



## Joseph A. "Pepe" Cruz

January 6, 1938 - October 1, 2022

Joseph A. "Pepe" Cruz 84, of Pueblo, Colorado passed away on October 1, 2022. He was born in Camargo, Chihuahua Mexico on January 6, 1938. He is preceded in death by his parents, Mercedes Alvarez Cruz and Augustine Cruz; brothers, Dagoberto (Jacinta), George, Mike Cruz; and sisters, Mary Helen (Gilbert) Quintana, and Carmen Almodovar. He leaves behind to cherish in his memory, his loving wife, of 60 years, Dolores "Loly" Cruz; and children, Diana (Joe) Ortiz, Deborah (Sean) Duran, Joseph (Noemi) Cruz, and Kathy (James "Chito") Gonzalez. He also leaves behind grandchildren, Alicia (Mario), Jesikah (Devin), Ivan, Alejandria, Jessica, Joey, Alec, Marissa, Aleah and one great grandchild, Aiden, whom he loved all very much. In addition, he also leaves behind his sister-in-law, Margaret Cruz; and brother-in-law, Melvin Almodovar; along with numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was surrounded by his loving family during his illness. He loved traveling with his family and every chance he got he wanted to spend time with his children and grandchildren. He loved family gatherings and would often be heard saying "grab yourself a cold one and bring me one". He was an amazing listener and would give the best advice. He loved to read and enjoyed history. He spent his leisure time working in the yard driving his tractors, welding, and restoring vintage vehicles. Joseph was a proud Central High School graduate and served in the United States Army. He was employed by the CF&I Steel Mill where he later retired after 39 years. Joe went on to be a bus driver for District 60 and after ten years he retired. Thank you for all the wonderful

memories, we love and miss you dearly, may you rest in peace. A Rosary will be held 6:00 p.m. Wed, Oct 19, 2022. Funeral Service, 10:00 a.m. October 20, 2022, both at St Joseph Catholic Church. Interment to follow at Roselawn Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Cemetery

1706 Roselawn Rd  
Pueblo, CO 81006

# Previous Events

## Rosary

OCT **19**. 6:00 PM (MT)

Roselawn Funeral Home, Crematory & Cemetery  
1706 Roselawn Road  
Pueblo, CO 81006  
(719) 542-2934  
<http://www.roselawnpueblo.org>

## Funeral Service

OCT **20**. 10:00 AM (MT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph A. "Pepe" Cruz.*



October 18, 2022 at 07:46 PM



“ *Chad Chaddick purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joseph A. "Pepe" Cruz.*



**Chad Chaddick** - October 16, 2022 at 11:49 AM



“ *Sending our condolences to the family. May God Bless them at this most difficult time. RIP Mr. Cruz. 🙏 The Figueroa Family*



**Julie Figueroa Stinson** - October 12, 2022 at 09:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph A. "Pepe" Cruz.*



October 12, 2022 at 02:49 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph A. "Pepe" Cruz.



October 12, 2022 at 02:49 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph A. "Pepe" Cruz.



October 12, 2022 at 12:05 PM



“ To Lolly and members of Pepe's family: I'm Willie Lucero and have lived in Arvada, CO since 1976. Pepe and I were long-time friends beginning when the "Cruz" family arrived in Salt Creek from Texas and became neighbors to the "Lucero" family. Pepe and I were about the same age, quickly became friends and shared many experiences during our "growing up" years. I still remember Pepe's father taking many of the neighborhood "kids" to the Victory theater on Saturday evenings (in his big truck), hanging out at the Salt Creek Recreation Center (the Rec) and walking to Flores Grocery by the {ojito} then later down the street. I'll always remember Pepe as a great friend with a quick smile, always fun to be with and the day we took Jorge's newly repaired 41 Ford for a "test" drive and.....had an accident. My family and I extend our sincere condolences to all members of Pepe's family. I regret that we cannot attend Pepe's services because I'm recovering from a broken ankle.  
Willie Lucero

Willie Lucero - October 12, 2022 at 10:18 AM