



Louis Franco

June 21, 1933 - January 13, 2021

Louis Franco was born on a farm East of Lamar, Colorado to Alvaro and Catalina (Melgosa) Franco on June 21, 1933. He departed this life to be with his Lord on January 13, 2021 in Fort Collins, Colorado. He grew up on a farm West of Lamar, Colorado, went to a little country school where he was a student under Mrs. Mabel Grove who taught him for all eight elementary grades. He then went to Lamar Union High School in Lamar, Colorado, where he graduated in 1952.

Louis enlisted in the U.S. Army, did his basic training in Fort Ord in California, and then served the remainder of his service years in Germany. Louis farmed West of Lamar for three years and then became interested in law enforcement. He applied for the Colorado State Troopers and took his training in Golden, Colorado. He was assigned to the Larimer County area in and around Fort Collins, Colorado, where he remained until his retirement. He then took up his hobby as a part time mechanic until his death.

Louis was preceded in death by his wife Cleopatra, his parents, and his brothers; Ben, Andrew, Silvey, and David.

He is survived by his daughters; Verna Herrera (son Jaylon Griner and great grandkids Jaylon Jr. and Jaida), Cathy Franco, Deanna Whiteaker (husband Scott and son Blake) and foster daughter Janet K. Howard.

Louis is also survived by his brother Daniel Franco (Sandy), sisters; Nina Velasquez (Ray), Romana Arithson (Rodger), Carmen Melgosa (Dan), Berna Pipkin, Theresa Sondburg (Bryan), and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends, especially his dear friend Elizabeth Ford who has been Louis and Cleopatra's friend for over 55 years.

A private service will be held at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. Friends may view the live stream at bohlenderfuneralchapel.com on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, from 10-11 am. An interment will take place at Resthaven Memory Gardens Cemetery on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 11:30 am.

Previous Events

Internment

JAN 19. 11:30 AM (MT)

Resthaven Memory Gardens Cemetery
8426 S. Highway 287 Fort Collins, CO US 80525
Fort Collins, CO 80525

Tribute Wall



“ *Bohlender Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Louis Franco*



Bohlender Funeral Chapel - January 19, 2021 at 10:21 AM

NV

“ *Your dad was my big brother that led all us Franco's down the path of life. As you know he was grandma and grandpas' first born, so much was expected of him! I know they were very proud of him. Grandpa ruled us all with an iron fist,(that was because he loved us and wanted us to excel) and grandma with a loving, guiding hand, she taught us our prayers in Spanish and so many other things. I'll always remember when your dad would take us to the movies in Lamar. One time he took us to see "King Kong". I was so frightened that I sat on the floor of the movie theater, Louie had to pull me out when it was time to leave! He taught me how to shoot rifles, shoot empty cans off posts, taught me how to ride a bicycle, how copper wire "does not" conduct electricity! He had such a sense of humor. He was so proud of you girls and loved your mother so much. He worked tirelessly to provide all the necessities of life. Thank you Deanna and Scott for allowing me to spend time with my brother in his last moments. I will treasure that sweet sorrowful time with him. May God keep him in the Palm of his Hand. May God Bless you,
Aunt Nina*

Nina Velasquez - January 23, 2021 at 08:11 AM

LF

Aunt Nina, thank you so much for being there for my dad and for us. I can't express my gratitude in words. You truly are a blessing to our family. May God bless you also and I love you always Aunt Nina.

Lou's Family - January 25, 2021 at 10:23 PM

CF

I love you Dad, I miss you so much and I know that you're in heaven with Mom and the rest of the family someday I'll be able to meet you up there in heaven love you always your daughter Catalina

Cathleen Franco - February 25, 2024 at 06:28 PM

JV

“ I'll never forget the day my Uncle Lou brought me a little teeny tiny kitten, hidden in his leather coat. I was Beyond happy when I knew that kitty was mine. I was 5 and I had that kitty for 22 years! Uncle Lou & Aunt Cleo were always there for me. I've always felt very loved in their presence. In my teenage years, I would spend countless hours at the house watching MTV! Auntie Cleo would always make sure I had something to eat and drink, always taking care of me. We will all miss them dearly.

Please take comfort in knowing they are in our Lords Kingdom, strong, healthy and happy, where there is no darkness, only Light! I am Sending Love and Healing White Light! Blessings to all of you!

🙏
Xoxo, Josie ❤️



Josie Velasquez - January 16, 2021 at 02:45 PM

LF



Lou's Family - January 17, 2021 at 11:16 AM

TS

Brother I always remember the times momma and I would sit out in the plum bushes and write you letters when you were away in the military. I remember sending letters to you in California and Germany. We had a good time together writing you and laughing and sometimes weeping a bit when you left for Germany. May you RIP. Love, Theresa and boys.

Theresa Sondburg - January 18, 2021 at 10:46 AM

LF

Thank you Aunt Theresa 🙏

Lou's Family - January 18, 2021 at 08:55 PM

SF

I always liked to spend time with Louis and Cleo. They seemed to like to spend spend time doing things that I liked to do. Thrift shopping was so much fun! I will miss both of them.

sandra franco - January 19, 2021 at 10:43 AM

LF



Lou's Family - January 20, 2021 at 11:29 AM

BC

“ Barb , Phil&Don, Wendy&Chris, Chrissy&Matt purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Louis Franco.



Barb , Phil&Don, Wendy&Chris, Chrissy&Matt - January 16, 2021 at 01:22 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Louis Franco.*



January 16, 2021 at 12:02 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences to the Franco family. We were so sorry to hear of your dads passing. He was a giant of man in my eyes and I will forever remember the times we spent together as I was growing up. I always looked up to your dad (and not because I was so short), I was very proud of the work he did and would mention it when anyone mentioned Fort Collins. He is with his beloved Cleo and I take comfort in knowing they are together again. Godspeed Uncle Louis until we meet again. Love The Lujan Family (Melissa, John, Anissa and Dylan)*



Melissa Lujan - January 16, 2021 at 07:18 AM



Thank you so much 🙏

Deanna and family - January 17, 2021 at 10:59 AM

AB

“ Oh, my dear Uncle Lou, I will always cherish those family vacations... the California trip is one to remember and camping and camping and camping.

My heart goes out to Deanna, Cathy, Verna and Janet. Keep the memories close, my dears. He will Always be with you - in the good times and the bad, in decision making (you'll think what would Dad do and you'll hear that recognizable voice helping guide you). There will be times when you hear him without even a thought. Welcome and cherish that.

I know it's difficult. But know this truth - he is now in the House of our Lord sitting at a banquet with my Dad (Ben), Grandma Catalina, Grandpa Alvaro, David, Silvey, Leandro and Janice. Sincere condolences and prayers of comfort for the entire family.

Rest easy, Sports Fan. We'll see you again.

With love from "the Mer". ❤️



Anna Bockhorn - January 15, 2021 at 05:10 PM

DF

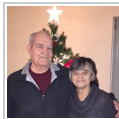
Thank you for the kind words and condolences. It means the world to us. 🙏

Deanna and family - January 15, 2021 at 07:40 PM

JF

Thanks to Louis for being a good friend to our family. Louis and Cleo were my God parents and always by our families side. Thank you. Joe Ford & Family

joe ford - January 16, 2021 at 11:57 AM



The neighborhood won't be the same with your Dad and Mom gone when you've been neighbors for over 50 years they become family and I'm going to miss them terribly but I know we will meet again someday. My condolences to you and know that You are in my thoughts and prayers love you

Juliet Chavez - January 16, 2021 at 11:57 PM

DF



Deanna And Family - January 17, 2021 at 11:13 AM

AB

I miss my Aunt Cleo and Uncle Lou very much. We were all blessed to have them in our lives. ❤️

Anna Bockhorn - January 18, 2021 at 12:15 AM

HR

Condolences to Mr. Francos family. May our Dear Lord give you all the strength and comfort so needed at this time. 🙏🙏 Helen Rodriguez and Family

Helen Rodriguez - January 18, 2021 at 05:19 PM

LF



Lou's Family - January 18, 2021 at 08:57 PM

RG

I remember when I was little and being at Uncle Louie and Aunt Cleo's house. As we were standing outside, every car that passed would wave hello. I was so impressed by how they were known and liked by their community. I miss both of them very much. They were always so kind to me. I pray for comfort for all of the family at this time. And I pray for us to always know of God's unwavering love.

Roxane Geisler - January 19, 2021 at 12:05 PM

CT

Thank you Uncle Louie for being such a mentor in my life. From repairs on the old VW rabbit to showing me how to work on boats (and of course a little humility when you showed up with that beautiful Mariah speed boat). Most importantly I thank you for taking care of my son Alex. From babysitting him at a very early age you taught him how to laugh and of course ride a 4 wheeler around the backyard. You and Aunt Cleo helped shape him into the man he is today. I am blessed to have had you in our lives. May you find peace and love in Gods glory. The Trionfera family

Chuck Trionfera - January 19, 2021 at 12:41 PM

LF



Lou's Family - January 20, 2021 at 11:27 AM

RH

I will never forget the time that I was speeding down Overland Trail to get to work and Uncle Louie was working and pulled me over! He stood by the side of my car looking so handsome in his CSP uniform. He never said one word about me speeding and he just kept talking and talking making me even more late for work!! I got his message loud and clear!!! Uncle Lou will be truly missed but please find comfort knowing he is in our Lord's Kingdom.

Romy Helfrich - January 21, 2021 at 02:15 PM

LF

Thank you Romy for sharing. It means the world to us girls. 🌹

Lou's Family - January 21, 2021 at 09:56 PM