

## Ernest M Linza

October 17, 1923 ~ September 21, 2016 (age 92)



Ernest M. Linza, age 92, life long resident of Salida (CO) USA, passed away on Wednesday September 21, 2016 at Columbine Manor Care Center. Mr. Linza was born October 17, 1923 in Salida, CO to Mercurio A. Linza (1893-1977) who came from Lago (CS) Italy and to Catherine T. Palese.

Mercurio, born on October 17<sup>th</sup> 1893 had arrived in New York with the ship "Hamburg" on June 18<sup>th</sup> 1912 at age 19, lived at 410 W. Front St. of Salida and found a job with the Salida "Colorado and Ohio Smelter".

Mr. Linza worked as a machinist for the **D&RG Railroad** and retired from Climax as a machinist. After retirement, he worked at the Salida WalMart as a bicycle assembler until the age of 90. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, he was a gunsmith, collecting guns and tying flies.

Mr. Linza was preceded in death by his parents, wife **Melvina** Linza and one sister. He is survived by his son **Darren** Linza of Salida, CO, daughter **Tammy** (Jim) Schwitzer of Salida, CO, granddaughters Lacey and Ashley Schwitzer, great granddaughter Jayla Peacock and brothers Dominick Linza of Grand Junctions, CO and Fred Linza of Salida, CO.