



From Time to Time

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Commerce City Historical Society

Celebrating 10 years

from a dream of long time citizens to now (2019)

On the next pages you will see a photo history of the Society's growth (story on page 2)



August 2012 tea at Dottie Bakke's home on Holly Street. Esther Hall, center, is this year's president.



Commerce City Historical Society directors, 2018, at Annual Reception at the Yellow Rose Event Center in Derby. (L-R: Sheila Harris, Membership; Pam Meier, Vice President; Jacob Wilson, Historian; Debra Bullock, Secretary/Treasurer; and Esther Hall, President.



Christmas lights 2013



Vangie Rountree at the 90 Year's Old Luncheon in 2015.



Crowd Shot: From Time to Time Luncheon 2013

Preserving the history of Commerce City because history matters

Celebrating ten years!

It has been ten years since the Commerce City Historical Society was formed by a group of citizens interested in preserving Commerce City's history.. The founding members included: Joy Bishop, Hester Bonnell, Rene and Debra Bullock, Thelma Cole, Gary and Cindy Comstock, Steve and Kristi Douglas, Gary and Reba Drotar, Sean and Samantha Ford, Esther Hall, Bob and Dorothy Hutchings, Gene Leffel, David Lutter, Dustin McIntyre, Loretta Petty, Don Sater, Steve (Dick) and JoAnn Stevenson, Norm and Janet Union, Troy and June Younger.

The first board included; JoAnn Stevenson, President; Esther Hall, Vice-President; Debra Bullock, Secretary/Treasurer, June Younger, Membership Director and Reba Drotar, Historian.

Donations of old photos, historical items, shelves, frames, gear, telephones, albums, washing machines, vintage clothing, train memorabilia and even an 1850's doctor carriage were donated.

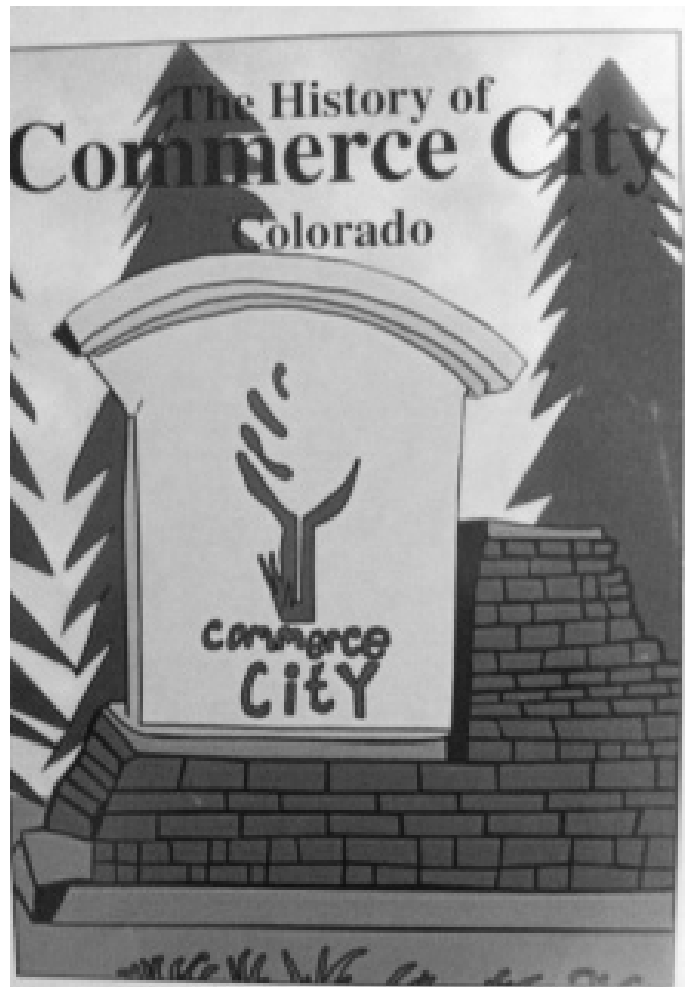
The City of Commerce City made it all possible by leasing buildings to house the donated memorabilia and later a building to start the museum. At first we were only open on Saturday from 10-2. Now we are open six days a week from 10-2 and closed on Sunday. We can accommodate private tours upon request.

Our museum is located at 6505 East 60th Avenue and many locations that are off-site displays such as Hi-Lo Check Cashing, Key Bank, Woodridge Care Center, Wells Fargo Bank, and Adams County Fire Department Administration building. We are currently working on a display for the Civic Center.

We have created many programs and events through the years. We have many volunteers but always need volunteers to help with our programs, the museum and events. In 2018 we recorded well over 1800 hours in volunteer hours.

Our current board is Esther Hall, President; Pam Meier, Vice-President; Debra Bullock, Secretary/Treasurer; and Sheila Harris is our Membership Director. Our Historian position is vacant.

We collect and present historical items on the city, businesses, neighborhoods, local families and people that were involved with the city growth and the history of becoming a city of over 55,000 people.



Each year the Commerce City Historical Society prints and distributes "The History of Commerce City Colorado" to the second graders in Commerce City. The pages inside were designed by Adams City High School art students.

Did you know...

The Commerce City Historical Society pays for supporting the museum through Memberships, Grants, Events and Individual Donations. Being a member helps us maintain the museum. If you are not already a member, please consider becoming a member in 2019. See page 5 for an application.

Needed ACHS & Prairie View Yearbooks

Please help. CCHS is looking for ACHS year books from the following years: 30's, 40's, 1991, 1993, 1998, 2010, and 2013. Prairie View yearbooks are needed for Vol 1-7, 10 and 13.

Needed: old Photos of Commerce City area as it used to be

Bring your old photo of the area to the Museum, with dates and identity or unknown identity. CCHS is setting up a file for these photos to preserve our history. If you can't identify, maybe someone else can.

If you can't donate them, we can scan and return.

Notable Stray Dog Grave

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Geronimo

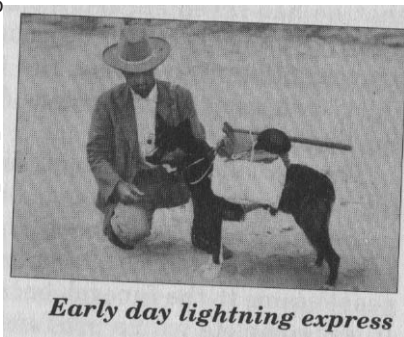
In the Denver Pet Cemetery at Commerce City, there is the grave of one of the most famous dogs in World War II, Geronimo, the paratrooper. Geronimo was believed to be part coyote but mostly German shepherd. He was a stray at Fort Benning, Georgia, in 1942, when he was adopted as a mascot by the 50th Parachute Regiment. One of the soldiers, Ken Williams, became his official master and mentor.

Williams trained Geronimo to jump in a parachute with the troops. It was permitted because dogs could be trained to sniff out explosive charges, which was useful for demolition work. The dog never did get an overseas assignment, although he had made many jumps with the regiment. However, he performed in air shows and is instrumental in helping to sell millions of dollars worth of war bonds.

Geronimo was promoted to sergeant by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who kept a plaster-of-

Paris paw print of the famed canine on his desk. When Ken Williams broke a leg from a jump, he and Geronimo were given honorable discharges.

Ken moved to Colorado to attend the University of Denver in 1943, taking his friend with him. Alas, in 1947 Geronimo was killed by a passing automobile.



Early day lightning express

The Commerce City Historical Society removed Geronimo's grave when ownership of the Denver Pet Cemetery on E. 72 was uncertain. Now, with new owners, the grave has been returned.



Museum building at 60th & Monaco.



Coloring book winners - 2013

Order your cards now. \$10.00 per box.
They are being printed and will be ready in May.
Call Debra Bullock 303-946-3426
or stop by the museum
located at 6505 East 60th Avenue



Hi-Lo display case

Charter Members

Joy Bishop	Gene Leffel
Hester Bonnell	David Lutter
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Rene` Bullock	Loretta Petty
Thelma Cole	Don Sater
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Gary Comstock	Dick Stevenson
Kristi Douglas	Janet Union
Steve Douglas	Norm Union
Gary Drotar	June Younger
Reba Drotar	Troy Younger
Samantha Ford	
Sean Ford	
Esther Hall	
Bob Hutchings	
Dorothy Hutchings	

Museum Volunteers

Rene` Bullock
Harley Hall
Claudia Barnes
Debra Bullock
JoAnn Hardt
Sheila Harris
Esther Hall
Thelma Cole
Pam Meier
Shelley Bonnell
Ann VanVleet

From Time to Time Newsletter

A Quarterly Publication of the Commerce City Historical Society,
6505 E. 60th Avenue, Commerce City, Colorado 80022

Board Members

Esther Hall, President, 303.249.1930
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Debra Bullock, Secretary/Treas., 303.946.3426
Sheila Harris, Membership, 720.939.0582

Advisory Board Members

JoAnn Stevenson, Casey Hayes, Janet Union, Reba Drotar,
Thelma Cole, Valerie Medina

Marianne Hayes celebrates 80 years



Marianne Hayes celebrated her 80th birthday on January 20, 2019 with family and friends. It was held at the Westminster Elks Club. The CCHS attended and we wish Marianne a great birthday and a great year!

Upcoming Programs;

We are giving away Chapter Reading Books to the 3rd grade elementary classes in Commerce City. If you would like to help hand out books, please contact Debra Bullock or Esther Hall. We will be delivering them on May 2 and 3.

Are you looking for a way to get involved in your city? We are looking for a new board member for the Commerce City Historical Society. If you are interested, please complete the application on page 10 and send to 6505 East 60th Avenue, Commerce City, Colorado 80022 or email to cchistoricalociety@yahoo.com. by Feb. 15 please

Museum Volunteers

Museum volunteers needed

Information gatherers and helpers in the Museum, research, writers, administrative help, display organizers, help with moving displays, etc.

For information call:
Esther Hall, president:
303.249.1930
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Commerce City Historical Society

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Commerce City, CO 80022
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Museum Hours: Mon. - Sat. 10am - 2 pm
6505 E 60th Ave., Commerce City

Museum Visitors

Jan - 25
Feb -13
March - 44

Museum Donations Jan - March

\$159.00

Personal Donations:

\$750.00 - Harlow Leeper
\$1,000.00 - Barb McMillan

New members and renewals Jan – March

Tillie Villarreal	Dolores Harr
Wanda Peach	Bill Hyde
Johanna Dreyer	Carolyn Kerls
Delora Lane	Charlene Kittinger
Jim and Pat Deden	Sally McIntosh
Susan and William Frew	Barbara McMillan
Casey and Marianne Hayes	Marilyn Teto
Dick and JoAnn Stevenson	Harry and Marjorie Buschman
Martha Applegarth	Brent and Theresa Jockers
C.A. Barnick	William Shelby Family
Ron Brown	Domenic J. Teto Family
Dan Edwards	Carl and LaDonna Wagner
Chuck Frauenfeld	

Robert Gehler

Submissions for Newsletter

All submissions are welcome.
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CCHS Memorial Day Parade Float wins Second Place for the Spirit Competition - 2018



2018 Second Place Commerce City Parade Recognition award goes to CCHS.



The CCHS participated in the annual Commerce City Memorial Day Parade receiving second place for the Spirit competition. Volunteers for the parade were: Ron Brown, Esther Hall, Harley Hall, Sheila Harris, Maria Zepeda-Sanchez, Thelma Cole, Valerie Medina, Heather, Maggie McEldowney and Sarah Oberbeck. The volunteers decorated the turn of the century doctor's cart. Esther Hall designed the fabric draping the cart and helped with the costumes. Congratulations.



Pam Meier, CCHS V.Pres. at the 2018 Awards Reception



Each year, the Commerce City Historical Society prints and distributes coloring books to Commerce City students. April 2013

Commerce City Historical Society

2019 Calendar Commerce City Historical Society

Membership Meetings - 6 pm

*(Meetings held at
Commerce City Heritage and Cultural Center 6 pm,
6505 E. 60th Avenue*

January 18, 2019

March 15, 2019 (Annual Meeting)

May 17, 2019

July 19, 2019

September 20, 2019

November 15, 2019

Board Meetings

Second Monday of every month at 6pm

Annual Events

Central City Fundraiser - Sunday, March 17, 2019
"From Time to Time" Luncheon - Sunday, April 28, 2019
Commerce City History
Coloring Contest Recognition - May 18, 2019

Memorial Day Parade - Monday, May 27, 2019
Central City Fundraiser - Sunday, September 8, 2019
CCHS Museum Anniversary Car Show
Saturday, September 21, 2019

Christmas Lights History Bus Tour, Saturday,
December 14, 2019

Commerce City Heritage and Cultural Center

Hours: Monday - Saturday, 10 am to 2 pm

Programs 2019

History School Lectures (as requested)
Museum Group Tours (as requested)
History Quarterly Lecture Series (see brochure)
Mar., June, Sept., Dec.

History Coloring Book Distribution
(Thurs., Apr. 11 & Fri., Apr 12)

Reading Book Distribution
(Thurs., May 2 & Fri., May 3)

Arsenal Repository Tour (June 14, 2019)
Grange Tea with *The Women of the West*
(Aug. 24, 2019)

City Council & City Employee Reception
(August 2019)

Commerce City History Bus Tour (Nov. 1, 2019)

Outreach Information Tables
(Senior Pancake Breakfast, May 4
City Outreach, June 13 & Aug. 8
Fire Department Spaghetti Dinner, Sept. 7)

ANFRM Meeting at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal
Wildlife Refuge, Dec. 9

Quarterly Newsletter
(Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter)

Holiday Giving Programs
(sponsored/family at Christmas)

Video Histories (Families and City Events)





Alsop display



Denver Poor Farm presentation - 2015



Food Bank with CCHS volunteers Loretta Garcia and Esther Hall. Booth sponsored by Key Bank.



CCHS display at the Union/Adams City Dinner/Reception. June Younger (l), and Debra Bullock



The City of Commerce City leases this building on Highway 2 to the CCHS. It is used for storage of donated items for the Museum and clean-up of same. At times, we use the site for garage sales. Funds are used for ongoing projects and up-keep of the Museum.



Neighborhood Outreach 2015



Pioneer Park Picnic in 2011



Museum opening: Sept. 14, 2014



2014: Commerce City Historical Society meets with Adams-14

Jean Klein Awards & CCHS Business Awards - 2018 (Continued from P. 5)



Citizen of the Year: Teri Mingilton



Timothy Moore receives the award for honoring those who have made a profound difference in our local history. Debra Bullock on the right.

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Jean Klein Awards & CCHS Business Awards - 2018

The Commerce City Historical Society held their Annual From Time to Time Reception on Sunday April 28, 2019 at the Yellow Rose Event Center. They honored Betty Pepin, posthumously and Timothy Moore with the Jean Klein Angel Award. This award honors those that have made a profound difference in our local history.

BETTY PEPIN: Spent many years and gave her time and talents volunteering on local organizations and working for Kids First Health Care for many years which is a great organization providing health care for the children in our community.

TIMOTHY MOORE: has worked at the Commerce City Recreation Center since the opening in 1987 and before that he worked at the recreation center located on 72nd and Monaco Street. He has spent his entire adult working career with recreational programming for Commerce City.

They honored 3 businesses with the Commerce City Historical Society business award. This award is given to those businesses with over 40 years of Service to our community.

UNITED POWER Has been in business for 80 years. They are great community leaders and Service our community with power and also by developing relationships with many organizations to help others be successful.

COMMERCE CITY PARKS, RECREATION AND GOLF: This group of individuals take care of all the Parks, all the Recreation Programs and Golf/Restaurant to provide for the citizens of Commerce City a Quality Community for a Lifetime.

KIDS FIRST HEALTH CARE: Has been providing child care to our community since 1978 and they are expanding into other communities.

The Commerce City Business and Professional Association is a partner with the Commerce City Historical Society. They honored Teri Mingilton and The Community Choice Credit Union.

TERI MINGILTON: has given of herself to the Commerce City Community through serving on boards in our community and through her professional photography business taking pictures at many events.

COMMUNITY CHOICE CREDIT UNION: Has been a great Commerce City Credit Union for our residents for many years. They have grown from 200 members to over 6000 members and they are great community partners.

JOANN HARDT: Volunteer of the Year



Kids first Health Care



Community Choice Credit Union receives award (Reiny Thorne receives the award)



Business of the Year 2018: United Power (Tom Green) receives award from Sheila Harris, Board Member



Commerce City Parks Recreation and Golf receives award. Carolyn Keith, Director holds the plaque. (Cont. on P. 8)



Volunteer of the Year Award to JoAnn Hardt with Esther Hall presenting

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Commerce City Historical Society's 4th Anniversary Celebration at the Commerce City Historical Center on Sept. 15, 2018

Car Show Attendees and Winners

- 1- 1970 Chevy El Camino Rick Teter
- 2- 1965 Pontiac GTO Harley and Esther Hall
- 3-1977 Chevy Monte Carlo Rick Ziebarth
- 4- 1977 Chevy Custom P/U Bill and Dixie Conway
- 5- 1949 Willys Jeepster Bill and Evelyn Barnard
- 6- 1969 American Motors AMX Matt Griffin
- 7- 1937 Chevy Sedan Lela Winkler
- 8- 1969 Ford Mustang Casey Hayes

- 1st Place – Matt Griffin – Quilt
- 2nd Place Casey Hayes – Ace Gift Card
- 3rd Place – Lela Winkler – Wheel Cover
- 4-9th place – Gift card for La Casa



Lela Winkler, Third Place



Volunteer reception 2018



Parade 2013. The CCHS loves parades.



Teter brothers, 2014.



Central City bus trip - 2014

Gary Gibson Former superintendent

Gary Gibson was born in Big Springs, NE on Jan. 14, 1940 and passed away on Feb. 13, 2019. He served in the US Army in Germany, then moved to Colorado where he worked as an educator, football coach and school administrator. He was the Superintendent of Adams District 14 until retiring. Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Roger and Billie Gibson, and brother David. He is survived by Mary, his loving wife of 51 years; son Kevin Gibson and his wife Paola Ramírez of Denver, CO; son Ryan Hovenweep and his wife Chelsea of Austin, TX; grandchildren Oscar, Jasper, William, Carolina and Ezra. Memorial mass at the Church of the Risen Christ at Feb. 21, 2019. Donations in memoriam may be made to Friends of St. Andrew Hospitality Center or the Gary Gibson Scholarship at Adams District 14 Scholarship Fund. Full obituary may be found at www.HoranCares.com.

white lillies of peace
Send Sympathy Flowers to
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In Memoriam

Marshall Johnson, 75, died unexpectedly at his home in Sturgeon Lake, Minnesota.

Marshall was a school bus driver for Adams-14 in Commerce City before retiring and moving back to Minnesota, where he purchased his little piece of heaven.

All three children: Cheri (Greg) Scott, Michelle Johnson and Christine (Troy) Olin; two grandchildren; and two great grandchildren survive him.

Goodbye Dad. You will be loved and missed.

Elias Pickett, Commerce City, Colorado

Elias passed away in Feb. 2019. Elias was a resident of Colorado at the time of passing.

Services: Thurs., February 28, 2019 at 5:00pm
Aspen Magnolia Chapel, Commerce City, Colorado

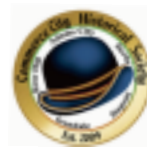
Leopoldo Montoya, Commerce City, Colorado

Leopoldo passed away in January 2019. Leopoldo was a resident of Commerce City, Colorado at the time of passing. Viewing 9 AM. Funeral Service 10 AM. Tuesday 2/5/19 at Romero Funeral Chapel, 4750 Tejon St., Denver.

Ruth C. Martinez, Commerce City, Colorado

May 3, 1934 – Jan 3, 2019 (Age 84)

Ruth was born on May 3, 1934 and passed away on Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019. Ruth was a resident of Commerce City, Colorado at the time of passing. Memorial contributions may be made in Ruth's name to a charity that helps the homeless.



Patrick Malloy

Commerce City, was born March 31, 1945 in Washington, PA. His father was a colonel in the Air Force so they moved to many different bases.

Pat went to the University of Wyoming to obtain his engineering degree.

In 1967 Pat enlisted in the Marines. He went to Vietnam in 1968 for one year. Unfortunately he came into contact with Agent Orange and was honorably discharged in 1969.

Using the GI Bill Pat went to UCD and studied computer programming.

Pat worked for The Department of Revenue, State of Colorado creating computer tax programs.

After retiring Pat kept his interest in computers. Many nights his computer programs would keep him up until well into the night.

Pat met the love of his life Lynette Ledgerwood and was married in 1973. They were married for 45 years.

Pat & his wife Lynette were homebodies, and enjoyed spending time together and with their pets. Pat was a gentle, caring, courageous, loving man. He and his wife loved animals. Their home always had a minimum of 4 animals at any given time with many of these animals being rescue animals.

Pat enjoyed gardening and updating his home. He also took pleasure in golfing and fishing during the summer.

After Pat retired, he took up bowling again. Pat was an excellent bowler, having an average score of 220. He was so good that twice he scored a perfect game of 300.

Arrangements provided by Aspen Mortuary with internment at Ft. Logan Cemetery on Thurs., April 4, 2019.



Your Mother Is Always With You

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

She is the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street,
she's the smell of certain foods you remember,
flowers you pick, the fragrance of life itself.
She is the cool hand on your brow when you're
not feeling well, she's your breath in the air
on a cold winter's day. She is the sound of the rain
that lulls you to sleep, the colors of a rainbow,
she is Christmas morning. Your mother lives inside
your daughter. She's the place you came from, your first home,
she's the map you follow with every step you take.
She's your first love, your first friend,
even your first enemy, but nothing on Earth can separate you.
Not time, not space... not even death.

Eric Boney, Commerce City, CO

Eric was born on September 11, 1966 and passed away on Wed., Dec. 26, 2018. Eric was a resident of Commerce City, Colorado at the time of passing. He graduated high school in Brighton, Colorado.

Arrangements by Newcomer.)

Elda J. Melendez

Commerce City, CO
Apr 27, 1913 – Dec 20, 2018 (Age 105)
Elda was born on April 27, 1913 and passed away on Thurs., Dec. 20, 2018. Elda was a resident of Commerce City, Colorado at the time of passing.

Arrangements by Archdiocese of Denver Mortuary.

In Memoriam

Bobbie R. Manning, Commerce City, CO, Apr 12, 1928 – Dec 18, 2018 (Age 90)

Bobbie was born on April 12, 1928 and passed away on Tues., Dec. 18, 2018.

Bobbie was a resident of Commerce City, CO at the time of passing.

Lazaro "Laz" Miera

Mar. 08, 1940 - Mar. 31, 2019

Long time Brighton resident Lazaro Miera, 79, passed peacefully in his sleep on the morning of Mar. 31, 2019. He was born in Penasco, NM on Mar. 8, 1940 to the late Daniel and Virginia Miera (nee: Trujillo). He graduated from Penasco High in NM and soon after, moved to Denver, CO to make a better life for himself and the family to have. He was married to Marianna (Pinard) Miera for 29 years.

Lazaro moved to Denver in 1958 when he was 18 years old and began working as a waiter before transitioning into the printing industry in the mid-1960s. He was a master printing pressman for more than 40 years which included working for Martin Marietta, Eastwood Printing and Norm's Printing before retiring.

Laz was known as a great photographer of the beautiful Rocky Mountain landscapes and the great outdoors; he loved taking outdoor scenery photos. One of his favorite places to take photographs was at the Albuquerque Hot Air Balloon Festival in New Mexico, which he and Marianna attended frequently. Laz and Marianna enjoyed traveling, camping and fishing for many years. He loved his family and enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren.

He was a long-standing member of St. Augustine's Catholic Church in Brighton and a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 3285, since 1965. He served on the Knights Honor Guard for many years. He, too, served his community as a Squire Counselor and a Cub Master for the Boy Scouts of America.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Daniel Miera and Joe Miera; three sisters, Mary Youngblood, Carol Martinez and Martha Chacon; and a granddaughter, Oliva Miera. Lazaro is survived by his loving wife, Marianna Miera, Son, Gabriel (Vilma) Miera; Daughter Roxane (Juan) Chacon; five stepchildren, Tom (Debbie) Castaneda; Robert Castaneda; Ken (Tonja) Castaneda; Dave (Michelle) Castaneda and DeAnna Castaneda. His is survived by 20 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial Service: Thurs., Apr. 04, 2019 Tabor-Rice, Brighton

Zenon Guillermo Duran-Arteago,

70, of Henderson, Colorado passed away March 8, 2019 in Thornton. He was born on June 25, 1948 in Chihuahua, Mexico to Gilberto Duran and Nepomucena Arteaga.

He was an over the road truck driver in Mexico for Permissionarios de Delicias most of his life. He moved to the Henderson, Colorado area 20 years ago. Zenon was a member of Our Lady Mother of the Church in Commerce City, Colorado. He loved fishing, singing and playing the guitar and enjoyed family outings and joking around with his family.

Survivors include his wife, Fabiola Ruiz-Olivas of Henderson, CO; sons, Guillermo (Norma) Duran of Federal Heights, CO and Cipriano (Nohemi) Duran of Henderson, CO; daughter, Mayra (Arturo) Carmona Mayra (Arturo) Carmona of Henderson, CO; brothers, Gilberto, Arturo, Jesus, Ruben and Ramon all of Chihuahua, Mexico; and one sister, Elizabeth Duran, also of Chihuahua, Mexico; nine grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

Visitation scheduled for Tues., Mar. 12, 2019 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. followed by a recitation of the Rosary at 7:00 p.m. both at Tabor-Rice Funeral Home, Brighton, CO; Mass of Christian Burial will be on Wed., Mar. 13, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady Mother of the Church, 6690 E. 72nd Avenue, Commerce City, CO 80022

Robert Hill

U.S. Army Veteran

Robert Thomas Hill (Bob), 86, of Commerce City, passed away Feb. 18, 2019. He was born Feb. 12, 1933, in East Orange, N J, to Louis and Eunice (Anderson) Hill, graduated from Rockford High School in 1951, attended the University of Illinois, UCLA, and earned his Bachelor of Arts in History (Greek, Minor) from Long Beach State College. He enlisted in the Army May 29, 1954 and served during the Korean War.

Occupations: Pharmaceutical Sales, Pastor of Derby Bible Church, Founder and Teacher of Derby School of Theology (affectionately called DSOT), and Owner of Bible Discount (a Christian book store in Commerce City, CO).

He met the love of his life, Joan Germand, in Chicago, IL. married her Feb. 4, 1956 and lived in Ozark, Alabama for one year, then moved to Los Angeles. In 1972, they and their six children came to Denver, to pastor Derby Community Church (later renamed Derby Bible Church).

His parents and brother, Richard Bowman Hill, preceded him in death. Bob was a devoted family man and LOVED being married to his wife, "Joanie Babe", for every minute of their 63 years. He stayed in shape by playing racquetball at the Commerce City Rec Center three days a week for 25 years and eating two chicken tacos at Taco Bell every day.

Bob's legacy lives on in the lives of the many people he taught and mentored. He leaves behind his loving family including his wife, Joan, and their children-Debbra (Steven) Blackwell, Brenda (Steve) Soucie, Bobby (Narissa) Hill, Bonnie (Eddie) Cook, Charlene Hunt, and Trisha (John) Kondur. Brother-Louis Douglas Hill (Doug). Grandchildren- Steve Blackwell, Jami Minne, David Blackwell, Jonathan Blackwell, Andrea Szyfer, Amanda Soucie, Anthony Soucie, Derek Hill, Desiree Hill, Danielle Duffy, Karlynn Piper, Kedrick Hunt, Lauren Hunt, Michaela Hunt, and Joshua Kondur. Great Grandchildren- Corey, Kate, Anne, Brooke, Brennah, Brecken, Violet, Ruby, Ivy, Lucy, Buddy, Adelle, Anya, Broden, Ethan, Chance, Antonio, Lemoni, Ziree, Caelynn, Gavin, Weston, Landon, Shane, and Rhea,. Surviving in laws- Judy (Donald) Hammond, Joy (Ron) Kuykendall, Erwin (Sally) Germand, and Jill (Cal Hardy) Germand. Service details: "He's Home! Celebrating the life of Bob Hill" held on Mar. 3, 2019, at 3:00pm, at Harvest Fellowship, 11401 East 160th Ave., Brighton, CO

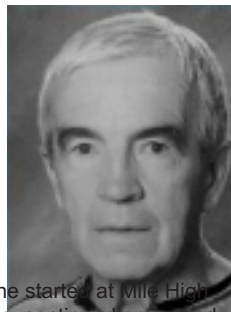


William Francis Lee

April 13, 2019, William Francis Lee ("Bill") beloved husband and father of four children, passed away peacefully in the presence of family at the age of 77 after a courageous and fearless battle with Cancer.


Denver native graduating from Regis in 1959 and University of Denver, he started at Mile High Kennel Club doing odd jobs, continued on up and later became VP & General Manager. He is survived by his wife Susan; his four children, Greg (Maria), Chris (Lori), Aimee (Paul) and Brian (Lyn-Partner); eight grandchildren and others.

A Celebration of Bill's life will be held on Fri., May 17 at 11:00am at Park Hill United Methodist Church - 5209 Montview Blvd, Denver, CO 80207.



Commerce City Historical Society

Application for Membership

	NAME: _____
	Address: _____ _____
	Phone Number: _____ home _____ cell _____
	E-Mail _____
	Business Name _____

Annual Dues

**Please make checks payable to: Commerce City Historical Society,
6505 E. 60th Avenue, Commerce City, Colorado 80022**

Individual	\$10.00	_____ (per year)
Family	\$25.00	_____ (per year)
Business/Corporation	\$100.00	_____ (per year)
Life Membership	\$500.00	_____ (one time)
Senior Lifetime Membership (Age 65 Plus)	\$250.00	_____ (one time)

Are you a Veteran? Yes ___ No ___ What Branch? _____

DATE PAID _____

How would you like to be notified of meetings and the Newsletter?

Email _____ phone _____ mail _____



For questions please call 303-287-6747

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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☐ Work at the Museum

☐ Moving Items

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Out N About



Tasty Donuts - since February 1929

Until - still is an unknown but the hope is a successor will soon come forward or Vanarun Chhay will just keep going.

This shop is definitely not your Starbucks type donut and/or socializing place.

Laptops and smartphones do not prevail here. Instead, many sporting indicators of long ago military service abound as do many indicators that those enjoying a donut, with or without coffee, do some kind of blue collar work (or did). Of course, many take their donuts with them, either in a bag or box.

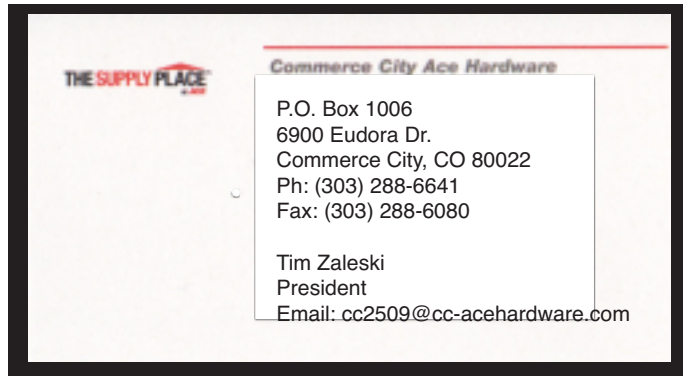
Hours Monday thru Saturday are 5 a.m. to (usually) 11:30 a.m. but you should know that if you wait until late morning, your choices will be very limited.

Factoids (in no particular order) :

- Prep time starts around 1 - 2 a.m.
- ^a Largest single order 80 dozen to school district
- Newest current flavors are orange, pineapple and lemon filling
- No flavors have been discontinued
- They haven't gotten into latte's etc because of the time and additional equipment they need
- Handmade and family owned since 1929
- Current owner took over in 2002 in the building owned by her sister
- Anything to say to your customers, both long time and newer:
Thank you for coming every day.'...
- Leftovers are given to the homeless and/or sold for a quarter (25 cents) each
- Individual personal cups used to hang on hooks and, at heyday, numbered 55



CCHA appreciates our business members



Commerce City Historical Society Lecture Series

Rocky Mountain Arsenal & The Wildlife Refuge

Commerce City Heritage and Cultural Center, 6505 E. 60th Ave
Saturday, Mar. 30 at 1 pm

Mile High Kennel Club - Dog Track History

Same location and time as above, June 29, 2019

Adams 14 School District

Same location and time as above, September 28, 2019

Trains in Commerce City

Same location and time as above, December 28, 2019





CCHS luncheon 2011, Werth Event Center. Board members: (l-r) June Younger, JoAnn Stevenson, Debra Bullock, Esther Hall, and Reba Drotar.

Brief history of the Historical Society

* The Commerce City Historical Society was founded in 2009.

- The CCHS Organizational meeting was held on August 21, 2009.
- The Articles of Incorporation were completed and signed on November 4, 2009.
- The By Laws were created and signed on November 20, 2009.
- The Commerce City Historical Society was founded in 2009.
- The organization applied for a 501c3 status and they officially received their 501c3 status on February 7, 2010.



Luncheons: 2011, (l-r) Harlow & the late Shirley Leeper, and JoAnn Stevenson



Ann Emerson and daughters enjoy the tea at Dottie Bakke's home the summer of 2013.



Batty Pepin, posthumously receives the Jean Klein Award at the reception held April 28, 2019, Kids First Health Care

Preserving the history of Commerce City because history matters