



Robert "Bob" Maes

November 22, 2021

Robert "Bob" Maes, passed away peacefully at home on November 22, 2021. He is preceded in death by parents, Joseph (Ben) Maes and Nettie. He was born October 4, in San Diego, California. Soon after the family moved to Walsenburg, CO, then finally to Pueblo where he grew up and went to Sacred Heart Cathedral and St. Francis Primary Schools and graduated from Pueblo Catholic High School. In his 20's he drove a Coke and 7 up /ice delivery truck. Then he worked at the patent office in Washington, D.C. for three years and moved back to Pueblo where he attended Pueblo Jr. College (Southern Colorado State College) and graduated with a degree in business beginning his career in 1969 for the Department of Labor (Job Service) and retiring in 1999. He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Cathy; daughter, Amy (Roger Owens); granddaughter, Katie (Marcus Hall); great granddaughter, Marlee; great grandsons, Luke and Ethan; sister, Darlene (Robert) Navarro; brother, Albert (Al) (Karen) Maes; and numerous nieces and nephews. Bob was an outgoing man with a great sense of humor and warm, generous personality which endeared him to many organizations such as: Rocky Mt. Ser, IAPES, International Association of Professional Employment, Pueblo Latino Chamber and Private Industry Council. He served on many boards when working as the manager of state offices for 30 years. He was a member of Pueblo Charter Lions Club and a lion for 30 years. When he retired from the state, he drove a school bus for District 60 until he hurt his arm. The kids on the bus called him Bobby, the bus driver. They loved to ride his bus, because

if they behaved on the bus, they got pickles on Friday. He loved shopping at stores, collecting coupons and finding bargains. He knew all the cashiers on a first name basis. He and his wife Cathy loved traveling and joined Southern Colorado Social Club. One other of Bob's hobbies besides collecting coupons was entering contests which he did win some grand prizes. Besides making the world's best popcorn, he always gave candy to people who were especially nice and told them thank you for being here. His passion was cars, especially Mopar which he owned and sold many over the years, he absolutely loved Corvettes. Bob was such a fighter against cancer, but his body just gave up. He will be missed by so many, but God needed some of that popcorn in Heaven. Donations can be made to Sangre de Cristo Hospice or Relay for life Pueblo, Team Bobby's Buddies. Rosary. 10:00 am followed by, Mass of the Resurrection, 10:30 am, Monday, December 13, 2021. Christ the King Church. Service may be viewed through Live stream on Facebook at Romero Family Funeral Home Pueblo and YouTube at Romero Family Funeral Home Pueblo. Condolences may be left at www.romerofamilyfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Rosary

DEC 13. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

Christ the King Church
1708 Horseshoe Dr.
Pueblo, CO

Mass of the Resurrection

DEC 13. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

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Pueblo, CO

Tribute Wall

LB

“ *My prayers are with you and the family. What a fight he gave. He is now at peace with no more pain. May God bless you for all what you had done for Bob.*

Cathy, you will be ok within time. No one can ever take your memories. You will laugh and you will cry, but Cathy that is the love that the two of you had.

*Blessings,
Linda Biondolillo*

Linda Biondolillo - December 14, 2021 at 10:56 PM

CC

“ *We will be missing a good friend of over 50 years! We did not get to see Bobby and his family often, but the definition of a good friend is ‘no matter how long it has been between phone calls or visits, the conversation resumes at the point it had been last left off.’ If not for Covid, we would have seen Bobby more over the last couple of years, but there were great phone calls that, as Bob himself, will always be remembered!*

Charles & Gail Croley - December 13, 2021 at 10:42 AM

CC

“ *There was never a time when I would see Mr. Maes that he would not stop and say “hello!” I will miss seeing his smiling face at Albertsons and at Relay Events.*

Sending thoughts and prayers.

*Carrie Chase
“The Rat Pack” Relay team- Albertsons florist.*

Carrie Chase - December 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ Here are a few things about Bob Mars. He never met a stranger in his life. Within minutes after meeting someone, he knew that person’s name, school he graduated from, at least five people they had in common, and what his favorite candy bar was. Bob knew the history of Pueblo, close up and personal, and he shared stories with us about this town from years ago. He brought that history to life and made us laugh and cry at the memories. He had an incredible sense of humor and constantly Pranked me either in person or on the phone. He knew everything there was to know about football and tried to teach me. He believed in God. He believed in treating people decently and honestly. He made the best popcorn in town, maybe even in the state, maybe even in the world. And he was a true friend. And this I know above all, If there is a heaven, and I know he believed there was, he is up there now, filling out coupon forms and entering contests. Always the optimist. A man of courage. A man of honor. That’s Bob Maes

kathy ousatory - December 12, 2021 at 07:13 PM

TT

“ Cathy you know how much I loved Bob. I know how much you are hurting right now and my heart weeps for your loss. My prayer for you and Amy is that God will take you by the hand and lead you through this terrible time. But Bob fought the good fight against this terrible affliction, and it may have taken him, but it did not beat him. Blessings to you and yours. Tom Tucker

Tom Tucker - December 09, 2021 at 03:01 PM

DC

“ Cathy our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God give you peace. Dave and I have always loved you and Bob. We are always here if you need us. Love you

Dave and Debi Clark - December 09, 2021 at 02:40 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Maes.*



December 09, 2021 at 02:34 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Maes.*



December 09, 2021 at 01:12 PM



“ *Bob was an excellent supervisor years ago for me. When my wife passed Bob shared a few words during the service. He and Cathy were friends of my wife. Bob thank you for being a positive guiding influence. A great veteran and thank you for your service. God bless you and your family. With love, Larry Salas*

Larry W Salas - December 08, 2021 at 02:08 PM

NJ

“ I was so sorry, Cathy, to read of Bob's passing. I am blessed to have gotten to know both of you while Ben lived at Wynwood. You were such a wonderful family. May he Rest in Peace and may the Good Lord be with you and your family.



Nola Jackson

Nola Jackson - December 06, 2021 at 07:51 PM

MB

“ Bob and I were roommates when he worked at the Washington, D.C. Post Office and I worked at the Washington, D.C. Police Dept. He was a fine fellow. We had a blast back then - then we went our separate ways. We started back communicating a couple years ago. He sure was a wonderful fellow. I know everyone will miss him.

Malcolm Byrd - December 06, 2021 at 05:55 PM

BB

“ Cathy,
No words can express the loss your feeling & that the many friends are feeling. Bob was one of a kind, thank you God for that, & I will always miss him at our luncheons, His bag of candy, pictures, jokes, humor & his bear hugs were such a joy. But the Kaiser Rolls were the best ever. Memories last in my heart forever & may he rest easy. Much Love to you Always, Bruce Bennett

Bruce Bennett - December 06, 2021 at 01:52 PM

BH

“ I miss Bob already and my heart aches over the loss of a dear friend of many years. We worked together and shared many laughs. He was the most fun person I've ever known. Always helpful and encouraging and very capable of keeping many life's ups and downs in perspective. He will be missed by many and heaven rejoices on his arrival but the loss by us left behind is very difficult. I'm happy that he is no longer in pain and heaven is going to be even a more joyful place with his arrival with bags of popcorn!

Bruce Heffner - December 05, 2021 at 08:53 PM

FP

“ Bob, you will forever be in our hearts for your kindness, passion and lifetime friendship. "Keep the popcorn popping in heaven"
Frank Polzin, Montrose, Colorado

Frank Polzin - December 05, 2021 at 01:10 PM

LM

“ We are so sorry to hear about Bob's passing but know that he is in the comfort of God's arms. A smile comes to my face just thinking of memories I have in my heart. He sure left his mark on this world. May you find peace & comfort in your memories.

Larry & Brenda Maes - December 05, 2021 at 12:42 PM

EC

“ Cathy, we are so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I was fortunate to have worked with both Bob and you, and this friendship has been a blessing to me. Bob's courage and your support of him have been an inspiration to us. We will miss him, and offer our hand in comfort to you, in whatever your need. When I have buttered popcorn, I will think of him.
Amigos, Frank & Edith

Edith Castro - December 05, 2021 at 12:25 PM

GF

“ Bob will be so missed by everyone. He will be especially missed by those of us in the Relay For Life Family. He worked tirelessly to make a difference in the fight against Cancer, and he surely did.

Ginger Flickinger - December 05, 2021 at 11:58 AM

JA

“ Dear Cathy, we are so sorry for your loss. We had heard Bob was ill, and tried to get ahold of you, but didn't have your phone number, or your new address.

Bob was such a kind and caring person. We remember your wedding, and can't believe it was 24 years ago, So glad you both had those years together. We are sorry that we won't be able to make his funeral, but Dave has surgery that morning. If you feel like talking, call me (544-5669). I'd love to talk.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Dave and Jan Chenoweth

jan - December 05, 2021 at 11:51 AM

JD

“ Cacky reading about Bob this am.
What a full life he lead w/ U...
I lost Joe 5/19 heart failure suddenly.
Please be in touch my long life friend& neighbor. 719-654-5628
All my love Jeanie Beanie

Jeanie Donahue-Sowell - December 05, 2021 at 10:14 AM

AC

“ Heartfelt condolences and sympathy on the loss of a good friend, Bob Maes. First met Bob early 1972 as a coworker for the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment. Over the years and while we worked at the same office in Colorado Springs we became good friends. Early on we lived within a block of each other and I still remember catching rides with him to our office on South Wahsatch Street. Later he would be promoted and leave for Leadville, CO. Our paths crossed many times after than and we had many of the same friends and acquaintances from Pueblo. We would always reminisce about the fun times and not so fun times we both experienced. He was a joy to be around always. I will miss Bob. May he now Rest In Eternal Peace.

Al Cordova - December 04, 2021 at 09:49 AM

SH

“ Cathy I am so sorry to hear of Bobs passing. My friend you have lot's of Memories for sure to Cherish Always! May he R.I.P and he is now in the hands of Jesus yes making popcorn!
Sherri Hunter (Montera)

Sherri Medina Hunter - December 04, 2021 at 08:57 AM