



## Walter Espinoza

December 16, 1940 - April 17, 2024

Longtime Alamosa resident Jose “Walter” V. Espinoza, 83, went to be with the Lord on April 17, 2024. Walter was born December 16, 1940, in Espinoza, CO, the son of Juan E. and Solidea Romero Espinoza. After graduating from La Jara High School, he honorably served in the United States Navy from August of 1958 to December of 1962 and the United States Army from October of 1963 to October of 1966. He married Laura Maria Montoya on July 10, 1968 in Conejos, CO where they resided in Alamosa for 56 years. Walter worked for AmeriGas for 38 years as a service technician and was well known throughout the San Luis Valley. He often gave his time and skills to anyone in need of assistance with their propane appliances and their heating needs. He was a devoted Catholic and enjoyed attending church and was involved in many church activities. A member American Legion Post #113 of Alamosa, World War II, Korean, Vietnam Last Squad of Alamosa. Walter loved the time he spent with his wife, family, grandchildren and the many friends he made through his years.

He is survived by his 4 children; Orlie Espinoza of Alamosa, Jeff Espinoza of Fountain, Mario Espinoza of Lone Tree, and Aaron Espinoza of Alamosa, 4 grandchildren; D’mitri Espinoza, Alysa Espinoza, Elijah Espinoza and Montana Pearce; sisters Lucy (George) Martinez of Romeo, Marbella (John) Trujillo of Denver, Virginia (Dave) Stuber of Alamosa, Irene Espinoza of Aurora; sisters-in-law Virginia Espinoza of Leadville; Rosalie Espinoza of Romeo; brother Otto (Elva) Espinosa of Layton, Utah. He is also survived by

numerous, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Walter was preceded in death by his parents Juan and Solidea Espinoza, his beloved wife Laura Espinoza; two brothers, Enios Espinoza and Lionel Espinoza.

Cremation was chosen and a Vigil Service with Recitation of the Rosary will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 9:30 AM, Memorial Mass to follow at 10:00 AM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Alamosa. Inurnment will follow at the Alamosa Cemetery with full military honors. To leave online condolences please visit [romerofuneralhomes.com](http://romerofuneralhomes.com). The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

# Cemetery Details

## **Alamosa Cemetery**

2200 State Ave  
Alamosa, CO 81101  
(719) 589-2105

# Tribute Wall

DN

“ I met Walt when he installed a propane tank for my home in Crestone in 1994. We worked together for the day. Walt was a kind and gentle soul. He was a loving man with a big heart. I last saw him in Walmart with his wife some time after he retired. What a special soul. See you later Walt.

*Dennis Neuhaus, Crestone*

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**Dennis Neuhaus** - April 27, 2024 at 04:08 PM

LJ

“ Leroy and Cindy Jimenez purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Walter Espinoza.



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**Leroy and Cindy Jimenez** - April 24, 2024 at 07:56 PM

LJ

“ Leroy and Cindy Jimenez planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Walter Espinoza.

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**Leroy and Cindy Jimenez** - April 24, 2024 at 07:56 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Walter Espinoza.



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April 24, 2024 at 06:00 PM

DF

“ The Foster family lived across the yards and we all have great memories of the Espinoza family. Walt and I would occasionally celebrate a local and/or national football victory with a liquid toast and when the Hatch green chili was ready he and Laura introduced us to fresh roasted green chili tortillas with garlic and butter topped with shakes of salt. The neighborhood was filled with fantastic aroma and many stories back then. Great family and I shall never forget how fun and hard working they all were. Rest in peace Walt & Laura. Douglas Foster Family.

Douglas Foster - April 23, 2024 at 09:28 PM

RM

“ Walter was a very good friend of mine, sure going to miss him. This man taught me a lot things. One that I'll always remember is how he was a friend to all and ready to help with his knowledge of gas appliances/ heating systems. Walter was a great man! He will be missed!

Ronnie Mondragon - April 23, 2024 at 06:58 PM

PE

“ Pat and Marina Espinoza purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Walter Espinoza.



Pat and Marina Espinoza - April 23, 2024 at 01:53 PM

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“ Pat and Marina Espinoza planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Walter Espinoza.

Pat and Marina Espinoza - April 23, 2024 at 01:53 PM

PE

“ Heartfelt sympathy to the family of Walter Espinoza. He was one of the good guys and will forever be in many memories that we shared together as a cousin growing up. He will be missed and was lucky enough to have visited him recently along with his wife Laura. RIP WALTER AND LAURA. Love Pat and Marina Espinoza

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**Pat Espinoza** - April 23, 2024 at 01:45 PM

SW

“ I was so sad to hear of Walter's passing. He was such a good man. He was so kind. He worked with my father at Cal Gas when I was a kid. I heard that his wife Laura passed away earlier. She was amazing as well and I am sure they are so happy to be reunited again. My condolences to the family.

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**Shawn Woods** - April 23, 2024 at 11:16 AM