



Bert Potestio Jr.

October 18, 1934 - February 6, 2019

Bert Potestio Jr. 84, born 10-18-1934 in Pueblo CO, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family 2-6-2019 in Avondale CO.

Bert is preceded in death by his parents Bert and Susie Potestio, sisters Theresa, Helen, and Virginia, and brother Vincent. Bert is survived by his long time spouse Peggy Koons, ex wife Beverly, 5 children, Rhonda (Roger) Yochem, Bert Alan Potestio, Jeff (Diana) Potestio, Todd (Angela) Potestio, and James DeGrado. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, sister Leona Schonlau, brother Alfred Potestio, 12 nieces and nephews, 18 great nieces and nephews, numerous cousins and other loved ones.

Bert was a devoted father, grandfather and great grandfather. He loved life and loved to laugh! He loved the land and farmed on his families homestead and raised cattle for over 70 years. He ran the Avondale Water & Sanitation District and was president of the water board since 1989. He worked at CF&I from 1959 well into the 1970s, but left because of his love of farming. He was a major player in the 1977 American Agriculture Movement. In his younger years he was an avid hunter and fisherman.. He played the french horn, played basketball and was an actor in many school plays. He graduated from Avondale High School in 1952. He loved to travel and has been to many places including Grimaldi Italy where his family originated from. Bert was a man who left his mark on this world and will be remembered for his contagious laugh, wonderful sense of humor and the strong love he had for

his family.

Special thanks to Sangre De Cristo Hospice and Bert's numerous friends and family members who have showed so much compassion during this difficult time. Memorial contributions may be made in his name to Sangre De Cristo Hospice.

The Potestio Family would like to invite all who knew and loved Bert to a Celebration of life Friday, Feb. 15th, 2019 at 10 a.m. at the Fr. Charles J. Murray Parish Hall at St. Joseph Church

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB **15**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Fr. Charles J. Murray Parish Hall at St. Joseph Church
1145 S. Aspen Rd.
Pueblo, CO 81006

Tribute Wall

DM

“ I remember when I was in 5th grade and play basketball for potestio Farms and Bert was my coach Jeff potestio and I played on the same team that was a fun time in my life. David Montez

David Montez - June 18, 2019 at 06:12 PM

AT

“ Bert was a special guy. To his family and friends God's Blessing and peace. He made a difference in an area that I was honored to teach and coach in. I was out of town and just found about this loss. Al Tekavec

Al Tekavec - February 28, 2019 at 05:56 PM

BM

“ Sorry for the loss, thoughts & prayers to the family & friends ! RIP , Bob Marino

Bob Marino - February 12, 2019 at 06:31 PM

YO

“ Yochem and Olivares purchased the Bright and Beautiful Spray for the family of Bert Potestio Jr..



Yochem and Olivares - February 12, 2019 at 06:04 PM



“ My cousin Bert was a great man and I'm so sorry we were out of touch for so many years. He always picked me up from the airport in Colorado Springs when I came to visit. We went out many times and had a lot of fun. Bert was fun to be around. I remember Easter one year when we went to church. All of us went, Bert, my parents and aunt Chris. As we walked into the church they gave us a small piece of paper and we were to write our sins down and burn it on the Easter candle. Bert blurts out, "I need a bigger piece of paper!" We all laughed of course! This is the Bert I remember...the one that made me laugh...
I wish I had one more visit...one more time to say goodbye...

Debbie Potestio-Behne - February 12, 2019 at 11:38 AM

EP

“ My cousin Bert And i have been friends for our entire life---except 10 years during WW11 when i lived in S F . we done a lot of happy and crazy things together hunting at the Ranch in Redwing co.--- fishing --- trips to vegas---when he was operated on at Stanford for a heart condition I drove there to visit him a good man he will be missed by all ----- Eugene Anthony Potestio

eugene potestio - February 11, 2019 at 07:24 PM

EP

P S I am a little older than BERT and he always called me His ELDER

eugene potestio - February 11, 2019 at 07:28 PM