

# IN MEMORIAM



Lion Ralph Joseph Digneo

1924 - 2007



Lion Ralph Joseph Digneo passed away 25 December 2007 after a brief illness. He was born in Las Vegas, NM, and graduated from Santa Fe High School in 1941. He served in the US Navy from 1943 to 1946. He graduated in 1950 from NMSU with a BA degree. In 1952, he began working for the Santa Fe Public Schools where he became an Asst. Superintendent in 1957. In 1969 he became Principal of Nava Elementary School serving there until 1981 when he retired.

Lion Ralph served on the Santa Fe City Planning Commission and Historical Style Committee from 1970-79. He also served on the Santa Fe County Senior Citizens Advisory Board and assisted in tours to Nevada many times. The Santa Fe Host Lions benefitted from his membership for over 30 years and his fellow Lions honored his service with a Melvin Jones Fellow Award.

Lion Ralph was a talented and fun loving man. He was a native Spanish speaker and was comfortable with people from all walks of life. Whenever he walked down the streets of Santa Fe, not a time went by when someone would not greet him. He was loved by all who knew him.