



## Orlando Valentine Cruz

February 14, 1948 - April 5, 2015

Orlando Valentine Cruz, 67 of Fort Collins, passed away on April 5, 2015, Easter Sunday at 6:49 PM surrounded by his family. Orlando aka Orley, was born on February 14, 1948 in Pueblo, Colorado to Jose Mariano, and Clodovia (Duran) Cruz. His family moved to Fort Collins when he was a teenager and he resided the rest of his life in Fort Collins.

Orley attended Fort Collins schools and finished his high school education in the United States Army. He was enlisted active duty in the Army from 1968 to 1970 and Army Reserves for four years after. Orley was stationed stateside and in Korea. He returned to Fort Collins, married Theresa (Cordova) Cruz and they raised two sons, Demetrious and Jereme Cruz.

Orley worked at Colorado State University, Powers Towing, and Cook Lumber Company. He loved fishing, hunting, anything outdoors. He loved spending time with his grandchildren, puzzle making, watching Westerns and Wrestling on television. He was an excellent backyard mechanic and was always available to help family and friends. He was a good friend and neighbor to everyone that knew him; he was known for secretly mowing a senior neighbor's yard.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Joaquim; brothers, Alfidio, Marcelino, Virgil, Waldo; sisters, Linda Rodriguez, and Rosie Garbiso. He is

survived by his beloved wife, Theresa, of forty three years; sons, Demetrious, and Jereme (Samantha); five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. He is also survived by sisters, Irene Peralta, Georgina Herrera, and Edith Ramirez (Philp).

A Rosary service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday at Holy Family Catholic Church, 326 Whitcomb Street. A Funeral Mass will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. on Friday at Holy Family Catholic Church and a reception will be held at the Holy Family Catholic Church Hall after the Interment with Military Honors at Grandview Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Grandview Cemetery

1900 W. Mountain Ave.  
Ft. Collins, CO 80521

# Previous Events

## Rosary

APR **9**. 7:00 PM (MT)

Holy Family Catholic Church  
326 N. Whitcomb Street Fort Collins, CO US 80521  
Fort Collins, CO 80521

## Funeral Mass

APR **10**. 10:00 AM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall

GR

“ *he was a great grandfather and god father he will always be loved and missed but he will never be forgotten. we all miss him and i cry every day, every minute of the day because I was so close to him.*

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**grae** - March 06, 2017 at 03:11 PM

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“ *Michelle Ureste lit a candle in memory of Orlando Valentine Cruz*



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**michelle ureste** - April 10, 2015 at 10:20 AM

MU

“ *My condolences to my very dear friend demetrioues (cruzito) I pray god soothes you and your family's hearts .I know they feel broke right now. but it will mend in time god bless you and your family. Much love and respect Michelle Ureste and family*

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**michelle ureste** - April 10, 2015 at 10:18 AM

MA

“ *We wish to say Thank You to your loved one for his service to our great country. Our sympathies are with your family.*

*NoCo Marine Corps League Auxiliary #785*

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**Marine Corps League Auxiliary** - April 09, 2015 at 09:50 AM



“ *What moves through us is a silence, a quiet sadness, a longing for one more day, one more word, one more touch. We may not understand why you left this earth so soon, or why you left, but.. little by little, we begin to remember not just that you died, but that you lived. And that your life gave us memories too beautiful to ever forget. How lucky am I to have known someone who was so hard to say goodbye. I am so honored to have been apart of you life these last 27 years. From the time I was born, till the day you took your last breath, you were ALWAYS here for me. I will hold you close to my heart and never forget all the small to big things you have done for me and my family. You were one in a million, one of a kind. I will cherish you forever and a day. I love you oh so much my beloved, Nino!*

*With all my love,  
Ashley Marie Cordova*



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**Ashley Cordova** - April 08, 2015 at 01:32 PM

SH

“ *Terry, We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Orley. Mom and Dad both thought so much of you two and enjoyed seeing you two at Albertsons and all the times Dad went hunting with your Cordova brothers and Orley. May God be with you Terry and your family. Our deepest sympathy  
The Batty Family*



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**Shelley Hanna** - April 07, 2015 at 06:05 PM



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**Bohlender Funeral Chapel** - April 07, 2015 at 04:02 PM