

Pioneer Award

**DON BUFFO
2018**



Don was a lifelong resident of Louisville and was very proud of it. He attended Louisville Elementary School and graduated from Louisville High School in 1969. After graduation, he worked at the Rocky Flats Weapons Plant for several years before attending Adams State College, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education. He spent 36 years teaching at Westminster Hills Elementary in Westminster, Colorado.

Don was very active in the Louisville community. He was a member of the Louisville Volunteer Fire Department, the Louisville Society of Italian Americans, a board member of the Louisville-Lafayette Scholarship Fund, and Tri-City Elks. He consistently helped the Tri-City Elks and the Louisville Chamber of Commerce with their many events and was honored by the Chamber in 2015 with the Lani Melvin Special Recognition Award for his volunteerism.

Don lived his life helping his family, friends and even strangers with "random acts of kindness." An example of this was during the fall he would drive around Louisville and randomly stop to rake and haul away leaves from stranger's yards, and in the winter he spent most of a snow day shoveling the white stuff off of sidewalks and driveways for family, friends and neighbors. Don was a kind and giving man who forever left his mark on the hearts of many Louisville residents.

**BORN DECEMBER 13, 1952 IN BOULDER, COLORADO
DIED FEBRUARY 2, 2016 IN LOUISVILLE, COLORADO**