



Ralph "Blackie" Gonzalez

October 22, 1929 - September 14, 2015

Ralph "Blackie" Gonzalez, 85, lost his courageous battle with cancer on September 14, 2015 surrounded by his family. He was born in Pueblo on October 22, 1929. Predeceased in death by his parents, Lorenzo and Luisa Gonzalez; grandmother, Eduvijes Garcia; cousins Mary (Casimiro) Richard Alvidrez; brothers, Julian, Max, and Vince Gonzalez; in-laws, Mariano and Epifania Nunez; sister-in-law, Eva Kenworthy; brother-in-law, Robert Thomas. Survived by his wife of 66 years, Angelina; children: Pat, Lawrence (Michelle), Kenny (Christine), Rick (Sylvia), Karen (Ralph), Mark (Susan) Gonzalez, Vanessa (Phillip) Apodaca; Grandchildren, Nadine, Pamela, Mia, Ashley, Laura, Sonny, Aaron, Hannah, Elizabeth, Hallie and Alexandra; Great-Grandchildren: Samantha, Armando, Thomas, Noah and Lucas; brother, Paul Gonzalez; sister, Trini Aranda. Sisters in law: Virginia Thomas, Genevieve (Ron) Neally, Vivian Texeira, Ramona Stanard; brothers-in-law: Isabel (Delilha) and Rudy (Yolanda) Nunez; also numerous nieces and nephews. In his early years, Ralph worked on the railroad, and retired from CF&I after 32 years. Ralph was a well-known musician in Pueblo. He began his music career with the Trio Gonzalez and later the Trio Azteca. He was an avid Bronco fan and farmed on the Mesa for 54 years. He loved sharing vegetables with friends and family. Ralph was an active parishioner at St. Joseph Parish and a member of the Nocturnal Adoration Society. He was an eternal optimist who knew no stranger. His happiest moments were when his family gathered together. Loved and respected by all who knew him, Blackie

will be dearly missed. Services will be held at St. Joseph's church in Blende; Rosary will be at 6:00 pm on Sunday, Sept. 20; Memorial Mass will be on Monday, Sept. 21 at 11:00 am both at St. Joseph Church. Interment to follow at Roselawn Cemetery. Donations in Ralph's name may be made to St. Joseph's Bell fund. Online condolences can be made at roselawnpueblo.com

Previous Events

Rosary

SEP **20**. 6:00 PM (MT)

St. Joseph Church
1145 Aspen
Pueblo, CO

Service

SEP **21**. 11:00 AM (MT)

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1145 Aspen
Pueblo, CO

Tribute Wall

RT

“ *Patty, my prayers and thoughts to you and your family in the loss of your Dad.
I worked with your Dad at CF&I prior to going to the military. I new your uncle through his horse "Appie". I went to school with you at St. Joseph 6-7-8.
We lived on County Farm Road and 29th. Love and prayers, Roland Tomsick.
Roland.Tomsick@va.gov*

ROLAND TOMSICK - September 25, 2015 at 09:35 AM

TA

“ *Our condolences to you and your family from Tom and Betty Autobee. You are in our prayers my GOD be with you at this time.*

Tom Autobee - September 22, 2015 at 12:47 PM

BH

“ *Dear Gonzales Family, I am so sorry for your loss. My name is Betty (Gomez) Hobbs. I am Louis Gomez's oldest daughter. My dad was a very close friend to your father Blackie. I remember your dad since I was a little girl and he was such a nice, kind man. He had a heart of gold. I'm sure he is rejoicing with the angels up in heaven. May he rest in eternal peace. May God grant his grace, comfort and healing to all of you. He will be missed.*

Betty Hobbs - September 22, 2015 at 02:10 AM

JG

“ Thanks Blackie, never shy about playing for my family. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Jess, Audrey, Jamin, (Carly) Gonzalez. Denver, CO

Jess Gonzalez - September 20, 2015 at 08:09 PM

EA

“ Pat and Family: My condolences go out to you and your family. You will be in my prayers. So sorry for your loss. Your dad was a wonderful man. God Bless you my friend. I send my love. Ev Armijo

Evelyn Armijo - September 20, 2015 at 06:51 PM

VG

“ Blackie will be greatly missed, we enjoyed seeing his friendly smile on his tractor or driving by in his truck daily always stopping and inquiring about our family. We love the Gonzalez family and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers always.

Valerie, Mike and the entire Giglio family.

Valerie Giglio - September 20, 2015 at 04:25 PM

LM

“ Uncle Blackie, You were so good to me and so many years had passed that I hadn't seen you but got to see you at Uncle Vince's rosary and your beautiful voice just brought tears because so many wonderful memories growing up and loving the Gonzalez trio and your family. May the Angel's surround you and God give your loved ones comfort. peace and love. R.I.P. and you will forever be missed and loved. :(

*Loretta Madden (Grine)
Mesa, Arizona*

Loretta Madden - September 18, 2015 at 11:05 PM

DG

“ *What a special man Blackie was to the Giglio family! We love you Gonzales! We are praying for your healing, strength, and comfort during the loss of such a legend in Pueblo! We will miss him! All our friendship, love and prayers-*
Dena Giglio-Vetta and The entire Giglio family

Dena Giglio-Vetta - September 18, 2015 at 05:58 PM

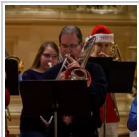
CV

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to the entire family on the loss of your loved one. Mr. "Blackie" was a wonderful musician. His music will live in our hearts forever.*

Chuck and Molly Vega



Chuck and Molly Vega - September 18, 2015 at 04:52 PM



“ *We are sad to hear of your loss. Our prayers and love go out to the Gonzalez family in your time of sorrow.--John and Susan Dobson*

David Dobson - September 18, 2015 at 06:18 AM