



## Jose David Lucero

June 9, 1936 - January 6, 2024

Jose David Lucero was born on June 9, 1936 in Blanca, Colorado. Eternally Gone Fishing on January 6, 2024 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He was the youngest of 13 siblings. Dave was a Blanca Eagles High School Basketball State Qualifier in 1952 and he graduated from Blanca High School in 1954.

After graduation from high school he began attending Adams State College in Alamosa. This was made possible by using the \$64 monthly insurance money his mother Beatrice was receiving from his deceased brother Pascal's death benefit provided by the US Government after he was killed in action 4 weeks before the end of WWII. Dave was inducted into the Army on July 14, 1960. He served 2 years active duty, 1 year of which was overseas in Korea.

After military service, Dave eventually returned to Adams State College where he completed his studies in 1968. Around this same time Dave pursued a career as park ranger. He worked at the Sand Dunes National Monument and Yellowstone National Park as a summer park ranger. Dave did his student teaching at the San Luis High School in the 1967-68 school year. He began working in Manzanola the following year.

It was at this time that he suffered a major life altering event. He suffered a debilitating brain hemorrhage from an aneurysm that nearly ended his life. His sister Aurelia took care of him and nursed him back to health. He was mostly unchanged afterward except for the three boreholes from the brain surgery to clip off and contain the aneurysm that had nearly ended his life. Later in life he would put marbles in those indentations to entertain his little nephews and nieces. After his recovery Uncle Dave applied for a position in the Social Security Administration. He worked there until he retired in 2001.

After retirement he mostly enjoyed doing what he loved most: traveling, fishing, gambling, watching the Broncos and visiting with family and friends. He eventually moved to the Spanish Peaks Veterans Community Living Center in August of 2021. He developed a respiratory ailment in December of 2023 which eventually took his life.

Dave was preceded in death by His Mother Beatrice Esquivel Lucero, his Father Magarito Lucero, infant sister Julianita and infant brother Magarito, brothers Tito Benigno, Reynaldo Pascal, Pablo Amado, Gaspar, Juan Fransico Carlos, and Ruben Fernandez. Sisters Manuelita Emilia and Aurelia, He is survived by his sister Marcella Lucero Roybal of Blanca, Colorado, Sister-in-Law Priscilla Salazar (Gaspar) Lucero of Pueblo, Colorado, numerous nieces, nephews, grand nieces, grand nephews and many friends. A special thank you to those who cared for him during his last days.

Vigil Services with Recitation of the Rosary will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2024 at 9:30am. Funeral mass will follow at 10:00am. Burial to follow after mass at the Ft. Garland Cemetery. Friends and Family are welcome to enjoy a meal and fellowship at the Blanca/Ft. Garland Community Center after the

burial. To Leave online condolences please visit [romerofuneralhomes.com](http://romerofuneralhomes.com).  
The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral  
Home of Alamosa.