

Pioneer Award

**ROBERT "BOB" ROSS
2002**



Bob Ross's efforts immeasurably strengthened the strong sense of community that Louisville is known for, and for this reason, the Louisville Historical Commission selected him to receive the 2002 Pioneer Award.

Bob was born, educated and lived in Louisville his entire life. He served in the U. S. Army in the Korean War, and after Army duty he worked for the Rocky Mountain Arsenal, and then the Bureau of Standards in Boulder until his retirement in 1987.

In Louisville, Bob is especially remembered for his work on behalf of the American Legion Post 111, of which he was a lifetime member. During the years from 1938 to 1982, the American Legion sponsored Louisville's annual Labor Day Parade and Fall Festival, and for 24 of those years, Bob was the person organizing and directing all of its events. For years, he obtained participants for the parade, found rides and booths, and performed countless other jobs. He was so dedicated to this celebration that he used his vacation time from his regular job at the Bureau of Standards to work on the Fall Festival. He also organized and trained workers for Louisville's annual July 4th Fireworks.

Bob also coached and served on the Little League Board, and he organized Bingo games at the American Legion. He was a member of a Veterans Honor Guard for military funerals and was dedicated to Veteran organizations.

**BORN DECEMBER 6, 1933 IN LOUISVILLE, COLORADO
DIED JUNE 19, 2018 IN LOUISVILLE, COLORADO**