



David Gene "Mass" Masser

March 12, 1953 - August 2, 2014

David Gene "Mass" Masser, was born March 12, 1953 and departed this life unexpectedly due to a heart attack, August 2, 2014. Preceded in death by his father, Bob Masser. Dave is survived by his loving mother, Joanne Masser; daughter, Megan Masser- Pope (Darius Pope); and grandson, D.J. Pope; sisters, Donna Masser, Debra Grasmick (David), Jody Farris (Michael) and Bobbi Jo Grieselding (Mike). Nieces and nephews, Justin Rider (Heather), Will Grasmick (Mayra), Ty Grasmick (Kristen), Jordan Farris, Gunnar Farris, Jace Grieselding, Taylor Grieselding; great nieces and nephews, Mikyla Grasmick, Liam Rider, and Ellia Grasmick; blood brother, Mike Escobado; and many extended family and friends. Dave was one of Pueblo's most elite athletes and his faith in God was second to none. He was drafted and played for the Kansas City Royals out of high school in 1971. He played for the Royals organization one season and returned to receive a full-ride scholarship to play basketball at SCSC. Dave also went on to the ISC world tourney six times and tied the record for the most (2) home runs in one game, MVP in 4 state championship wins with Aztec softball club, MVP of travel league for Aztec, the only team from Pueblo, in 1981. He was the only player in travel league history to win triple crown in 1981 as well as numerous all tourney and MVP awards. The family also wishes to give a special thank you to the Escobado and Hasenack families for their loving support and generosity. Viewing will be 6:00pm to 7:00pm, Thursday Aug 7, 2014 at Roselawn Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Service will be 11:00am, Friday, Aug 8, 2014 at Runyon Field (Hobbs

Field). Interment at Roselawn Cemetery. Reception to follow at St. Joseph Church at 4:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to his mother, Joanne, through Roselawn Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Rosary

AUG 7. 7:00 PM (MT)

Roselawn Funeral Home Chapel
1706 Roselawn Rd
Pueblo, CO 81006

Tribute Wall



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of David Gene "Mass" Masser .*



August 08, 2014 at 09:11 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathies.*

I never knew a gentler giant of a man. He was sincere in everything he did and always shared encouragement and understanding.

Bob & Annette Dichard

Bob Dichard - August 07, 2014 at 08:06 PM



“ *I will always remember his warm smile and humor. He was a great athlete and wonderful person. He will be missed.*

Diana Cansino-Alvarado

Diana Alvarado - August 06, 2014 at 10:23 AM

NB

“ Just wanted to extend our deepest sympathy for the Masser family. We were just in Pueblo and saw Dave being honored by Pueblo's Fastpitch Hall of Fame. So sad to hear of his passing. Bob has many fond memories of his softball games they played. His will be greatly missed by Pueblo! Great man! Bobby and Nancy Bonner

Nancy Bonner - August 06, 2014 at 08:00 AM



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Roselawn Funeral Home & Cemetery - August 04, 2014 at 05:13 PM

JT

We wish to extend our deepest condolences to the Masser family. Dave's passing is such a shock. He will be sadly missed. I have so many fond memories of Dave. I was Dave's Old Timer's Coach. His mom, Joanne, would drop him off for practice. He was extremely talented and had all the tools. He hit, fielded, threw and ran equally well. He was a truly gifted athlete. It wasn't until later that I found out that he was only eight years old and actually too young to be playing, but because of his talent I allowed him to play. He hit the ball so hard that I feared for the older kids' safety. No matter what Dave was doing, he always wore a smile. The other kids and I called him "Smiley".

Dave went on to have an exceptional experience playing ball in both high school and college and was drafted by the Kansas City Royals. After baseball, Dave continued sharing his talents in softball. He was really a pleasure to watch.

Dave was such a fun-loving, enjoyable guy to be around. His smile never stopped. He was always so happy, and he just lit up any place that he was at with his presence. Again, he will be greatly missed. What a loss for both his family and community.

Joe and Ruth Taravella

Joe Taravella - August 05, 2014 at 07:49 PM

TB

What a sad loss for all. Knew David really well back in the days of flag football. What a great athlete----he could do anything and be great at it. Ran into him from time to time while I was still coaching at Centennial. Always a pleasure to be around. RIP

Coach Tom Brockman

Tom Brockman - August 06, 2014 at 02:51 PM

DS

So sorry to hear about the loss of Dave. He was truly one of Pueblo's best athletes and trumped that by being an even better person.

Growing up in Pueblo he was one of those special people who was admired and respected. Once I had the chance to know him it was even better. He will be missed, but never forgotten.

Gods peace, comfort and blessings to you all.

Dave Shaddy

Dave Shaddy - August 07, 2014 at 04:02 PM