

# Pioneer Award

**BETTY AND BILL BUFFO  
2007**



**WILLIAM "BILL" BUFFO: BORN DECEMBER 5, 1931  
IN LOUISVILLE, COLORADO  
DIED MARCH 10, 2011 IN LOUISVILLE, COLORADO**

Bill and Betty Buffo drew strength and identity from being lifelong Louisville residents from coal mining and farming families that arrived in Louisville in the 1890s. In fact, their very identity is defined by their love of Louisville.

Betty was a full-time homemaker but is also a self-taught sculptor and has produced many bronze pieces with an American West theme that were sold throughout the United States. Bill worked as a machinist at Rocky Flats, retiring after thirty-five years of service. Bill was proud that he was a member of the State Football Championship team in 1948 when he was a student at Louisville High School, and Betty is equally proud of encouraging him from the sidelines as a cheerleader.

From the very beginning of their life together, Bill and Betty dedicated themselves to their family and their community. Bill and Betty helped get the Louisville Historical Museum started and volunteered their time working on the Museum buildings and organizing and cataloging artifact donations.

Bill and Betty were always proud to be residents of Louisville because it is where they are from and who they are. It is a town that has given them a wonderful life, rich experiences, and lifelong friendships, and as Bill always said, "It's the best place to be from."