

Pioneer Award

DONALD ROSS
2004



Don was born in the neighborhood of Louisville known as Little Italy. He graduated from Louisville High School in 1947, and after his military service, he earned his B.A. and M.A. at the University of Northern Colorado. He then taught school in Westminster, but continued to live in Louisville with his wife and children.

Don was on the Louisville City Council from 1969 to 1974, and was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Board in 1975 where he helped get the Miners Field in playing shape and worked on a five, ten and fifteen-year plan for recreation and athletics in Louisville. He was active with the Louisville Historical Commission and helped get the Jordinelli house moved to its new location. He volunteered many hours with the Louisville Chamber of Commerce and it was not unusual to see him at the Chamber every morning checking to see if any work needed to be done.

Don could be seen around town lending a helping hand to many of the events in Louisville, including putting up Christmas lights at the Chamber, or tents for the Taste of Louisville, or cooking for the Spaghetti Open Golf Tournament. Don was a true “Renaissance” man who didn’t know the meaning of the words, “No” or “I can’t do it,” especially when it came to doing things for the town he loved.

BORN JULY 1, 1929 IN LOUISVILLE, COLORADO
DIED FEBRUARY 4, 2012 IN LOUISVILLE, COLORADO