



## Joe C. Cienfuegos, Sr.

April 15, 2011 - April 15, 2011

Joe Cienfuegos, Sr., a familiar face on Linden Street for the past 88 years, past away from Alzheimer's on April 14, 2011. Mr. Cienfuegos was born August 27, 1920 in Chihuahua, Mexico to Socorro and Refugio Cienfuegos. Joe came to Fort Collins with his family under contract with Great Western Sugar Beet Factory as laborers. He attended school locally. He worked for Johnny Ahers a local mechanic shop. In December of 1940 he married Teresa Dominquez. In 1942 he joined the army, where he obtained the rank of sergeant. He was with the 7th Army, 3rd Division. Joe was wounded, captured, and imprisoned in Germany. Upon his release as a POW he returned to Plymouth Rock, England and he was granted United States Citizenship by the US Army. Upon returning to Fort Collins he opened Joe's Auto Upholstery at 247 Linden and it is still a family business after 65 years. Mr. Cienfuegos enjoyed restoring 1932 Fords, collecting antiques, elk hunting and fishing. Survivors include his sons, Richard Ruby, and George both of Fort Collins; six grandchildren, Joe III, Julie Marie, Tanya, Stephanie, Ryan and Noel; eight great-grandchildren; brothers, Joe Nelda Coria and Dave Isabel Coria both of Fort Collins. He was adored by his grandchildren and lovingly called Papa Joe. Preceding Joe in death are his parents; wife, Teresa; son, Joe, Jr.; 2 sisters and 1 brother. A Mass of Christian Burial and Rosary with Military Honors will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Memorial contributions can be made to Alzheimer's Association in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Ft. Collins,

CO 80524.

# Tribute Wall

NY

“ Joe and I sealed our friendship the moment he learned that my grandfather was Archie Dinnebeck. Turns out my grandfather loaned Joe his car on Joe's wedding day for his honeymoon. We often talked and commiserated. He was a wonderful gentleman.

Nancy York - April 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ George and Ryan, So sorry to hear about your Dad/granddad passing. He was always so nice to Rose and I when we were growing up and I can remember visits with him and your Mom/Grandma. : My thoughts are with you!

Sarah Rhodes Cauzza - April 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Richard and family, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. I felt like I knew him, through the stories told by my dad, Keith, who loved to come downtown and visit your shop.

Rae Hulbert Timme - April 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ George and Richard, Colleen and I are very sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. What a great guy and talent. One of the original Old Town business men. Raised you boys to do the same. A father to be proud of. My Best Regards, Kelkie

Kelkie Russell - April 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *Rich.. Sorry about your dad. I still remember sitting down at your shop and listening to stories about the early days of old town. He will be missed.*

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**Ken Schneidmiller** - April 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ *I will always have fond memories of Joe. One especially prominent memory is of the day Joe took me on a tour through the upstairs apartments currently occupied by Beaudin Ganze Consulting Engineers where his mother and her children lived around the time of Prohibition. The stories he told were gripping. I only wish they could have been recorded. Joe was an extraordinary man.*

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**Douglas** - April 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM