



## Ray P. Kogovsek

August 19, 1941 - April 30, 2017

Ray Kogovsek, 75, passed away on April 30, 2017. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend to many.

Survived by his loving wife, Linda; daughters, Lisa Marie Kogovsek, and ToniRae (Curtis) Andres; grandson, Reece Raymond Andres; siblings, John Kogovsek (Larry Higinbotham, Sr.), Daniel Kogovsek (Barbra Burton), Larry Kogovsek (Sylvia DeKalb) and Mary Joy Kogovsek. Also survived by the mother of his children, Eulice Kogovsek (Kathy Wise), step-mother, Del Kogovsek; Aunt, Juanita Blatnick, and Aunt Helen Kogovsek. Also survived by Godson, Ryan Kogovsek; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He also leaves behind many, many friends.

Preceded in death by his parents Frank and Mary Kogovsek, son Raymond Peter Kogovsek, brothers Frank A. Kogovsek (Leona) and Joseph R.

Kogovsek and sons-in-law Bob Geiger and Greg Plutt. Ray was born in Pueblo on August 19, 1941 and was a proud graduate of Pueblo Catholic High, Pueblo Junior College and Adams State College. He was a member of WSA Fraternal Life and the American Slovenian Catholic Union (KSKJ).

Ray was a dedicated public servant who represented the people of Pueblo and Colorado in the Colorado State House of Representatives, the Colorado State Senate and in the U.S. House of Representatives. He will lie in state at Roselawn Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, May 4 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Mass of Christian

Burial will be at 10:00 AM, Friday, May 5 at St. Mary's Church. Internment to

follow at Roselawn Cemetery. Reception at St. Joe's Hall in the Grove from 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM. In lieu of food or flowers, donations/memorials may be sent to St. Mary's Catholic Church or the Democratic Party.

# Cemetery Details

## Rosealwn Cemetery

1706 Roselawn Rd  
Pueblo, CO 81006

# Previous Events

## Mass of the Resurrection

MAY 5. 10:00 AM (MT)

St. Mary's Church  
217 E, Mesa  
Pueblo, CO 81006

# Tribute Wall

PR

“ It was an absolute privilege and an honor to know Ray. I wish strength to the family in Navigating this painful journey that lays before them. They say "God only takes the best". I can say for certainty Ray was one of the very best.

Patty Rivas - May 05, 2017 at 02:56 PM

TH

“ With the passing of both of my parents some time ago. I felt the need to provide this note to Ray's family. I never knew Ray or his family very well. I was off doing other things when he entered the lives my parents, Clifford and Lily Hibpshman. My mother worked for Ray in his Pueblo office in what is now the Wells Fargo Bank building at 8th and Main. My mother drove throughout the congressional district representing Ray at local meetings. My father was at her side in many of them. My parents went door to door on the east side of Pueblo, as well as other communities, campaigning for the candidate they referred to as "their guy". Ray represented the working families of Pueblo and the state and Congressional districts he represented. He will be sorely missed.

Ted Hibpshman, for my parents

Ted Hibpshman - May 05, 2017 at 01:30 PM

AP

“ ALP Project purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Ray P. Kogovsek.



ALP Project - May 05, 2017 at 10:36 AM

RN

“ Linda, and the entire Kogovsek family,  
We were so sorry to hear about Ray's passing. It was only a month or so ago that we visited briefly at the Legislative Breakfast. We hope you can find comfort in the support of each other, and all the friends who will be at the funeral and who have taken the time to kind words and beautiful memories.  
Mike and Ruth Nerenberg

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**Ruth Nerenberg** - May 05, 2017 at 08:54 AM

BB

“ Linda, Lisa Marie, ToniRae, and family:  
  
We extend our heartfelt sorrow and sympathy to all of you upon the death of Ray.  
  
We will keep Ray and you in our prayers.  
  
It was a privilege and honor to have known Ray since his high school days.  
  
Bill Ballas and family

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**Bill Ballas** - May 04, 2017 at 08:50 AM

PC

“ As a Rocky Mountain News reporter covering banking legislation in the 1970s, I had met Sen. Ray Kogovsek. My Republican parents, the late George and Cecelia Chronis of Grand Junction, who got to know him as a congressman for their district, thought very highly of him, too..He was one of the good guys.

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**Peter Chronis** - May 04, 2017 at 05:24 AM

TD

“ So sorry to here abut Ray. Our prayers are with you! The Downen Family

trudy downen - May 03, 2017 at 09:45 PM

KB

“ John, it has been many years since I have seen you from our days at Park East, but I wanted to let you know I am thinking of you and all of your family. Ray was an ambassador for Pueblo and Colorado. He was a great man.

Kent Becher  
Fort Worth, TX

Kent Becher - May 03, 2017 at 09:01 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Ray P. Kogovsek.



May 03, 2017 at 04:35 PM

CH

“ It is hard for me to imagine a non-blood relative that had more of an impact on my life. As a boss, a mentor and a friend, Ray was always someone you could count on. There was nothing he would not do for you. As humble and self deprecating as you can find. Although I will miss him immensely, my heart breaks more for Linda, Lisa, and Toni Rae. We have all lost a truly beautiful human being, but because of him, I have become a better person. I'll miss you Ray.

Chip - May 02, 2017 at 08:24 PM

BK

“ Pueblo has lost its number one ambassador and I have lost a great friend. Ray and I became friends 47 years ago when we served together in the Colorado Legislature and I will miss him. He is one of God's special souls. I could tell many stories about his people skills but, simply stated, he always considered the feelings of others and never took himself too seriously. A true gentleman. I shall treasure our friendship always.

*Bob Kirscht*

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**Bob Kirscht** - May 02, 2017 at 10:45 AM

CG

“ Ray was the most kind, generous, dignified, decent, sincere man and politician I've known in a world too populated by phonies and scoundrels. From my early days at The Denver Post and Ray's time in the State Legislature, we've shared many memories, usually over monthly dinners with Linda and Susan in recent years. He was devoted to Pueblo, and Pueblo loved "Kogo." Everyone he met and shared with was better off for the experience. Love and caring peace to Linda. --Chuck Green

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**Chuck Green** - May 01, 2017 at 10:08 PM

BW

Here's to you Ray and to your life well lived. You enhanced my experience at PCH and assisted so many through your public service. Ray is a perfect example of a moral person; being for the other. Thank you to all who helped support this good man.

*Thank you  
Bill Wagner*

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**Bill Wagner** - May 03, 2017 at 10:28 PM

PL

“ Always a gentleman and the ever lasting optimist. He will be dearly missed. All my love and prayers to you, Linda, and the entire Kogovsek family. My deepest condolences, Priscilla Lucero.

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**Priscilla Lucero** - May 01, 2017 at 08:42 PM

EB

“ Although I do not have a memory of the man himself, I do know his wife and I'd like to express my most sincere condolences to her. There are no words that will ease your mourning but I do want you to know that you're in my thoughts and prayers.

*Best wishes for you and your family during these trying times.*

*Eric Besser*

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**Eric besser** - May 01, 2017 at 07:22 PM