



Henry Carl Musso

July 1, 1941 - May 13, 2026

Henry “Carl” Musso, 84, of Pueblo, Colo., passed away Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at home. He was born July 1, 1941, in Pueblo, Colo., to Hank and Rachel (Cordo) Musso.

Carl was a lifelong son of the soil, raised on the family farm with dirt under his nails and determination in his heart. At the end of his junior year at Pueblo County High School in 1958, he took it upon himself to save the family farm, selling produce door-to-door through neighborhoods like Bessemer, Salt Creek, and Goat Hill. When his father passed in 1961, Carl took over the farm entirely and spent the rest of his life growing it into what Musso Farms is today; a beloved southern Colorado institution known for its fresh Pueblo green chiles, famous “Peaches and cream” sweet corn, roasted peppers, pumpkins, and seasonal produce.

Carl married Barbara Lee Parise on Nov. 2, 1961, at Christ the King Church in Pueblo. Together they built not only a farm, but a family legacy. In 1990, Carl opened Musso’s Restaurant across from his alma mater, Pueblo County High School, while also working for years at Abex manufacturing railroad products. He never technically retired; the farm and his family kept him going to the end. Even when hail wiped out all produce in the fields for three consecutive years, Carl kept working. That resilience earned him recognition from the Pueblo County Board of Commissioners, which designated July 20, 2021, as Henry “Carl” Musso Day.

“Carl is proof the American dream is real, and anything can be achieved

through hard work, dedication, and a supportive family,” the proclamation read. “Carl has fed people from all over the United States and many parts of the world.”

He was a Pueblo pillar in every sense, a man who fed his community, showed up for his neighbors, and built something lasting from the ground up. In 2024, he was inducted to the Pueblo County High School Alumni Hall of Fame; he never really understood why, because in his mind he was just doing his work and supporting his family.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents, Hank and Rachel (Cordo) Musso; his wife, Barbara Lee (Parise) Musso; his brother-in-law, Robert “Bob” Richey; and his cousins, Sam Cordo and Joe “Tarv” Taravella.

He is survived by his children, Carl “Carlie” (Ali) Musso and Lisa (Rocky) Musso-Marino; his grandchildren, Rocco (Rachel) Musso, Karlie Rae (Eric) Eslinger, Jordin (Nick) Nardini, Joseph Musso and Vito Marino; his great-grandchildren, Jaxon Eslinger, Gregori Rome Nardini, Landyn Musso, Avery Musso, Addison Musso, Nico Nardini, Kinslie Eslinger, Calogero Musso and Cosimo Nardini; his sister, Sylvia Richey; his nieces and nephews, Karen and Mark Garcia, Tony and Donna Richey and Annette Sue Richey; and numerous cousins, great-nieces and nephews, and treasured friends.

A Rosary will be held Thursday, May 21, at 9:30 a.m., followed by a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Church, Pueblo. Procession and interment to follow at Roselawn Cemetery. Visitation is private.

The family extends special thanks to Roselawn, St. Joseph Church, first responders, and all who offered the generous gifts of food, flowers, and comforting thoughts and prayers.

Carl would always say, “Don’t worry about me, go take care of business.” His family asks that all who read this honor him by taking care of your work, your family, and one another.

Cemetery Details

Rosealwn Cemetery

1706 Roselawn Rd
Pueblo, CO 81006

Previous Events

Rosary Followed by Funeral Mass

MAY 21. 9:30 AM (MT)

St Joseph Catholic Church
145 S Aspen Rd
Pueblo, CO 81006
(719) 544-1886

Tribute Wall

JG

“ I am John Gutierrez My deepest condolences to the Musso family. I met Carl when I started working at ABEX in 1974. Car always was great guy to work with. After He quit Abex to run his family farm, was probably the happiest I remember seeing Carl. Going to miss seeing you Carl at the farm. You are with your wife now Carl , in Heaven. I know personally knew how much you missed your wife. Via Con Dios Carl

John Gutierrez - May 31 at 01:34 PM

MM

“ Heaven got a wonderful man. We will miss him so very much at the farm. Sitting in the produce area with so much knowledge about the farm and everything grown there. We loved visiting with Carl. Lisa our heart hurts for you and the family. We know how much you loved that man.

Matt and Sherry Mraovich - May 28 at 04:00 AM

5P

“ 5280 Produce purchased the Finest Farewell Spray for the family of Henry Carl Musso.

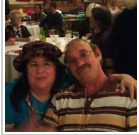


5280 Produce - May 20 at 12:37 PM

5P

“ 5280 Produce planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry Carl Musso.

5280 Produce - May 20 at 12:37 PM



“ He was a hard working man I'm sending prayers to the mussos family they are very nice family I'm sorry for your loss my brother in law used to work at the mussos restaurant keth Grotberg

Nikki Larry Grotberg - May 20 at 08:53 AM

GE

“ Lisa and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Lisa you are in my thoughts my friend. Listening to you talk about your Dad last time we were together it was easy to see how close you were. Your family is lucky to have so many people and places in the community to help keep your Dad's memory alive. My deepest condolences. Geraldine Mann



Geraldine - May 19 at 11:01 PM

JP

“ I'm James W Potestio Jr., first cousin of Eugene Potestio and was in the 2nd grade with Henry in 1950. He remembered me tap dancing for the class as I had taken tap lessons. Years later, It was nice to connect with him on one of my visits to cousin Gene. I had one of the famous Musso sausage sandwiches and we talked of our early years. Great families were raised in Vineland. My father James was born on Ford road 1911 moved to San Francisco in the early 40's. Our family moved back to Vineland in 1950 and in fact farmed the 15 acres owned by Hank Musso Sr. The Musso's have done well, as would be expected, after all we are Italians and we thrive on hard work and pasta. God Bless.

James Potestio - May 19 at 05:12 PM

AN

That is so sweet, Mr. Potestio

Annett Richey (Carl's niece) - May 19 at 07:30 PM

JU

“ Lisa, Carlie and families, I am so sorry to hear of your dad’s passing. When I think of him I can see him standing in the market talking to my dad or in sitting in his pick up. Always in the pick up! What a great group of guys they were. I remember your dad always being kind. ❤️ I know this isn’t easy. I am sorry for what you’re going through. Thinking of you and wishing you peace and a sending a big hug for Lisa. Julie Dionisio-Moran



Julie - May 19 at 01:36 AM

DF

“ Dennis Family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Henry Carl Musso.



Dennis Family - May 18 at 10:33 AM

AR

“ When we were kids, myself, Karen and Tony often spent our summers helping in the fields at the farm. I remember carrying a watermelon out of the field onto a waiting truck when I tripped over a thick watermelon vine and fell flat on my face. Watermelon splattered everywhere.

Uncle Carl looked down and busted into laughter. That same evening, I remember he and his many field workers sharing another good laugh about it.

Thank you, Uncle Carl, for, along with my parents, instilling in me the value of hard work.

Annett Sue Richey - May 16 at 12:54 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the family , sending prayers and healing love your way.. Carl was always working hard, being apart of the community and always ready to have a conversation and to tell you about anything and everything that was on his mind and about his produce and the love of his family and so much more.. I grew up going there part of the community I know how much this hurts the family , as well as the community.. oh Carl, you can rest in peace now sir 🙏 you worked hard all your life 🌶️🍅🍌🍅.. Thank you for everything you did you are truly an amazing man definitely a Pueblo legend 💖 love and light and prayers are sent the family's way 🌸

Cheryl Rivera - May 16 at 04:35 AM



“ Dear Lisa, Rocky, Carl and family,
So sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
God bless,
Phil , Kathy, Kendall, Kaden and Dominic
Albano-Stefanic



Phil Albano - May 16 at 12:17 AM



“ I love having conversations with you Carl I will miss them !!!! Much Love prayers to all family

Larry Elliott - May 15 at 06:56 PM

RM

Im glad I got to be a part of your life for over twenty five years. It was a dream come. Watching you. Listening to you and being a part of your life. You

will never be

forgoten. I LOVE YOU. THANK YOU FOR BEING IN MY LIFE. I

ALWAYS CHERISHED ALL OF THE SPECIAL MOMENTS WE HAD

TOGETHER . MY HEART WILL NEVER BE THE SAME.

rocky marino - May 15 at 09:30 PM