

BIOGRAPHY
OF
JOSE RUBEL TRUJILLO

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Jose Rubel Trujillo was born on March 13, 1914 in a town called Edes in Colorado. Two and a half years later, his mother, Celina Trujillo, died while they were living in New Mexico. His grandparents from then on raised him.

Rubel went to school up the sixth grade. He wished he could have finished school or continued his education longer, but schools in that area were closed and he was needed to work on the farm. In order to help his aging grandfather, Rubel started working at the age of nine to help his family survive. He and his grandmother worked hard planting corn, beans, and whatever they could to provide food. He also worked and helped out with the ranch animals.

Rubel was about seventeen years old when the depression started. These years became very tough times for he and his family. His grandfather was too old, and so the responsibilities were put on his grandmother's and his shoulders at a very young age. Eventually he found a job herding sheep in Utah. Though, the pay was low, he was pleased to just have a job.

As a child, Rubel had to miss out on many things that children often participate in. He didn't have any brothers or sisters, and the closest children near him were many miles away from their ranch. Candy was never part of a treat in their lifestyle, and his self-made toys were made out of whatever he could find. Up until the sixth grade, Rubel also had to walk three miles to school even in the cold winters.

Life was tough for Rubel, yet he grew up to be a hard working man. He has now been married for forty-three years and has three daughters and two sons with his present wife, Phyllis Griego Trujillo. He also has thirteen grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Rubel endured a long and harsh life, but he has survived despite all the tough times. He has a lot of memories of good and bad times, and he is living a full and productive life. Through it all, Rubel has learned to appreciate what he has and tries not to take things for granted; for he knows what hard times are really like. Rubel is a survivor, and like many people from times before in history; they have learned many lessons and have gained much wisdom. We can all learn from Rubel's life story to help us in our own lives and provide us with encouragement, advice, and most of all the ability to survive.