



## Santiago Montoya

March 16, 1942 - May 22, 2017

Santiago “Nick” Montoya, 75, passed away on Monday, May 22, 2017 at the Joni Fair Hospice House in Pueblo, Colorado. He was born on March 16, 1942 in Alamosa, Colorado to Santiago and Benita (Garcia) Montoya. Santiago grew up in Alamosa until the age of 7 and then moved to Pueblo. He graduated from Central High School in Pueblo, Colorado in 1960. After high school, he enrolled in barber college and went on to barber at the United States Air Force Academy for 5 years. He then was employed by the Colorado State Hospital as a Housekeeping Supervisor. He retired in 1996 after 30 years of employment. Santiago married Alice (Vigil) in 1964 in Pueblo, Colorado. They were happily married for 53 years. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed camping and fishing. He was also a highly skilled knifemaker and leather craftsman. He enjoyed barbequing on his custom smoker and took pride in his brisket and ribs. He loved having his family over for dinner and movie marathons on the weekends. Santiago was preceded in death by his mother and father; siblings Debbie, Thomas, Florentino, and David. Santiago is survived by his spouse Alice. His sons Scott (Sandra), Nick (America) and Dale (Lupita). Siblings Tina Schaibley, Jean (Rick) Pounds, Maria (Rick) Craig, Lorenzo (Debbie) Montoya, Michael (Penny) Montoya, and Daniel (Cindy) Montoya. Grandchildren Abram, Nicolas, Andrea, Isabela, Ysanne, America-Alicia, and Santiago. Numerous nieces and nephews and countless other relatives. He had very close relationships with his in-laws Vince (Joyce) Vigil, Fred (Sandy) Vigil,

Anita (and the late Jake) Trujillo. A memorial service and barbeque to celebrate his life will be held later this summer to accommodate relatives and friends from near and far. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to the Joni Fair Hospice House (<http://soco Hospice.org>) in his memory. Please specify the donation to go towards the purchase of a new ice machine that is used for the patients and families staying at the hospice.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Oh. Alice, I am so sorry for your loss. He was always friendly to us .  
I will keep you in my prayers.

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**Barbara Mandonado** - May 25, 2017 at 12:48 PM