Jorge and family - December 31, 2025 at 05:38 PM



“ Ralph will be greatly missed my me! I already miss him saying “Paulina” in his little song songy way. Ralph you not only opened up your home but your heart to this broken girl 35 years ago. I’m so blessed that you called me daughter! I’m grateful that God put you in my path, only he knows how id have wound up with out the love and prayers from you and Maria! Ya’ll saved me. I will miss you your big bear hugs, you advice to find God even in my messes, and you’re wise advice. And let’s not forget the jokes.... I’ll miss your “capping” on us all. Love you!!!!

Pauline Danette - December 29, 2025 at 06:16 PM

WB

I am so greaful for the selfless love you showed toward my family. Your encouraging words, "to allow the infinite Love of God to heal my broken spirit". Thank you thank you for praying for my children. Go Rest High on that Mountain, your reward will be great.

Weltha Biggs - December 29, 2025 at 07:20 PM



“ My sincere condolences go out to cousin Ralph’s family. May all the wonderful memories that were made throughout the years, be of great comfort during this time. Sending hugs and love from Riverside, Ca.

Delia Riley - December 28, 2025 at 06:16 PM

GC

“ My Condolences to my cousin Ralph’s family, I was deeply saddened to hear of his passing. We always looked forward to seeing him and his family back in town and visiting with our family. He will be missed he always made family a priority and made it a point to visit with everyone that would show up at our reunions. It won’t be the same without his presence there , but we do know he was a man of faith and is rejoicing in Heaven. I’m always very appreciative to how he treated me with love and kindness. Ralph was my big cousin and I always looked up to him and am grateful for his friendship and how he was loving to all of us . My prayers for Maria and their children as this is a very difficult moment that they are going thru , may God bless you and give you all peace.

Gerardo Castro - December 27, 2025 at 06:45 PM

TJ

“ My deepest condolences to the Rizo family. I met Ralph when he first moved here from California. We worked together and often carpoled before he later moved to Pueblo. Ralph had a way of using big words that would become the “word of the day,” and it always made work more enjoyable. I truly cherished the time I spent working with him. He was an amazing human being who will be deeply missed. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Tracie Johnson

Tracie Johnson - December 25, 2025 at 07:26 AM

JH

Ralf, I knew you only briefly from the YMCA. I sensed a gentleness and kindness not often found today. I helped you, best I knew how, in your last moments, but it fell far short. I will not forget you. Jeff Hawkins

Jeff Hawkins - December 29, 2025 at 07:00 PM

SS

Grateful to call him friend. Many good faith chats in men's group. I always left our conversations feeling everything would be just fine. A wonderful ambassador of the Lord.

Scott Stolte - December 31, 2025 at 07:00 PM

MC

Jr, I am here sitting in your living room remembering the last time tia Juanita and I came to visit. You and Maria made our visit so enjoyable. You were like my older brother! You always gave me advice and guided me about retirement. I remember riding in your sports car and thinking I'm with my cool cousin! I also remember going to Foodmaxx to buy groceries for our Friday dinners with Tio Roy! I miss you so much! Thank you for everything, especially for your prayers for Josiah and me ❤️

Mari Chuy - January 02 at 08:24 PM