



Lawrence Wayne Tucker

October 5, 1931 - January 18, 2023

Lawrence Wayne Tucker “Larry” passed away on January 18, 2023 at the age of 91. He was born in Pueblo, Colorado on October 5, 1931, and graduated from Central High School in 1949. Always a hard worker, Larry became one of the favorite golf caddies in Pueblo and managed to handle a paper route for the Pueblo Star Journal/Chieftain while going to school. He also worked part-time at the CF&I clock house while attending high school. His other educational experiences included Pueblo Junior College, Colorado College, and the University of Colorado. A year after graduating from Central, Larry married his high school sweetheart, Betty Jo Mayer, and they soon had two wonderful children. While raising a family, Larry worked as a combustion engineer at the CF&I. After retiring, he served as a sales representative for North America Refractories. He also took on the position of Coordinator for the Pueblo Senior Golf Club. In the mid-1990s, Larry moved to San Diego to be with his wife and became a photographer for her interviews with film stars. His work is featured as “Larry’s Gallery” in her memoir *Confessions of a Movie Addict*. Larry and Betty Jo also used the pen names of Harry and Elizabeth Lawrence to co-author *It Had To Be Us*, a romantic memoir which was made into an award-winning short film titled *CAKE: A LOVE STORY*. Larry and Betty Jo moved back to Colorado in the late 1990s to be with their family, which include son, Kelly (Christy Naranjo) Tucker; daughter, Sue Litton; grandchildren, Leslie DeVito, Sam (Stacey) Tucker, Marie, Elizabeth and Taylor Litton. Larry is also survived by great granddaughters, Akaelyn Sandoval and Rory Rose Tucker, sister, Donna Ware; and sister-in-law, Ruella Anderson, cousin Sheryl Dorrell; and several nieces and nephews. Known for his wry humor, Larry enjoyed making people laugh. Everyone called him “a great guy!” Per Larry’s request, no services will be held. Online condolences can be made at roselawnpueblo.org