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Lucas Leroy Casias, of Alamosa, Colorado, passed away on April 11, 2026, in Taos, New Mexico.

Leroy was born on November 28, 1946, in Manassa, Colorado to Isabel Trujillo and Lucas Casias. He was a steady and well-known part of the San Luis Valley community. More than anything, Leroy was known for making people smile and laugh. He had a way of making everyone feel like they were the most important person in the room.

Leroy served as a basketball referee for over 30 years, giving his time to the game and the community he loved. He was also a proud member of the band Indian Nickel, which played dances, weddings, and festivals throughout the Valley. The band was inducted into the Colorado Chicano Hall of Fame in 2014—something Leroy was very proud of.

He loved his family deeply and made it a priority to be present for their lives, never wanting to miss a sporting event or special moment. He enjoyed traveling, and in his later years, you could often find him enjoying time at the

casinos.

Leroy is survived by his spouse, Ruth Casias of Taos, New Mexico; his sister, Carmelita Pereyra of Taos, New Mexico; and his children: Ray (Rachel) Casias of Spring Hill, Tennessee; Ricky Casias of Alamosa, Colorado; Tammy Martinez of Denver, Colorado; and Lucas (Lisa) Casias of San Acacio, Colorado.

He also leaves behind his grandchildren: Aysha and Marisa Martinez; Gabriella and Tristan Casias; Lucas, Fayth, and Destinee Casias; Tyree Casias; and Domonic and Brandon Herrera.

Leroy was preceded in death by his parents, Isabel Trujillo and Lucas Casias, and by his first wife, Delsie Casias, with whom he shared 38 years and four children.

A memorial service will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Alamosa, Colorado on April 22 at 9:00 a.m., with a celebration of life to follow at the church. Leroy chose to be cremated. To Leave online condolences please visit: romerofuneralhomes.com. The Care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Valley

Tribute Wall

GL

“ I recall when Indian Nickel played often at the Dutch in Antonito and Demos in Romeo. Condolences to the family and rest in peace brother!
Geo Muniz

Geo Muniz de Lucero - April 26 at 01:14 PM

MG

“ Our condolences and prayers to all of "Cheech"s" family and friends. Leroy was in our lives for over 30 years. He brought Indian Nickel to all five of my daughters' graduations! He was able to bring that Chicano flavor everywhere they played! He refereed my summer camps and many of my games in Del Norte over the years. I'll always remember his "Chistoso" way of living life. Rest in peace my good friend...
Mike and Linda Gallegos

Mike Gallegos - April 22 at 03:09 PM

PM

“ Leroy was truly a good kind genuine person. Our world needs more people like Leroy. Our condolences and prayers are with the Family.

Pat and Donna Martinez

Pat and Donna Martinez - April 20 at 06:48 PM

GG

“ *Leroy will be missed immensely, but never forgotten. I was extremely blessed to have Leroy in my life for so many years. Indian Nickel played at Greco's Lounge for many years. Leroy played at my Son & both of my daughters wedding's. Leroy will forever be in my heart. I will cherish our dance at the Eagles as long as I live, as well as the fun trips to the Casino. My condolences to Ruth, Ray, Ricky, Lucas, Tammy & families. Hugs full of Love to all of you. Love your Hita, Grace.*

Grace Griego - April 18 at 10:49 AM

LM

“ *Leroy and the band played at our wedding in 1978. Everytime I would see him, he always had a kind word and a smile. They provided so much joy to this community and I will always appreciate that. God Speed, Leroy...you will always be remembered fondly.*
Loretta Mitson (Leandro Salazar)

Loretta M Mitson - April 17 at 11:53 PM

AG

“ *Ruth, Ray, Rick, Tammy & Lucas,*
May God's Holy Spirit bring comfort to you all as you mourn the passing of your husband and Dad. Leroy was definitely full of life and sang "This Magic Moment" until the very end of his life. I will always remember him when I here that song. John 11:25 reads "Jesus said to her: "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life; I know for a fact Leroy believed in the resurrection.

Your Cousin Angela Pacheco Gonzales

Angela Pacheco Gonzales - April 17 at 12:13 AM

FS

“ *My deepest condolences to the family and friends of Leroy. Leroy was a talented, genuine and kind man. It was always a pleasure visiting with him.*

Vaya con dios!

Fred Salazar

Freddy Salazar - April 16 at 10:56 PM