

Pioneer Award

CAROLYN AND TED MANZANARES 2016



Carolyn Mangus Manzanares and Ted Manzanares are both Colorado natives. Carolyn attended St. Louis Grade School and graduated from Louisville High School in 1963. Ted was raised in Lafayette and graduated from Lafayette High School in 1958. They were married in 1967.

It was while Ted was working at the Rocky Flats Weapons Plant and bartending at the Blue Parrot Restaurant that he and Carolyn decided to open their own restaurant in Louisville, "Senor T's," serving Mexican food. They opened their doors in September 1972 in the historic Red & White Grocery building at 732 Main St. Because of their strong work ethic and excellent food, they built a large clientele and needed a bigger space, so they purchased the old Rex Theater at 817 Main in 1978, and were there until they sold the building and closed Senor T's in 2008.

Carolyn and Ted were very committed to serving the Louisville community with their generous support of the local schools, scholarship funds, Boy and Girl Scouts, Little League sports, the Downtown Business Association, the Louisville Chamber and the Louisville Historical Museum. They received countless awards for their contributions to the Louisville community, and when they were inducted into the Boulder County Business Hall of Fame, Ted and Carolyn said they attributed their success to the motto they always tried to live by: "Do kindness to your fellow man now, as we will not pass this way again."