



Esco Ray Billings III

December 3, 1949 - May 23, 2024

Esco Ray Billings III, 74, passed away peacefully on May 23, 2024. Esco was born in Pueblo, Colorado on December 3, 1949 to Lois and Esco Billings Jr., who preceded him in death. Esco leaves to cherish his memory; his loving wife of 32 years Valerie; children, Christa Cole, Jerry (Leslie) Rojas, Kyle (Amber) Billings, Kenn (Kristen) Brantley, and Ross Billings; grandchildren, Taylor Duran, Jeremy (Karla) Rojas, Miah Rojas, Tyce Cole, Cole Billings, Reagan Billings, Camden Brantley, Hadley Billings, and Sadie Brantley; great-grandchildren, Emma and Khaii. Esco was preceded in death by his sibling, Sheila Billings; father-in-law, Phillip Austin; and brother-in-law, David Austin. He leaves behind his beloved mother-in-law, Sadie Ann Austin; siblings, Sharon (Rich) Zajac, Danny Billings, Susie (Bill) Miller, David Billings, Lela Mowry, brothers-in-law, Phil Austin II, Eric (Dave) Austin and many cherished cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. After graduating from South High School in 1967, Esco served in the United States Army from 1969 to 1971. He later obtained his associates degree in fire science. His passion and pride was in firefighting. He retired from the Pueblo Fire department as a Deputy Fire Chief in 2008 after 33 years of service. Esco took great pride in his family's service to Pueblo. He was an avid fisherman and hunter, and enjoyed many trips with his wife Val, his sons, and close friends. He loved going on cruises with his family and spending time with his grandchildren. Many knew him for his love for the game of pool and his involvement in pool leagues around Pueblo. He was a devoted Husband, Father, Oompa, Uncle and friend. Esco's

humor will be remembered by all and his affection and kindness not forgotten. With assistance from the Pueblo Fire Department, the family will escort Esco's ashes to the Pueblo Fire Fighters Historic Center located at 116 N. Main Street, Pueblo CO 81003. They will receive guests from 2:30 to 4:30 to celebrate Esco's life, Friday, June 7, 2024. Please join us to share stories and remember the amazing impact Esco had on all of our lives.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 7. 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM (MT)

Pueblo Fire Fighters Historic Center
116 N. Main Street
Pueblo, CO 81003

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Esco Ray Billings III*.



June 06, 2024 at 11:52 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of *Esco Ray Billings III*.



June 05, 2024 at 03:21 PM



“ *Chris & Steve* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of *Esco Ray Billings III*.

Chris & Steve - June 05, 2024 at 03:21 PM



“ *Robert, Wanda and the Black family* purchased the *Small Garden Dish* for the family of *Esco Ray Billings III*.



Robert, Wanda and the Black family - June 05, 2024 at 02:16 PM

RF

“ Robert, Wanda and the Black family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Esco Ray Billings III.

Robert, Wanda and the Black family - June 05, 2024 at 02:16 PM

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“ The Brantley family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Esco Ray Billings III.



The Brantley family - June 04, 2024 at 08:27 PM

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“ Uhernik, Gregorio, White family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Esco Ray Billings III.



Uhernik, Gregorio, White family - June 04, 2024 at 08:21 PM

UF

“ Uhernik, Gregorio, White family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Esco Ray Billings III.

Uhernik, Gregorio, White family - June 04, 2024 at 08:21 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Esco Ray Billings III.



June 04, 2024 at 07:20 PM



“ Susie and family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Esco Ray Billings III.



Susie and family - June 02, 2024 at 12:12 PM



“ We grew up with the Billings family as our parents were the best of friends. Esco “Scooter” and Danny rode their bicycles to our house during the summer. We were proud that our father’s were firefighters. Esco followed in his father’s and Uncles’ footsteps and was proud to serve. God bless his family.

Cheryl Hunt Spinuzzi - May 31, 2024 at 08:18 PM



“ Dolores, Chris, Chuck and Gino Chavez purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Esco Ray Billings III.



Dolores, Chris, Chuck and Gino Chavez - May 31, 2024 at 01:23 PM

EK

“Esco was my Captain when I joined the Pueblo Fire Department in 2003. I described him as my “Fire Dad” because he is the one that brought me up in the Fire Service. Everyone that worked for him respected him. He made us all want to be better and do better. If there was any shenanigans going on in the Fire House, you can bet Esco was right in the middle of it either as a participant or the “target” I’ll never forget when we hooked a car horn up to his brake pedal and he drove all the way home with that horn honking every time he pressed the brake. Everyone that was fortunate enough to know him had their lives enriched by his friendship. Rest Easy Cap, you trained us well, we’ll take it from here.

Eric Knight - May 31, 2024 at 12:57 PM

GW

My condolences to you Val and your family. Sorry for yiyr loss. 💔 🙏

Giba Wilburn - June 02, 2024 at 09:28 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Roselawn Funeral Home & Cemetery - May 30, 2024 at 04:36 PM

FK

*sKIP AND I ARE SO SORRY VAL AND FAMILY. I JUST FROUND
OUT AND WILL MISS HIM. We attended Corwin together and have so
many fond memories and all the trouble he and Alan got into. He was a
little skinny guy who was on the wresting team. if do und a picture of
the team one year and brought it to work so Val could see it. He and
alan were both skinny little duds. He dedicated his life to his family and
always had such a great sense of humor. He worked as a fireman for
so many years, as did his dad and was dedicated to his job.I I will truly
miss him Val.I So sorry again - Carol*

fCarik Kuhns - June 03, 2024 at 06:42 PM