



Thomas Lee Cheatum Jr.

September 24, 1953 - May 29, 2015

Thomas Lee Cheatum, Jr. passed away May 29, 2015 at the age of 61. Tom was born to the late Thomas and Charlene (Prutch) Cheatum in Pueblo, CO. He attended South High School where he met, fell in love, and married his high school sweetheart Bonnie Miller. They moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico where Tom served in the United States Air Force. Tom's love for law enforcement took him to multiple states including Colorado, Kansas, and Oregon. He was highly recognized and received numerous awards for outstanding service. He retired in 1998 after 20 years in law enforcement. Tom loved coaching youth sports, mentoring young police cadets, volunteering with the Special Olympics, and his Denver Broncos. Tom and Bonnie were passionate about making sure others were taken care of whether a complete stranger or a family member. He is Survived by his wife, Bonnie; children, Tina (Jim) Barker, Tommy (Alyssa), Tara (Ben) Hopkins; grandchildren, Ethan and Mason Barker; siblings, Tim (Betsy) Cheatum, Tammy (Craig) Heckenliable, Terry (David) Garrison; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, and uncles. In addition to his parents, Tom is preceded in death by a niece Charlene Garrison, nephew Kevin McCoy, and father in law Manford Miller. The family would like to thank all those family and friends that spent time with him during his illness sharing stories, memories and his love of sports, as well as the wonderful staff at Sangre de Cristo Hospice, especially Shawna, Vince, Carolina and Dr. Sloan. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Sangre de Cristo Hospice 1207 Pueblo Blvd Way, Pueblo, Co

81005. Memorial Service to be held at the Roselawn Chapel, 1706 Roselawn Rd, Thursday, June 4th at 11 :00 a.m.

Tribute Wall



“ *Condolence Snacks was purchased for the family of Thomas Lee Cheatum Jr. .*



June 03, 2015 at 10:48 AM



“ *Mr. Cheatum is what I called him, he always asked me to call him "Tom." I respectfully called him Mr. Cheatum because I had that much respect for him. I met Mr. Cheatum when I was in college and he encouraged my Police Career. I was introduced to the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics that Mr. Cheatum gave me. That framed version still hangs on my wall to this day. I always like hearing about Mr. Cheatum and his stories of being a Police Officer. The only thing he spoke more passionately about was his family. Mr. Cheatum loved his family more than anything. God broke the mold after Mr. Cheatum, there just aren't many in the world like him. God rest his soul, and God Bless Bonnie and the family.*

B. Roman

B. Roman - June 02, 2015 at 11:10 PM



“ *Dear Bonnie & family...We are so sorry for your loss. May God bless you all & bring peace to you. Kathy Dolman Burleson, John Dolman (Jiggs) & family*

Kathy burleson - June 02, 2015 at 12:38 PM

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“ *My prayers are with you and your family during this time of sorrow. God Bless you Tara and Bonnie and the family.*

Annette Guzman

Annette Guzman - June 02, 2015 at 10:15 AM

JR

“ *So sorry for you and your family to have lost him. He was indeed a character and I enjoyed sharing what little time we shared.. Jan and Rich*

jan rogala - June 01, 2015 at 09:42 PM