

Pioneer Award

DAVID W. FERGUSON
2008



Dave Ferguson receiving an award from Mayor Bob Muckle

**BORN DECEMBER 10, 1928 IN LOUISVILLE,
COLORADO**
DIED FEBRUARY 15, 2020 IN LOUISVILLE, COLORADO

Dave was born in Louisville and spent his early childhood at various coal camps at or around Louisville. His father, grandfather, and great-grandfather were all coal miners and spend a total of 155 years working in the mines.

Dave, or “Ferg” as he was known to his friends, graduated from Louisville High School and served in the Marine Corps before graduating with a BA and MA from the University of Northern Colorado. He taught Industrial Arts in junior and senior high schools in the Denver area and also worked the CWE Program, which was a remedial education and work program for potential dropout students.

Dave’s list of volunteer work is impressive. It includes 15 years at the Louisville Fire Department and Fireman and Hero of the Year for Colorado in 1967; Louisville Historical Commission for 14 years, Louisville Sewer & Sanitation Board; The Elks; American Legion; Louisville Boy Scouts; Louisville Little League; Sister Carmen Center; and Habitat for Humanity.

But Dave was also well-known for his role as Santa Claus for the City of Louisville, the American Legion, St. Louis School, the Fire Department, Bal Swan Children’s Center, and for the Motorcycle Run when he rode on the back of a motorcycle. He brought joy to generations of children and was truly Louisville’s “Mr. Christmas.”