



## Johnny Leroy Duran

June 28, 1952 - March 23, 2023

Romeo resident Johnny Leroy Duran was called home on March 23rd, 2023 surrounded by his loving family.

Johnny was born in San Antonio, Colorado on June 28, 1952 to Pauliine Duran. Johnny was raised by his grandparents Augustin and Lucia Duran. After attending Antonio High School he married the love of his life Marcella Lopez Duran on February 14, 1974. From this union they had three beautiful children.

Johnny worked at Harborlite Mining Company holding different positions in the 38 years with the company. He was part of the Romeo Fire Department and Search and Rescue for many years. Johnny was a family man. He enjoyed taking them camping and fishing. Johnny would lend a helping hand whenever needed, and was always joking around. He loved his family and friends dearly and will be forever missed by those who knew him.

Johnny is survived by his wife Marcella of Romeo, CO; his children Pauline (Phillip) Martinez of Alamosa, CO; Julie (Josh) Baroz of Romeo, CO; his brothers Paul (Angie) Duran of Antonito, CO; and Ross (Wilma) Duran of

Antonito, CO. His Grandchildren Tommy, Natasha, Estrella, Helena, Delacroix, Sky, Angelo; great grandchildren Ezephial, Louis, Ivan, Catalina, Sophia.

Johnny is preceded in death by his mom Pauline Duran and his son Johnny Duran, Jr.

The rosary will be held on Thursday March 30th at 10:30 a.m followed by a Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of the Valley Church in La Jara. Interment will take place at Los Cerritos Cemetery after the funeral service.

Romero Valley Funeral Home is in care of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

“ Johnny Lee was my favorite country cousin. I would spend all summer on the farm and one year I stayed the winter and went to school there. We missed the bus once and had to walk, but someone picked us up and we rode to school in the back of a pick up.

We would chop wood and collect pallitos, haul water from the pozo and feed the chickens and collect the eggs. After our chores were done we would play cops and robbers on the haystack. He taught me not to be afraid of water snakes or salamanders. We would also shoot cans off the fence with his .22 rifle.

He was kind, gentle, funny, loving and patient

My best memory was when he and Marcella had recently met and Johnny took me to the dance at the Golden Nugget and he didn't tell Marcella that I was his cousin and he danced with me all night just to make her jealous.

Later when we were grown we would go to LaJara to visit him and the family and we would go to the store and I would ask him why he didn't park in the handicap space and he would smile and say "I'm not handicapped".

This is my favorite picture, it's him on the woodpile on the farm with the San Antonio Mnt. in the background I was 20 and he was 22. I always loved you. I wish I were more like you and someday we will reunite on that farm in Heaven.

Your favorite city cousin,  
Criss



**Criss Duran** - March 29, 2023 at 06:18 PM

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“ *To my brother in-law John. A hard working and giving person. Thank you for taking care of my sister and raising a beautiful family. You will be truly missed but not forgotten. May you rest in peace dear brother.*

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**Daniel Lopez** - March 28, 2023 at 04:37 PM

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“ *So many memories! We were playing in one of the old cars parked by the chicken coop. Grandpa was sitting next to the house, plucking feathers off the chickens he had rung the necks of. I pushed the button to start the car and to our surprise it started. Grandpa started yelling at us as he hobbled with his cane so quickly toward us. We were laughing and screaming so hard and trying to jump from the front seat to the back seat all tangled up. We were so out of control, we couldn't escape. In no time flat Grandpa opened the car door and hooked you by the neck with his cane and pulled you out of the car. It didn't matter to Grandpa that it was me that pushed the button. He just gave you a good shaking because we were still laughing and then crying! I guess just because you were older you got the brunt of it. We didn't always get in trouble, but we had incredible adventures each Summer. I love all of those memories in my heart. RIP! Love, Millie.*

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**Millie Duran** - March 28, 2023 at 04:37 PM