



## Joseph (Joe) Dominguez

April 23, 2023

Joseph “Joe” Dominguez - dedicated husband, father, mentor, and friend of many-passed away from liver cancer on April 23, 2023, at the age of 72.

Joe was born to Joe Dominguez Sr and Cora Trujillo in Fort Collins, Colorado. He was later adopted by his mother, Ruth Dominguez.

Joe attended Poudre High School and left his junior year to serve in the US Army from 1970-1972. After returning from the military, he met the love of his life, Dorothy. This year would mark their 50th wedding anniversary. Joe obtained his GED in 1982. In 1983 he accepted a position working for Poudre School District where he fulfilled his love to serve others as the Head Custodian at Leshar Middle School for 30 years.

Joe was the All-American Dad. Throughout the years he enjoyed fishing, camping, coaching a local softball team, watching sports, supporting his favorite team, The Kansas City Chiefs, mentoring students, cooking for his family and friends, raising his great-grandchildren after retirement, and developing friendships wherever he went. Joe was authentically and wholeheartedly there for those in his life. Joe was a kind and thoughtful soul and will be missed and remembered by the many lives he touched.

Joe is survived by his wife, Dorothy Dominguez, daughter Amy (husband,

Jesse) Keppley, son, Mel Bishop; mother, Ruth Dominguez; brothers, Sammy (wife, Paula) Trujillo, Scott Dominguez, Bill (wife, Dareen) Dominguez, and sister, Judy (husband, Casi) Yanez; seven grandchildren: Anthony Dominguez, Sisco (wife, Shelby) Huerta, Kennedy Dominguez, Marcos Huerta, Nikki Martinez, and Isabella Huerta; and six great-grandchildren, Carlos Dominguez, Atheena Gomez-Dominguez, Aubrianna Dominguez, Aurora Huerta, and Willow Huerta. He was preceded in death by his mother Cora Trujillo; father, Joe Dominguez; great-grandson, Greyson Huerta, grandson, Alejandro Huerta, son-in-law, David Bishop, and nephew, Aaron Trujillo.

Memorial services will be held at Saint Joseph Catholic Church, 300 W Mountain Ave, Fort Collins, CO 80521. Recitation of the Rosary will be held at 1:30 pm, followed by a Memorial Mass at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, and a dinner immediately following.

# Previous Events

## Rosary

MAY 3. 1:30 PM (MT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
300 W Mountain Ave  
Fort Collins, CO 80521  
<https://www.stjosephfc.org/>

## Memorial Mass

MAY 3. 2:00 PM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall

JR

“ Joe was one of the best men I ever had the opportunity to know in my life. I was a troubled kid when I attended Lesher getting to take Joe's class guided study was the best thing that could of happened to me. Because of Joe I was able to get through my time at Lesher he always looked out for his students. I thought of him more as family than a teacher. I ran into Joe a few years back and we definitely reminisced on the times we had at Lesher for Joe the 3 years I was blessed to work with him were only a few years of his time at Lesher but as I sit here typing this those 3 years changed my life for the better. Thank you Joe for helping me the way you helped everyone! Time goes way too fast Rest in paradise my friend you will be forever missed and never forgotten!

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**Justin Romero** - May 25, 2023 at 06:35 PM

DC

“ I was an assistant principal at Lesher and Joe was a lifeline for me. He was incredible. I fondly remember when school ended changing locker combos with him for days.

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**Dierdre Cook** - May 16, 2023 at 09:13 AM

MM

“ I was a teacher at Lesher during several of the 30 years Joe worked there. He was a true professional, and both staff and students loved him. Dorothy, Amy, Manny, and the whole family are in my prayers.

*Marty Marsh*

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**Marty Marsh** - May 05, 2023 at 05:37 PM

AJ

“ Joe will be missed. Thank you for the great conversations, Positivity, and respect. It was an honor to be your equal and work along side you at PSD.

-Antonio Enriquez Jr.-



Antonio Enriquez Jr. - May 03, 2023 at 11:05 AM

DB

“ Sorry to hear about Joe. I first met Joe in the 4th grade at Mountain View elementary School. He was a good guy! He asked me one day to meet him after school behind the gymnasium because he wanted to show me something. When I showed up he had a can of shaving cream and a razor. We both shaved for the first time. I don't know about Joe but my face was all peach fuzz. I always enjoyed talking to Joe. Going to miss my old friend.

Dale Barella - May 03, 2023 at 10:39 AM

SM

“ Sending condolences to Dorothy and her family. Joe was a very good man. May he rest in peace.

Lupe and Suzanna Mercado (Tavarez)



Suzanna Mercado - May 01, 2023 at 05:09 PM

ED

“ So sorry for your loss aunt Dorothy, Amy and Mel. Uncle Joe was a good man and he will be missed. God bless the entire Dominguez family. Eddie

Eddie - April 30, 2023 at 09:37 PM

MB

“ This is one of my favorite pictures of my parents. This year will be their 50th wedding anniversary. The look in my fathers eyes and his big smile shows just how much he loves my mom. Proof that a picture is worth a thousand words. Priceless. ❤️



Mel Bishop - April 30, 2023 at 07:38 AM

RJ

“ Working for Joe as a class elective was one the coolest things I did. He made me want to go to school. I feel blessed I got to do that 7th through 9th grade.

Raymond Juarez - April 28, 2023 at 08:01 PM

KC

“ Karen Cooper lit a candle in memory of Joseph (Joe) Dominguez



Karen Cooper - April 28, 2023 at 11:28 AM

CA

“ Joe worked at the junio high school I attended and was always cheerfully and funny. The kids loved him and he loved us. I'm now 35 and now realize how big of an impact this man had in my life in such a positive way. Joe taught me more about life than most of the teaches did during my time in junior high. He will be missed.

crystina Aragon - April 28, 2023 at 10:59 AM

JL

“ Was a student at lesser Junior High when Joe worked there he was always one of my favorite people to see during lunch time and the cafeteria and always had a stash of candy somewhere in his office you will be missed Joe rest in peace sir until we meet again



Jeremie Lopez - April 28, 2023 at 01:20 AM

DL

“ He is someone I'll never forget from my middle school years at Leshar, he even signed my yearbook from 2002. He was kind , condolences to his family at this time .

Delilah Lopez - April 27, 2023 at 09:36 PM



“ 3 files added to the album In Loving Memory Joe Domingez



Leova Flora - April 27, 2023 at 09:30 PM

NP

“ Rest in peace uncle Joe



Norma Padia - April 27, 2023 at 09:21 PM

JG

“ I LOVE AND GONNA MISS YOU NINO.  
PLEASE WATCH OVER ALL OF US. THERE  
ISN'T GOING TO BE A DAY THAT GOES BY  
THAT IM NOT THINKING AND MISS U BUT  
ILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT NO  
MATTER WHAT U ARE STILL HERE WITH US AND ALWAYS  
GOING TO BE IN OUR HEARTS AND IN OUR MEMORIES.



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**Joshua Gutierrez** - April 27, 2023 at 07:11 PM

LF

“ *Leova Flora lit a candle in memory of Joseph  
(Joe) Dominguez*



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**Leova Flora** - April 27, 2023 at 05:59 PM