

In Memory

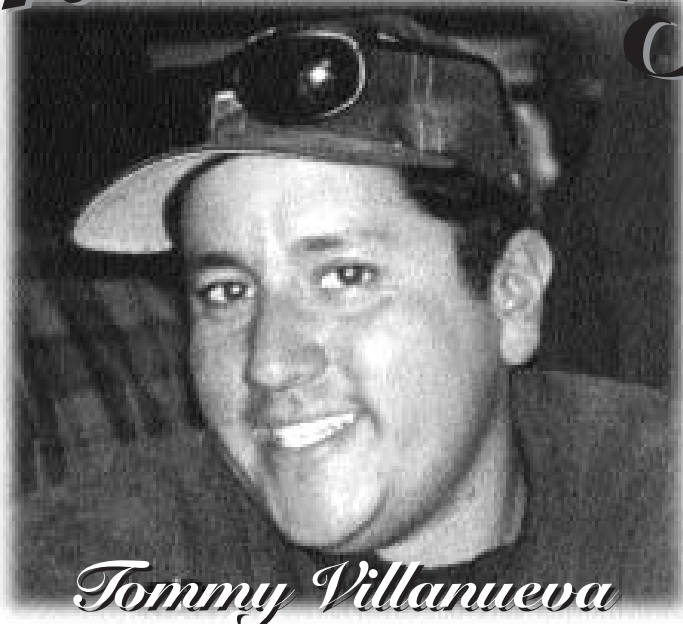
Tommy was born in October of 1968, and at the age of three first came to Crested Butte in May of 1971. He loved the mountains and learned to ski when he was five. Tommy loved fishing, softball, skiing and he did all those things with a passion.

Tommy was a good friend, a great brother and a loving son to his parents.

Our family knows that Tommy will be greatly missed. We have felt a lot of love in the days that we have been here. We have felt so much love from this community that this is why we have always felt that this is our home.

Tommy's spirit will always be here in Crested Butte. Please always think of Tommy with a smile and not with tears. This is the way he would want it to be.

-Jennie & Edgar Villanueva

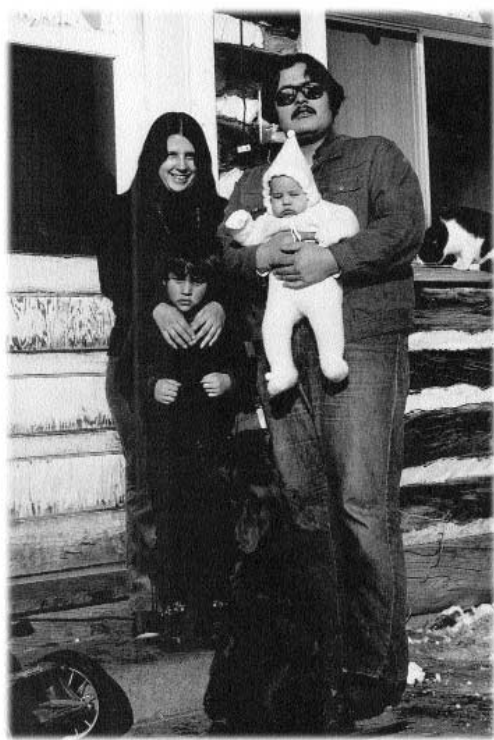


Tommy Villanueva



Tommy was always at the level of the people around him. I first remember him showing me this when I was five years old. When he would box, play ball or do anything with me down on his knees. He wasn't doing this to make himself smaller, but to make me feel bigger. That's a quality he has always had, and one I will try to live by.

-Michael Villanueva



I used to think that we understood each other's sense of humor. What I realized this past week was that Tommy didn't have a particular sense of humor. He appealed to all of us and we loved him for it.

-Chris Puckett



I will forever be sad that I did not get to say goodbye to my beautiful friend. Your hugs have gotten me through some horrible times in my life and your smile lifted my spirits every time we were together, and those pinches on the ass that I scolded you for will be missed forever. Thank you Edgar and Jennie for giving life to such an amazing, loving and giving person and thank you for sharing him with me. Our adventure was cut way too short in this lifetime and I will await the day when we can be reunited and start it all again. Mucho Besos mi amigo.

-Stephanie Prater

I think everybody who knew Tommy has their own story to tell, and I'll bet most of those stories are of good times. We all know Tommy had a huge sense of humor, but he also had a huge heart. The kind of heart that put family and friends above everything else. I consider myself very fortunate to be a part of that family and circle of friends. We also know that Tommy had a lust for life, and he thoroughly enjoyed his life and time on this earth and shared it with countless people. I will miss Tommy immensely.

-John Mardesich

