



Vincent John "Spike" Potestio

June 22, 1939 - May 18, 2014

Vincent John "Spike" Potestio, 74, walked into Heaven on May 18, 2014. Bereaved by his wife of 47 years, Viki L. (Ursick) Potestio; children, Scott (Rosemary) Potestio, DenaSue Potestio, and Jason (Tina) Potestio; grandchildren, Moriah, Ivrit, Israel, Nechama, and Iliana Potestio; and his no-kill shelter pal, "Snickers". Survived by brothers, Bert Potestio, and Alfred (Mary) Potestio; sisters, Marie Philips and Leona (Bill) Schonlau; lifelong friend, L. Newell "Hasty" Wisner; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews whom he dearly loved. Preceded in death by parents, Susie and Bert Potestio; sisters, and brothers-in-law, Helen (Dr. Robert) Dingle, Virginia (Edward) Gilley and Robert Philips. Vincent's values include justice, responsibility, stability, selflessness, self-reliance, self-respect, commitment, and a relentless love of life and family. Vincent said, "Family is family; they are everything to me." Vincent dedicated 50+ years of his life to the steelmaking industry beginning in the labor gang and member of the union, onto management as a melter, completing his career in brick refractory sales and service. He returned from work at CF&I Steel or J.E. Baker Company in the mornings or evenings and worked the land with his brothers on the family farm in Avondale, Colorado. Vincent served as a Green Beret in the Colorado Army National Guard and in his final days earned the nickname "Nails" because of his incredible strength. Entombment at 2pm on Friday, May 23, 2014, Roselawn Cemetery. Outdoor Celebration of Life immediately following at the Potestio Family Farm (1594 Avondale Boulevard, Avondale, Colorado 81022). Online

condolences may be made at www.roselawnpueblo.com. Vincent supported numerous charities. Please consider a gift in his honor to your favorite charity.

Tribute Wall

DG

“ We send our deepest condolences for the loss of Mr Potestio, we are privileged to have had the opportunity to meet him.
The Guerrero Family

Denise Guerrero - May 23, 2014 at 08:17 AM

JP

“ Dear Viki and Family,
Losing a husband and a father is truly one of the most difficult things one will ever experience in life. May God give each of you the strength to get through the coming weeks and months ahead. Having the wonderful memories of Vince, will make the time so much more bearable. Although we will be unable to attend the services, please know that your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. With deepest sympathy, Jim and Tomma Parco

Jim and Tomma Parco - May 22, 2014 at 08:12 PM

TG

“ I am truly sorry to hear about the passing of Vince. He started transitioning the Rocky Mountain Steel account to me back in January 2010. I moved from Florida and during my first week working with Vince in Colorado it was 17 degrees below zero. We spent 15 hours a day that week trying to keep the equipment running. Hardest working 70+ year old man I ever met. He is, and will be missed.

*Thomas Gentry
Magnesita*

Thomas Gentry - May 22, 2014 at 01:18 PM

SJ

“ DenaSue,

Very sorry to hear of your father's passing. It was an honor to meet him many years ago. My thoughts are with you. Please let me know if there is anything you may need.

*Scott Jones
Rocky Mountain PBS*

Scott Jones - May 22, 2014 at 10:42 AM

JJ

“ *Mr. Potestio, you will one cool dude, and I believe the youth of today knew it. You'll always be remembered. Rest in Peace.*

J. D. Johnson - May 22, 2014 at 09:54 AM

JK

“ *Dear Viki and Family,*

I'm very sorry to read of your husband's passing this morning in the newspaper. Although I've probably not seen you since Graduation from Seton, I feel sympathy for you and your family during this most difficult time. God Bless you and your family.

*Jeannie (Palko) Koshak
Pueblo, CO*

jeannie Palko Koshak - May 22, 2014 at 09:34 AM

MC

Dear Viki , children and family:

I a so sorry to hear you lost your beloved Vince. Nothing can replace a loved one. I will say lots of prayers for you!

Love you!

Marilyn Soffa Clay

Marilyn Soff Clay - May 22, 2014 at 11:53 AM