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With profound sadness and deep love, we announce the passing of Leo "Joe" Mora Jr., who entered eternal rest on May 29, 2026, at the age of 66. Joe was born on May 27, 1960, in Alamosa, Colorado, to Leo J. Mora Sr. and Nea Mora. He was a devoted husband, loving father, proud grandfather, respected rancher, hardworking miner, skilled welder, loyal friend, and a cherished member of his community.

Joe spent his childhood in Canon, Colorado, where he developed the strong work ethic, values, and deep appreciation for family and agriculture that would define his life. He attended elementary, junior high and high school in Antonito, Colorado, graduating with the Class of 1978.

Following graduation, Joe began his career at the Grefco Perlite Mine during the summer of 1978. Determined to build a future for himself, he attended Red Rocks Community College from 1978 to 1979, where he earned his welding certifications. His dedication and willingness to work hard opened many doors throughout his life.

On December 27, 1980, Joe married the love of his life, Geraldine "Gerri" Mora, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Conejos, Colorado. Their marriage was a beautiful testament to love, commitment, and partnership, spanning over 45½ years. Together they built a life rooted in faith, family, and hard work.

From 1980 to 1982, Joe worked underground at the Climax Molybdenum Mine in Leadville, Colorado. In 1982, he returned to Canon, Colorado, where he and Gerri established their home and began building the life they had envisioned together. Joe worked alongside his father on the family ranch and farm, embracing the agricultural lifestyle he loved so dearly.

From 1984 to 2003, Joe worked at Grefco Perlite while simultaneously ranching and farming. From 1984 until the day of his passing, he dedicated himself to caring for the land, livestock, and traditions that had been passed down by his father. Ranching and farming were not merely occupations for Joe; they were his passion and way of life.

Joe was a man of many talents and interests. He was gifted in fabrication and mechanics, always able to build, repair, or improve anything he set his mind to. He loved riding horses and UTVs, camping beneath the Colorado skies, fishing with family and friends, and spending time outdoors. He was an avid sports fan who faithfully cheered for the Denver Broncos, Denver Nuggets, and Duke Blue Devils. He rarely missed watching the Barrett-Jackson auctions and enjoyed reality restoration shows, where craftsmanship and hard work were celebrated. Joe was also known as a savvy deal seeker with a remarkable ability to uncover treasures and great bargains wherever he went.

While Joe's accomplishments were many, family remained the center of his life. His greatest joy came from spending time with his beloved wife, daughters, sons-in-law, and grandchildren. He treasured every family gathering, every conversation, and every opportunity to create lasting

memories with those he loved. He shared special bonds with his sisters, extended family members, and countless friends. Nothing brought him more happiness than being surrounded by family.

Joe is survived by his devoted wife of 45½ years, Geraldine "Gerri" Mora; his daughters, Pamela Mora-Lopez (Benjamin Lopez), Kayte Mora (Darrel Cordova), and Jodi Mora-Abila (Paul Abila); and his cherished grandchildren, Sawyer Lopez, Silas Lopez, Amani Lopez, Kynsley Cordova, Haevyn Abila, and Alaina Abila.

He is also survived by his loving sisters, Catherine Luevano, Cindy Mora, Debbie Mora, and Maria Garcia (Ricky Garcia), along with numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, and dear friends whose lives were enriched by his presence.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Leo J. Mora Sr. and Nea Mora; his brother, Conrad "Terry" Mora; his sister, Carnation Rose Mora; and his father-in-law, Filemon Garcia.

Joe will be remembered for his unwavering dedication to his family, his strong work ethic, his generosity, his sense of humor, and his willingness to help anyone in need. His legacy lives on in the values he instilled, the land he cared for, the friendships he nurtured, and the family he loved so deeply.

Though our hearts are heavy with loss, we find comfort knowing that Joe's life was one well lived, filled with purpose, love, and devotion. His memory will forever remain in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Rosary Service

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church  
Conejos, Colorado

Funeral Mass

Thursday, June 11, 2026

11:00 a.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church  
Conejos, Colorado

Interment will follow at Las Mesitas Cemetery 33525 State Hwy 17, Antonito,  
CO

Reception to follow burial at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Hall.

The family extends their sincere gratitude to all relatives, friends, and community members for their prayers, support, and expressions of love during this difficult time.

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.

In loving memory of Leo "Joe" Mora Jr., forever in our hearts.

# Tribute Wall

KM

“ My deepest condolences to the family. I am so sorry for your loss Gerri. I found out about Joe’s passing the day of his service. I would have attended otherwise. Joe was our cousin & Gerri my classmate. Joe was a special and talented man - so down to earth. I have fond memories growing up and going to school with him. May he rest peacefully and may God be with the family as they mourn his passing. This is such a huge loss. Love ❤️ and prayers to all.



Kim Montoya - June 15 at 12:57 AM

LA

“ Condolences to the family. RIP Sorry for your loss. Just saw this.

Lisa Atencio - June 11 at 02:08 PM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Leo "Joe" Mora.



June 08 at 05:59 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Leo "Joe" Mora.

June 08 at 05:59 PM

MS

“ *Manly and Patsy Sikes purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Leo "Joe" Mora.*



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**Manly and Patsy Sikes** - June 08 at 04:47 PM

NR

“ *Joe was a great friend and neighbor, he will be deeply missed.  
Nathan and Ali Ruybal*

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**Nathan Ruybal** - June 08 at 12:12 PM

GG

“ *We, Gilbert and Ruth Garcia will truly miss our friend and neighbor, Joe. He was a great asset to the community, always willing to help and have a conversation. We had many an enjoyable talk about sports, ranching, and managing the La Vega Ditch Company.*

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**Gilbert ^ Ruth Garcia** - June 08 at 11:11 AM

EF

“ *Elsie, Jake, Donna Trujillo and family purchased the Springtime Wishes for the family of Leo "Joe" Mora.*



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**Elsie, Jake, Donna Trujillo and family** - June 08 at 07:49 AM

GG

“ I went to high school with Gerri and Joe and was truly saddened by Joe's passing. I remember Joe playing basketball. Gerri and family my deepest sympathy. Gloria Garcia Lakewood Co

Gloria Garcia - June 06 at 08:29 PM

CL

“ Practical joker that he was; one day he said to me let's go to Hollywood. I thought Alamosa. Oh no he meant haul-e-wood. It was hilarious. Hours of haul-e-wood. I shall miss you little brother. Cat



Catherine Luevano - June 06 at 04:46 PM

NA

“ Joe, was very friendly, outgoing, and always with a smile and laughing. He always made us feel welcomed and welcomed us into his family. He was caring always asked how is mama, he was a caring person. You will be missed by many. Rest in peace Joe 🙏

Nancy Abila - June 06 at 11:40 AM

LW

“ Last time I saw Joe was at Walmart in Alamosa. I had moved to Louisiana and had come back to see my family.. He called out my name and I looked and there he stood. I must have looked puzzled, cause he responded with you don't recognize me do you. I said im sorry wats your name. He answered Juan. I added Juaun who? He answered Valdez. My mind is searching... the only Juan Valdez I know of is the coffee dude. He laughed and said you really dont remember Joe Mora. We laughed and I hugged him. I thought about him and his family often we grew up together. I thought really hard about him when Melton passed away. Im gonna miss you my friend. You were always kind and treated me with respect when all of our classmates would not. It takes some longer to grow up than others... RIP

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**Lena martinez whitehead** - June 05 at 08:49 PM

MJ

Jodi and Paul and all the Mora family, we are so sorry for your loss. May your daddy rest in peace in God's kingdom .

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**Martinez Janet** - June 06 at 11:24 AM

TH

I was saddened to hear of the passing of Joe Mora. He was a devoted rancher and member of the community. He will be missed by all who knew him.

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**Tom Holmes** - June 19 at 02:52 PM