



## Steven Wayne Avina

November 19, 2020

Steven Wayne Avina, 61, of Pueblo passed away on November 19, 2020. He was preceded in death by his mother, Delphine Avina; and several aunts and uncles. He is survived by his father Jesus Avina, Pueblo; long time companion, Loretta Lucero, Pueblo, brothers, Jess (Jean Leier) Avina, Charlotte NC, and Brian Dutton, Pueblo; aunt, Jennie Salas; great aunt Adeline Aragon, Pueblo; and numerous cousins and friends. Wayne was born in Pueblo to Delphine and Jesus on June 14, 1959. He attended school at Pueblo East High School and graduated from the University of Southern Colorado with a degree in engineering. Wayne worked for many years at the Rocky Flats plant near Denver. Wayne is known as a “super fan” of the Denver Broncos and Nuggets as well as the Colorado Rockies and Avalanche. Wayne loved sports and was known in the community as the “Cachucha (Hat) Man.” the Denver Post once did a story on him for sports and selling sporting merchandise. Wayne will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. A memorial service will be held in 2021 in Pueblo.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I worked in the cubicle next to Wayne at Rocky Flats and we were good friends. We are both from Pueblo, so we bonded immediately. We played on a company softball team - "The Brews Brothers" and would go out for beers afterwards. His favorite restaurant in Denver at the time was the Columbine Steakhouse on Federal which we'd also frequent after games. He was always very generous and would frequently pick up the tab.

Wayne was also a great cook and natural businessman. He made the best enchiladas I've ever eaten! Before Broncos games he'd make up a cooler full of burritos and sell them before the game - he always sold out. I think that helped him to be successful at his hat-man business later.

Although we got different jobs and I eventually got married, we'd see each other occasionally in Pueblo. He was always the same good-natured fella. I'm sad that I won't be able to see him again. I'll miss him and wish his family and friends peace and love as you navigate life without Wayne.

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Michael Colalancia - April 02, 2021 at 10:43 AM



“ I remember Steven from the east side neighborhood. He was two years older than me so I thought he was super old. :) The Avina family was always nice to us. They lived on fifth street and we lived on sixth. (the Romero kids Bennie, Barney Angela and Rosanna) we lived next door to the Cordovas and across the alley from the Vidana family. One time I fell off my bike in front of the Avilna home and Jess or one of the brothers was kind enough to help me up and walk my bike to the corner. condolences on your loss and the east sides loss of another great neighbor.

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Rosanna Rosanna - November 26, 2020 at 06:06 PM