

## PEDRO ROSENDO MAESTAS

1/23/1909 – 11/29/2003

Pedro Rosendo Maestas, AKA Roy P. Maestas. Monico Martinez & Manuelita Tafoya were the Grandfather & Grandmother on his fathers side. Monico was a horse Breeder in Taos, who came to Pueblo, CO for a meeting where he was shot and killed. He was returned to Taos in a casket. It is unknown how or when Manuelita died.

El Doche Romel & Katalina Maestas were the Grandfather & Grandmother on his mothers side. They had two sons, Abelino Maestas & Militon Maestas. Katalina gave the children her last name because she and Romel were not married.

Abelino Maestas married Natividad Tafoya, who was born in Taos NM and died in Trinidad, CO. No DOD is known. They had four children all were born at home with a mid-wife to assist her.

Abelino Maestas – No DOB or DOD

Felix Maestas – Born in Taos, NM 3/28/1898, died in Boulder, CO 6/21/1973

Lucia Maria Maestas – Trujillo, born in Walsenburg, CO 8/22/1906, died in Valdez, CO 4/17/1992.

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Roy's grandfather Monico had 80 acres of land & bred horses. Roy would take the mare to the next farm to mate, and then go pick it up and return home with the mare and a bushel of corn. His father and his Uncle Militon each had 5 acres of land.

Recreation was when Roy accompanied his father to go visit at the Indian Pueblo in Taos, NM. He would play with the Indian boys but conversation was not possible because they could not speak Spanish and he didn't speak Navajo. His father was able to understand and speak their language.

His father wanted the children to both understand and speak English, so when he was about 8 yrs old they all headed for Colorado; father, mother, brother, sister & Roy. The family left behind a five acre tract of land, and departed in a covered wagon in the year 1918. The trip took about two weeks, arriving in Torres, CO, west of Trinidad, where they lived in a wooden cabin. The children did not go to school there. The father worked at the Coke ovens for a few months, later they moved to Del Aqua, west of Trinidad, where Roy & Lucia were able to start school. Classes were in English and it was very difficult but they learned English. Their father then got a job in Segundo at the Coke ovens. Roy went all the way to 6<sup>th</sup> grade and half way through the school year his father died, leaving the family without its breadwinner. His brother and sister were already married and so Roy took care of his mother. Working in the mines Roy received 50 cents per ton of coal and he did about three carts (ton) a day. His superintendent Mr. Danford told Roy to inform his mother that she could live in their current house as long as she wanted. This was a company house and no rent would be required of her.

Roy took his mother to stay with his sister in Valdez, CO. Roy was unaware that his sister called him "Rose". When his sister sent the telegram to inform him of his mother's death, they couldn't find him because they were looking for a girl, "Rose". They finally found him two weeks later. Roy later worked in the Monkey mine owned by Mr. Jose Vigil, loading donkey carts and delivering coal to families. He worked until the mine was closed by a safety inspector. He then went back to Del Aqua, where he worked cutting timber along with his uncle until he was sixteen. Later he got a job in the coal mines in Segundo, CO. Natural gas came in and slowed the work in the mines.

Roy then went to Ordway, CO where he worked in an alfalfa mill making pellets. He later located in Walsenburg, CO where he worked the CF&I coal mines that were closer to Aguilar, CO. In Aug. 1928 the big mines were: Raul, Lester Ravenwood and CF&I. CF&I had two mines in Walsenburg, the Robinson 1 and 11. Roy worked in 11. Actual receipts of pay voucher forms from 8/31/1928 to 3/3/1929 are attached. While working in Walsenburg, Roy met Ruby A. Trujillo, his future wife. They were married July 30, 1929 "by the Law" because Roy was head of the district and had to remain on the job. Later they came to Lafayette, CO hoping to find work in the local mines but couldn't find a job. It was at this time that they got married in the Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Boulder, CO.

Ruben Adelina Trujillo

/1903 - 03/31/1977

Maria Ruben Adelina Trujillo, AKA Ruby A. Trujillo, was born in Walsenburg Colorado. Her Mother was Genoveva Vigil-Trujillo, no DOB - DOD 1924. Her Father was Vincent Trujillo, no DOB - DOD 03/05/1915. Ruby's parents were married on 02/22/1897. Ruby attended Saint Mary Catholic School in Walsenburg, CO, where her formal education ended when she completed the ninth grade. Her father Vincent Trujillo, who worked in the mines, was killed in an explosion. Genoveva & Vincent had nine children all born in Walsenburg, CO.:

Ruby A. Trujillo 4/1898 - 9/23/1901 Died in Walsenburg, CO.

Henry Trujillo 9/5/1899 - 8/1/1938 Died in Lafayette, CO.

Lee Trujillo 6/7/1901 -9/20/1976 Died in Denver, CO.

Ruby A. Trujillo-Maestas 10/11/1903 - 3/31/1977 Died in Boulder, CO

Ofelia Freda Trujillo Ribali 3/11/1906 - 1/18/1992 Died in Denver, CO

Eliza Alice Trujillo -Overton 6/22/1908 - 3/25/1993 Died in Denver, CO

Fred Trujillo 5/12/1911 - 10/1/2000 Died in Denver, CO

Robert Trujillo 1/8/1913 - 11/7/1992 Died in Denver, CO

Della Trujillo 12/1914 - 3/22/1915 Died in Walsenburg, CO.

The couple moved to Boulder in 1930 where Roy worked hauling gold, tungsten & ore from the mountains. When this job slacked up, Roy got a job at the Washington coal mine east of town, which required a drive of 21 miles back & forth to work. During this period they were renting a house on 23<sup>rd</sup> & Pine St. When the work at the mine slacked down to only one or two days a week Roy found that he couldn't support his family. The family then moved to 1722 Water St., where five

months later Roy left for California where there was an opening for a "rod man" on a surveying crew. When he got there, there was an ongoing strike. Roy then found work doing welding in the ship yards. The family remained at 1722 Water St. during this time. They lived there for 21 years.

About 1943 Roy started with Allied Chemical working the night shift. He was there until he retired - 27 years. Roy started as a flunky doing clean-up; then he ran the drier; then he was an operator; then he was a Mechanic for the duration of his employment. His duties included bringing gold from Jamestown's Burlington Mine in trucks down to the mill. Allied Chemical had acquired the 'Florida' mine in Mexico and wanted to build a mill in the nearby town of Rio Verde. The company sent Roy because of his ability to speak Spanish. He did the same work in the new mill in Mexico that he did here. He also taught the Mexicans how to weld and do electrical wiring. The man he taught was promoted to head foreman. Roy was in Mexico during the years 1962-63, going back and forth for 4-5 weeks in Mexico, then back to the US for renewal of his visa, then back to Mexico. The company paid for all his expenses and flights. While he was in Mexico he got to see his first Bull Fight. He credits his opportunities at Allied to the fact that he never forgot his Spanish. This provided him the opportunity to go, see and do things beyond his expectations. The Allied Chemical Mill is located atop Valmont Butte on Valmont Rd near the brick yard. While working for Allied Chemical he was also hauling trash on weekends. When Abe got a drivers license, he, Bob and Phyllis would do the trash hauling. They would put Phyllis down in the pit because she was smaller. She didn't like that because it smelled and there were mice. One time they had hot ashes in the back of the truck and it started a fire. There they went with the back of the truck on fire. Someone flagged them down and they took care of it. Abe & Bob went off to the Navy and Roy went back to doing the trash hauling. . . .

When Roy came to Boulder he liked the beauty of Boulder and the Schools. Everyone respected each other. All his children went to Public Schools and one daughter, Barbara, attended Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School for one year.

Recreation here in Boulder, included social gatherings and dances. Mrs. Esther Maes & E.E. Bernal and Roy all had a birthday on the same day and would get together and celebrate. There were occasional dances in town. When a private individual was having a wedding or some other occasion they would rent the IOOF hall on Pearl St. which had a dance hall was upstairs. John Chavez periodically sponsored a dance at the Elk's Club on Saturdays, where mostly Chicanos went. Also they went to the movies. Roy felt that there was no discrimination towards Chicanos in Boulder. We lived in a beautiful nice neighborhood, Mrs. Archuleta lived next door and there were more Hispanic people down the street, including the Martinez and Bernal Families.

Abe and Bob entertained themselves in the winter by playing Ice Hockey on Boulder Creek that ran between Water St. & Grove. They used a tree branch for their stick and a smashed can for their puck. Then Mom (Ruby) would come down to the creek, letting them know they were not to be down there and it was time to go home. They would also go fishing at Central Park for sucker fish. Abe & Bob once went to Baseline Lake and they decided to swim all the way across. They might have been half way across when Bob got a cramp in his leg and he told Abe that he was going back. Abe said we are already half way across, so let's keep going. Bob didn't think so and he turned back. They both lived to tell the story. The indoor Hygienic Swimming Pool located at 21<sup>st</sup> & Spruce was another fun place to go and it only cost 10 cents. Bob, Barbara, Martha & Vivian would go

swimming there. After swimming they would go across the street to the A&W Root Beer Drive In, at 2049 Pearl St., where they would get a root beer and popcorn. Another fun thing that they did was when the Allied Chemical Plant would have their yearly summer picnic. Roy was to bring the soft drinks, so to do this he would use the big company truck. He would have 5 aluminum tubs filled with ice and sodas like orange, root beer, strawberry, grape and Pepsi. His children would all get into the back of the truck and head on out to the picnic. They had fun games like three legged races and Roy would throw horse shoes with the men. There were hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad and really good desserts. It was so much fun, and it would go on all day. Another good time that was free was teasing the bats. After dark we would go out and wrap rocks in white cloth. When the bats would come flying by we would throw them in the air and watch the bats chase the object to the ground. Another story developed when Kilton's Service Station at 1644 Walnut was selling the business. They had a Red Horse painted on a metal dish that Abe brought home. He tied a rope on the dish, then he would swing that around and we had to try and jump on it. It was fun and thank God we didn't lose a foot or a leg. I believe God was watching out for us.

On the weekends after hauling trash, Roy would walk up town to the local tavern, Bills Billiards at 1537 Pearl St, and sit with his friends, Holt Hansen and Buster Pachaske who was a guitar player. Roy would return home with both of them in tow. Buster would telephone and invite his wife, who also played a guitar, to join them. Roy loved playing the guitar and he was often accompanied by all of his daughters who loved to sing together. Alice was the one who could really harmonize. We also had a piano which sometimes Mom would play. At other times Roy would bring home Jack and his brother Hootsie Tyrer. Jack would play the piano, Roy would play his guitar and with us girls singing, it was something we all just loved to do. As it turned out, I learned that Jack,

Hootsie and another brother had a dance band, the Tyrer Brothers Dance Band. Dad would pick up a guitar in a heartbeat and we would always sing even when it was just us. Abe learned to play the guitar, Phyllis, Alice & Barbara took Violin lessons at Lincoln School, Martha had an accordion and also took lessons and Vivian played the piano. We all just loved music that was a large part of the good times.

We were fortunate to have the most wonderful neighbors. The Archuleta's lived next door at 1718 Water St. and they became our lifelong best friends. I remember when Mom was going to the hospital to deliver Vivian, Martha & I were crying on the stairs because she was going to the hospital and Becky Archuleta came over and told us that everything would be alright and that she would be back home in a couple of days. Our days and nights were spent playing with Clara, Marylou, Juanita, Ramona & Archie. Besides playing outside all the time when it was warm we would play inside games, Monopoly and other board games. Whatever we played it did not cost us anything. It was always a fun time. We also had another great neighbor across the street. Toni Parrish lived at 1723 Water St. with her 3 children Larry, Archie's friend, Theresa and Mary. To this day, we are all still close friends.

In June of 1955 Roy & Ruby bought an acre of land in North Boulder right outside the city limits of Boulder. In 1962 He hired Mr. Hare to start building a house. A three bedroom 1 & ½ bath home. Roy was still working at the Valmont plant and would stop by after work and help Mr. Hare with building the house. It was complete and ready to move into in 1964. Roy, Ruby sold the house at 1722 Water St, and moved to 4036 Stone Place. When his wife got sick his neighbor Toni

Parrish from Water St. helped Ruby. Toni did not expect compensation, she was truly a good neighbor. After being married 47 years Ruby A. Maestas passed away on March 31, 1977, at the age of 73 while in the care of the Mesa Vista Nursing home.

Roy's children were educated in Boulder and both Roy and Ruby encouraged them. Roy's oldest son Abe was a teacher at Centaurus, his other son Robert made cabinets and was a contractor. After that he went to work at IBM and retired from there. Roy's eldest daughter Phyllis worked for a lawyer's office in California, retired from there and then returned to Boulder. His daughter Barbara worked for the Boulder Police Dept. for 3 years and in 1974 went to work at the Boulder Municipal Court; and retired in 1996.

**Following are the children of Roy P. & Ruby A. Maestas:**

Abe Maestas (4/30/1932- 12/15/2003) - [U.S. Navy] - Married Virginia Bernal (11/21/1934) on 11/12/1955.

Veronica Ann Maestas (12/21/1956 - 10/26/1986)

Valerie Elizabeth Maestas (11/19/1960 - 8/1/1968)

Robert Maestas (10/22/1933) - [U.S. Navy]- Married Irene O. Rael (4/22/1934 - 2/15/2007) on 8/20/1955.

Sharlene Patrica. Maestas - Barker (3/13/1956)

Robert Benjamin. Maestas - (7/16/1958)-[Boulder County Building Maintenance]

Katherine Hope. Maestas - Gonzales (5/6/1960)

Phyllis Marie Maestas-Rael-Trine (9/30/1935). Married John G. Rael (5/1/1936 - 9/8/1962) on 11/20/1954.

Suzanne Elizabeth Rael - Kampanga (5/29/1961)

Married William (Bill) Trine date unknown

Timothy Sean Trine - (3/13/1968)

Alice Lorraine Maestas - Maes - Aragon (10/4/1938 - 11/4/1984). Married Joe I Maes (5/6/1931 - 2/4/2005) on 4/24/1957. Married George T. Aragon on 2/15/1964.

Carl Jon Maes - Aragon (7/12/1958)-[County of Boulder Head Painter]

Linda Louise. Maes - Aragon - Getman (12/14/1959)-[Clerk Magistrate Hanson]

Loretta Ann Maes- Aragon - Lousberg (9/5/1961)

CD Aragon (7/24/1964)

Chrystal Lee Aragon - Pene (11/17/1965)

Barbara Anne Maestas - Cervantes (12/15/1940). Married Daniel Cervantes (5/15/1940) - [U.S. Army Paratrooper] - on 2/17/1962.

Anna Marie Cervantes (11/5/1962) - [U.S. Air Force Air Traffic Control]

Lance Edward Cervantes (1/15/1965) - [U.S. Army Paratrooper]

Martha Elaine Maestas - Rangel (3/26/1943) Married Nash Rangel (8/1/1937) on 7/7/1960.

Michael Thomas Rangel (7/14/1960) - [U.S. Marines Fire Fighter]

Joseph Roy Rangel (5/18/1961) - [U.S. Air Force Security Specialist]

Patricia Ann Rangel-Dunn (4/18/1963)  
Audrey Lee Rangel – Simpson (7/25/1965)

Vivian Rose Maestas – Grilli (2/2/1947). Married Anthony Grilli (2/27/1945) on 2/11/1966  
Andrea Lee Grilli – Young (8/25/1968) – [ MD. Anesthetist ]  
Mark Anthony Grilli (5/7/1970 – 9/28/1989)