



## George Arthur Rivera

November 9, 1948 - October 3, 2024

George Arthur Rivera, aged 75, passed away peacefully at his home in Harlingen, Texas, on October 3, 2024. Born on November 9, 1948, George dedicated much of his life to public service and the arts.

George graduated from Pueblo Catholic High School and later earned an associate degree from Pueblo Community College. His career in law enforcement began in 1971 with the Pueblo Police Department, where he ascended through the ranks from Patrolman to Deputy Chief, retiring in 2005. Following his retirement, George continued his commitment to public service as a member of the Colorado Senate, elected to represent District 3 on September 10, 2013.

Beyond his professional endeavors, George was a passionate musician, songwriter, and singer with his band, the Fat Chance Blues Band. His creative spirit will be remembered by all who knew him.

George is survived by his loving wife, Kathryn, their dog Hondo, children George D. Rivera, Jennifer Allphin, Brandon Allphin, Rachel Perez, Victor Perez, and granddaughter Sarah Rose Perez. He also leaves behind his sister, Martha (Matthew) Yarusso, along with many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Juan and Blasa Rivera, his sister Dr. Lucia (Robert) Rivera Aragon, his brother Juan (Sandra) Rivera, and his mother-in-law Cecilia Miera.

Services to honor George's life will be held on Friday, November 8, 2024, at The Shrine Of Saint Therese, 300 Goodnight Ave, Pueblo, Colorado. Rosary

will begin at 9:30 AM and Mass at 10 AM. A Celebration of Life will follow the funeral services.

George's life was marked by his dedication to his community, his love for music, and his devotion to his family. He will be deeply missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him.

# Previous Events

## Recitation of the Rosary

NOV 8. 9:30 AM (MT)

Shrine of St. Therese  
300 Goodnight  
Pueblo, CO 81004

## Mass of Resurrection

NOV 8. 10:00 AM (MT)

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300 Goodnight  
Pueblo, CO 81004

# Tribute Wall

RB

“ I was one of the fortunate many who had a an opportunity to know D.C. Rivera. I volunteered with the handicap parking patrol he founded. I also cherished the work with him over the next few years. After being sure he had enough signatures for his Senate campaign, I had the privilege to give him his first, admittedly small, campaign contribution. He was a man of non-stop service to his fellow man. God bless you George, you made everyone's life better.

Ronald Burke - July 28, 2025 at 03:32 AM

PD

“ It was a privilege to serve with George in Pueblo's Police Department for over eleven years. As a Chaplain, I enjoyed his leadership while the chaplains' corps was under his wing. I respected his community service as our senator, and count it a joy to have been his friend over the years. He is already missed. Pastor Al Dage!

Pastor Al Dage! - November 03, 2024 at 03:33 PM

TM

“ George and Brenda and my wife and I spent many evenings playing music and listening to different musicians here and in the Springs, and we worked together in the Pueblo Musicians and Songwriters Association after George became the president. He will be missed although I hadn't seen him in many years other than at Blasa's funeral.

Tom Munch - October 26, 2024 at 07:04 AM

GO

“ Captain Rivera; as I know him and I could never come to call him just George, he deserved the respect. It was my honor to be a part of the Departments initial commitment to the Special Olympics through the Torch Run through town and north on I-25, the good old days. This week we lost Deputy Chief John Ercul and now Captain Rivera, two instrumental people that helped mold the Pueblo Police Department through leadership and example. Thank you for your guidance through my own career. God Bless their families and friends.

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**Garrett S Ortiz** - October 25, 2024 at 04:05 PM



“ George was one of the greatest persons that I have known, he helped the veterans and we will always remember him.

*Rest in Peace George.*

*The Pueblo Veteran s Ritual Team Salutes you*

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**Salvadore Torres** - October 25, 2024 at 04:13 AM

KC

*My husband & I threw steel darts with George for a few years. He was one of the kindest people I ever knew. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. Thoughts & prayers to his family*

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**Kathy Cox** - October 25, 2024 at 02:43 PM

MT

*A wonderful and talented man, may he rest in peace.*

*Mary Ann Thompson*

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**Mary Ann Thompson** - October 27, 2024 at 07:10 PM

LB

*I have known George for well over 50 years plus. He was my mom's next door neighbor years ago. I used to laugh at his humor that he showed at times. He loved his music. I'd see him on the Riverwalk playing and I would stop and visit with him. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

*Linda Biondolillo*

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**LINDA BIONDOLILLO** - October 30, 2024 at 10:42 PM