



This is the moment we've hoped for, dreamed of, waited for, and prayed for. Today is a huge moment in history. Mark June 24, 2022, in bold print on your calendar, and tell your children and grandchildren that you were alive to see it. Today is the day that Roe V Wade was overturned!

For many, there has never been a time when abortion wasn't measured by this decision, and for the rest of us, there was a deep doubt that we would ever see things as they once were before Roe. But, on this historic day, with a vote of 6 to 3, the United States Supreme Court overturned the injustice that was done nearly 50 years ago.

63 million lives have been lost to abortion since 1973, and abortion giants like Planned Parenthood have systematically pushed an agenda that has led states like Colorado and New Mexico to the complete deregulation for the killing of the innocent. In 1973, it would have been unimaginable that babies would be legally killed up to the moment of birth. Yet here we are. Isn't it ironic that partial birth abortion is now defended as "a woman's right" at a time when science makes it crystal clear that life begins at conception? But today we celebrate a victory that will save babies and protect mothers across the United States, if not in our own home states. This is not the end of a hard fight, but the beginning of an even harder one. We must work harder to educate, speak up, and stand up for the sanctity and intrinsic value of life. We have to be present and bold to bring this giant down.

God hears our prayers, and He answers them in His perfect timing. Please continue to pray as the battle escalates in Colorado and New Mexico. Join us at LifeGuard on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to prayerfully stand vigil. Together with our loving God, we will fight this fight, and win this battle.

Tuesdays 9-3 – Vigil; Adoration in the chapel  
Sept. 28 – Nov. 6, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. – 40 Days for Life  
Oct. 15 – Southwest Catholic Youth Conference  
Dec. 13 & 20, 9 a.m. – Christmas caroling  
Feb. 24, 2023, 5:30 p.m. – Annual Banquet & Auction  
April 7, 2023, 10 a.m. – Stations of the Cross  
June 24, 2024 – Durango Herald Pro-life ad

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It is with great sadness that I must tell you of the sudden death of a very dear friend of us all. Bill Norton has been a fixture at LifeGuard for the past 14 years, and along with Pat McKenzie who went home to Jesus a few months ago, traveled from Pagosa Springs week after week without fail to stand in prayerful vigil. Those of you who knew Bill well will remember his litany of jokes and ability to incite laughter on a moment's notice. You'll also remember his beautiful singing voice and dedication to the music ministry at John Paul II Church, where he led the choir. A self-proclaimed Alaska ski bum, Bill led a life that was interesting and diverse. He told stories of working with his parents at their catering business, making potato salad for hours and days on end; of his bread delivery route; of building fine furniture for fancy homes, and of the years when he would build cabins in the summer to fund his winter skiing habit. Bill was a man of many stories and lived a life that seemed somehow bigger than most. "No phone Bill" was the way he preferred to be known for many years. He prided himself on living simply, with few needs and many friends. What we know to be true about Bill is that he had a heart

of gold. His passion to end abortion ran deep, and he said many times that he hoped he would someday see the overturning of the Roe V Wade decision. Bill did see that day and was overjoyed. Bill died peacefully as he took a nap while waiting to sing for mass on Saturday, July 9th, and was immediately in the prayers of the gathered church family who loved him. We will all miss this dear man, but we always knew that beautiful voice was meant to join the choir of angels in heaven someday.



**OCTOBER 15, 2022**

**9 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

**(Doors open at 8:30)**

**Call 970-385-8451**

**to purchase your tickets.**

**\$30 per person (\$35 after Oct. 1) provides lunch, snacks, awesome music performed by the Scally Brothers Band, insightful and inspiring speakers, and a day of fellowship and fun!**

**Check out our website at [lifeguardlaplata.org](http://lifeguardlaplata.org) under the Events tab for printable forms and more information.**



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FAITH**

*Put on the full armor of God*

*~Ephesians 6:11*

*Thank you to all who have faithfully added your names to the Durango Herald pro-life ad through the years! The ad will continue, but we now have a new date that better represents the major victory of the past few weeks. Rather than running the ad on the anniversary of the Roe v Wade decision in January, we will now run it on the date that the decision was overturned... June 24. So, if nobody approaches you in January, please do not think you've been overlooked. Look for our first post-Roe ad sign up next summer.*

**40 Days for Life fall campaign will be September 28 through November 6, from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. We will prayerfully and peacefully pray for an end to abortion here in Durango and all around the world. Come join us outside LifeGuard in the alley across from Planned Parenthood.**

Look at all these beautiful people (and more) who dropped everything in order to stand together as one big witness to the sanctity of human life! Your bravery and willingness to be the faces and voices of reason in an atmosphere of shouting and anger is humbling. Please, let's keep this trend going even if the paper doesn't show up! More than ever, we need to be visible to balance the sway of public opinion that would have us disappear.

