



## Ted Calantino

August 19, 1941 - October 2, 2015

Theodore Calantino Jr. was born, raised and lived in Pueblo all of his life. "Ted" passed away peacefully at Parkview Hospital on October 2, 2015.

Ted is preceded by his wife Judith Kiff, his parents Theodore Calantino, Sr., his mother Mary Grace Cardinale, and survived by his daughter Heather and her son Tony, his sister Ana(Anita) and her son Zach, step-children Lorrie, Tim and Bob and step-grandchildren Madi, Cassie and CJ, grand nieces and nephews and numerous cousins.

Ted attended St. Leander's parochial school, Pueblo Catholic High, Santa Clara University, and graduated from Regis College. He was the owner/proprietor of the Irish Pub and Grille which was established and operated by his parents, Ted Sr. and Mary. The Pub was a favorite meeting place in Pueblo for many years, especially on St. Patrick's Day. He was recently employed with the Chamber of Commerce as Operations Mgr for about ten years. Ted was well known, liked and respected in Pueblo and was a pillar of the community. He was involved in many activities over the years such as The Charros, and rode bulls in the Mexican rodeo! He was also member of the Elks Club. In earlier years, he worked for the War on Poverty and Cardinal Carpets, owned by Sam Cardinal, his mother Mary's brother, among many other endeavors.

He owned a ranch in Walsenburg for years, ran cattle, owned horses and was a real cowboy! He and his buddies owned an old house in Victor, near Cripple Creek, the site for a few historical parties. He went through Officer's training in Quantico, Virginia and was a veteran of the Marine Reserves.

A memorial mass was held for him on Friday, October 9 at St. Joseph Church and he was interred at Roselawn cemetery.

A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, October 24 from 3:30-4:30 pm at Roselawn Funeral Home, a prayer at the gravesite and a reception following at LaTronica's restaurant from 5-7pm.

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# Cemetery Details

## Rosealwn Cemetery

1706 Roselawn Rd  
Pueblo, CO 81006

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

OCT 9. 2:00 PM (MT)

St. Joseph Church  
1145 Aspen  
Pueblo, CO

## Memorial Service

OCT 24. 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (MT)

Roselawn Funeral Home Chapel  
1706 Roselawn Rd  
Pueblo, CO 81006

## Reception

OCT 24. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Latronica's  
Pueblo, CO

# Tribute Wall

FC

“ Not sure anyone will read this. Ted's been gone some 10 years. I was a drinking buddy of Ted's in the late 1970s. (One of dozens of drinking buddies no doubt). I was a major in the army at the time teaching ROTC at the university. Ted helped me return to my catholic roots. I admired him and realized his faith was his life. After retirement from the army I became a priest of the archdiocese of Santa Fe. I attribute much of that decision to the influence of Ted. I look forward to seeing him again in heaven. God bless our friend, God bless.

father John Carney - February 16, 2025 at 10:30 AM

RO

“ By Dave Cardinal, cousin

Ted's Mother Mary and my Dad Sam were brother and sister. They grew up in a large, boisterous Italian family. Mary had red hair and a fiery personality to match but she had a good heart and that is what Ted inherited from her. He was a person with a good heart whom everyone liked. My children have many happy memories of Uncle Teddy and his years running the Irish Pub. As they grew up and reached legal drinking age, they enjoyed visiting with Ted at the Pub and I expect they also enjoyed the free beer as well .

Recently they have shared stories with me about working on Ted's ranch and the fun they had there being with Ted. They learned about life and the many ups and downs that life throws at us.

In recent years my two brothers, George whose real name is Sam and my brother Bob who now goes by the name of Roberto Cardinale , more artistic you know, try and spend a few days together reliving our youth and sharing memories. Several years ago we spent three days in Cuchara and invited Ted to join us and share his memories of our early years. We had a wonderful time being with Ted as he was always entertaining. The stories always got better as we sat at the Dog Bar drinking a few beers.

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But that was not Ted and in a way it made him a person whom everyone liked and more importantly he was happy with his life. He will be missed by all of us. Rest in peace Ted.

roselawn - October 23, 2015 at 02:53 PM

BC

“ In celebrating fond memories of Ted, his gentlemanly-gracious way of living and being a friend to many, I reflect on a youthful time that brings a warm smile to my heart; Ted at his Irish Pub hosted a Halloween Costume Contest, Parading around in a Playboy Bunny costume, friends convinced me to trade costumes with a good friend that was dressed as a flasher in his London Fog trench-coat! As this true-tale is remembered, it was a sure "tail-in" for us to win 1st place-\$100. Well, "Drinks for everyone!"...Here's to you Ted and your heart of gold!

Betsy Beck Coffman - October 09, 2015 at 12:57 PM

AL

“ Ahh, Ted, we hardly knew ye ...

*Kathy and Larry Allen*

Allen - October 09, 2015 at 10:26 AM

BC

“ Ted Calantino

*Grew up with him when the Pub had a Pool Hall lots of pranks,drinks and laughs. Grateful to have been able to share all this with Uncle Ted. Thanks for the memories*

*Barclay Clark*

BARCLAY CLARK - October 09, 2015 at 08:56 AM

MM

“ At some unknown future day we will all be the subject of such a notice, but I was not ready for Ted's obituary. We served together for five years in the Marine Corps Reserves. During those days in the early sixties we hung out together after most weekend drills – and especially during the summer camps in California. We also spent many, many happy hours in the Irish Pub – when his Mother was still running the place and afterward.

*I last saw Ted at my sister's (Dove Cogen) and Judy's (Ted's spouse) class reunion in 2010. How I let another five years slip by without contact and how I did not learn of Ted's health issues until now are two of my life's unanswered mysteries. Nonetheless, in my heart Ted will always be a very dear friend.  
Michael Morgan-Gaide (aka Mike Gaide, Arthur Michael Gaide III)*

Michael Morgan-Gaide - October 08, 2015 at 06:12 PM

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Roselawn Funeral Home - October 08, 2015 at 04:26 PM

“ I taught with Ted's wife Judy for many years, and my husband and I were honored to call Ted and Judy friends. We had fun hanging out with them, having dinner, going dancing. We have wonderful memories of those times, especially the New Year's Eve celebrations at the Elks' Lodge. We miss Judy, and now we will miss Ted as well. I pray that they are reunited in heaven and have an eternity together, and some day we will see them again. Our condolences to the family--our thoughts and prayers are with you. Cathy and Ben Blackmore

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Cathy Blackmore - October 08, 2015 at 03:05 PM

BP

“ I worked for Ted as a college senior. I was a back-up bartender for about three months in 1972. He was a great friend to me and all my college buddies. He was a super guy and we talked "old times" and Pueblo when we would occasionally bump into one another through the years. He will be missed by all. Bill Pike

Bill Pike - October 08, 2015 at 09:02 AM

EQ

“ Ted was a high school classmate and good friend. I have good memories of him at our high school reunions. Ted, May God welcome you into his heavenly kingdom.

EC (Frosty) & Della Quintana

EC Quintana - October 07, 2015 at 09:38 PM

TR

“ I worked for Ted the last 5 years that he was owner of The Irish Pub. Over those 5 years i heard many stories about Ted, he definitely was one of a kind. He gave me many memories and laughs, some tears. The very last day that the Irish Pub was open many of us shared drinks and tears, it was a very sad day, ecspecially for Ted. I will always remember you, boss. Rest with the Lord.



Tracy Rivas - October 07, 2015 at 07:37 PM

RL

“ Ted was a great man. We will miss him greatly at the American Legion.

Ray LeMasters - October 07, 2015 at 01:06 PM

JC

“ My mother and father frequented the Irish Pub in the first years of their marriage and told me of remembering little "Teddy" sitting at the edge of the bar. All my friends and I turned it into or local hangout as young adults and never missed a St. Patrick's Day celebration there. When my husband and I left Pueblo we held our going away party in the back room, and Ted loaned us a horse trailer to move our furniture to Loveland. We made friends with all the other "regulars" and became a community unto ourselves. Ted was always kind and friendly to us, taking us into the fold and including us in the birthday parties at "Rancho Borracho." What a sad day for Pueblo when he sold the Irish Pub, overshadowed only by the sadness of now losing Ted. We saw him a few years ago at the Chile Festival, and I gave him a big hug and visited for a while. He looked good, still handsome! He leaves a legacy of an era that so many will forever hold in their hearts.

*Juanita Cisneros and Don Jesik, Loveland, CO.*

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**Juanita Cisneros** - October 07, 2015 at 12:24 PM

JD

“ Ted was one of the nicest in Pueblo. Years ago, the Irish Pub was the meeting place for all of the teachers on Friday nights. Many a Friday night I spent with my fellow teachers, Ted's mother, and Ted singing with the entertainment they had in the back room. Ted was always friendly with all of his clientele and was a real leader for the city of Pueblo. I pray that all of his family be blessed with special memories that give them comfort and that God holds all in His hands to sustain all through the next days and weeks ahead. May all of heaven rejoice at Ted's arrival! Blessings to all.

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**Jacqueline J Dierks** - October 07, 2015 at 07:40 AM

TM

“ So sorry to hear of Ted's passing. I have many fond memories of him and Judy. Wonderful people! They lived well!

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**Tom Munch** - October 07, 2015 at 05:47 AM



“ So many great, old memories of Ted and the Irish Pub. We cherish the fact that we were able to spend some time here in NM with Judy and Ted before her passing some years back...and now they are together forever continuing to share their great love and devotion for one another. God Speed, old friend.

*And, hugs to Madi.....you had fantastic grandparents!*

*Brock & Irma Fuller  
Bernalillo, NM.*

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**Tom Fuller** - October 06, 2015 at 06:43 PM

MS

“ I sang at the Irish Pub for my Uncle Steve and his new bride, Caroline during their wedding reception there. Great Uncle Theo "paid" me with a 3.2 beer. (I was of legal drinking age then.) I also have an earlier memory of Uncle Theo riding in to our Nana's farm on a motorcycle and Dad saying "hey, it's my Uncle Theo!" We sure have a colorful family. My thoughts and prayers are with all who mourn his passing.

*Michelle (Comi) Stone*

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**Michelle (Comi) Stone** - October 06, 2015 at 06:30 PM



“ I always loved visiting the Irish Pub and seeing my mysterious great uncle. My daughter fell in love with him when she met him just the one time at a family funeral. Many blessings to all who knew and loved Theo. - Becky (Comi) Steenburg

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**Becky Steenburg** - October 06, 2015 at 01:37 PM

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“ Ted always had a smile on his face whenever I saw him wearing that cowboy hat. He will be dearly missed by all that knew him.

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**Wendy Ward (Menor)** - October 06, 2015 at 11:29 AM

MM

“ Ted was a wonderful friend as well as one of the nicest persons you would want to know, he will be missed by all that knew him. RIP my friend!!

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**Michael Menor** - October 05, 2015 at 11:39 PM

 Hope  
Ex

“ *Ted was a wonderful man. I worked for him for years. He was always there when you needed him. He will be greatly missed.* ”

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**Hope Ex** - October 05, 2015 at 12:33 PM