

# Valley Courier

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## Ed S. Anderson, 73

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CENTER — Center, Colo. resident Ed S. Anderson, 73, passed away Feb. 16, 2010 at his home. Ed was born July 26, 1936 in Larkspur, Colo. the son of Louis and Mildred Anderson. Ed married the love of his life, Shirley Ann Kendrick on May 28, 1956, and they shared 48 years together.

In the fall of Sept. 1996, Ed was involved in an agriculture accident, which left him a quadriplegic. Ed made the most of his life in a wheelchair. Ed kept his faith, smile, and happiness through his last breath. Ed never complained or was disgruntled, he was just happy to live his life and spend his time with family and friends. In life Ed appreciated the little things so very much. Ed was a very special person, father, papa, and “Great Papa, and will be missed by the many family members and friends in his life.

Ed and his wife Shirley were the founders and officials of the San Luis Valley Little Britches Rodeo Association. He helped build the Rickel Arena in South Fork, Colorado in 1980. Ed was recognized by the National Little Britches Association for his contributions and dedication. He served in the United States Army from 1956 to 1958, and was stationed in Panama.

Ed enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, rodeo, horses, cows, and most of all spending time with the loved ones.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents, loving wife Shirley Ann, and his brother Dutch (Raymond) Anderson.

Survivors include three daughters, Pam (Jim) Jones, Kaye (Darrel) Maez, and Wendi (Randy) Maez, four grandchildren, Crystal, Dustin, Kyle and Angel, three great-grandchildren, Tieler, Hailey and Sydnee all of Center and by his siblings Esther (Bill) Carlson, Janet (Cactus) Garrett, Pee-Wee (Brenda) Anderson and Dan (Anne) Anderson. Funeral services will be held Fri., Feb. 19, 2010 at the High Valley Mennonite Church in Center at 10:30 a.m. Internment to follow at The Hillside Cemetery in Saguache. Viewing will be held Thur., Feb. 18, 2010 from 7 until 8:30 p.m. at he High Valley Mennonite Church. Memorial contributions in his memory may be made to the San Luis Valley Little Britches Rodeo Association, 5550 County Road 45, Center, Co 81125. Arrangements made by Lewis and Glenn Funeral Home of Salida.