

## **Leonard "Lenny" Roybal**

Born: October 26, 1939, Nambe, New Mexico

High School: Santa Fe High

College: College of Santa Fe B.A. Physical Education, Minor Biology  
& New Mexico Highlands University, master's degree in athletic Coaching

### **High School**

- Two Year Varsity Letterman and Team Captain for the Boys Basketball and Baseball Teams, Santa Fe High School
- 1958 - All State in basketball and baseball in senior year.
- 1958 - Lost to Hobbs in finals by one point.
- Went to Boys State in Roswell.

### **College**

- 1963-64 Two Year Varsity Letterman and Team Captain for the Men's Basketball and Baseball Teams, College of Santa Fe
- 1961 player on the National Champions Pueblo Community College, Pueblo, Colorado, national championship in Hutchinson, Kansas.

### **Professionally**

- 1968-1975 Physical Education Teacher at Young Middle School
- 1975-1980 Physical Education Teacher at Santa Fe High School
- 1977-1980 Girls Head Volleyball and Golf Coach, Santa Fe High School
- 1975-1980 Boys Head Basketball Coach, Santa Fe High School
  - 4 State Tournament Appearances
- 1980-1986 Physical Education Professor, Badminton, Fencing, Coaching Theory, College of Santa Fe
- 1980-1986 Men's Head Basketball Coach, College of Santa Fe
  - 1983 Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Champions, Men's Basketball, College of Santa Fe.
  - 1983 Regional Tournament Champions, Phoenix, Arizona, Men's Basketball, College of Santa Fe.
  - 1983 Final Eight Appearance NAIA National Tournament, Kansas City, Missouri, lost to Charleston, South Carolina who eventually went on to win the National Championship and the following year went on to become a Division I Men's Basketball Program,
  - Coached two Small College All-Americans, Gordon Betancourt and Mike McCombs at the College of Santa Fe 1983 and 1985.
- 1983-1984 Women's Head Volleyball Coach, College of Santa Fe
  - 1983 College of Santa Fe men's Basketball team that was the District 7 Champion, first time ever, and went to the NAIA Championship Tournament but lost in quarter finals.
- 1987-1999 Physical Education Teacher at Espanola Valley High School
- 1987-88-90-91-92 Girls Head Volleyball Coach, Espanola Valley High School
- 1987-1990 Boys Head Basketball Coach, Espanola Valley High School
  - Coached the team to the state championship tournament--first time in 50 years.
- 1988-1993 Boys Head Baseball Coach, Espanola Valley High School
- 2000-2002 Athletic Director, Espanola Valley High School
- 2003-2005 Assistant Principal Carlos Vigil Middle School, Espanola, New Mexico
- 2003-04-05 Boys Head Basketball Coach, Espanola Valley High School

## **Honors**

- 1978 New Mexico Coaches Association Boys Basketball 4AAAA Coach of the Year, Santa Fe High School
- 1978 Southwest Coach of the Year, Boys Basketball, Santa Fe High School (Arizona, Texas, Colorado, Utah, Oklahoma, New Mexico)
- 1989 New Mexico Coaches Association Boys Basketball 4AAAA Coach of the Year, Espanola Valley High School
- 1977 - Coach of State Champion Girls Volleyball at Santa Fe High School.
- 1978 - Coach of State Champion Boys Basketball at Santa Fe High School.
- 1978 & 1979 - Coach of State Champion Men's Golf at Santa Fe High School

## **Community**

- 1983, 84,85- Selected as one of the Top 10 citizens of all-time for the City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe New Mexican.
- Taught Guitar in Espanola at "Moving Arts" since 2021
- Has worked as a Sargent of Arms at the State Legislature during the Sessions from 2014 to the present.
- Lenny enjoys playing the guitar and composing music. He recorded the song "Red or Green" which earned him the distinction of being the State's official Chile song.

## **Family**

- Married to Ymelda Gurule Roybal for 31 years; Son, Dax Roybal, and daughter Carmelita Roybal Archuleta; Grandkids Risa Archuleta and Liba Archuleta.
- Lenny's father passed away when he was 6 years old. Lenny's mother raised him along with his five brothers and one sister.
- Lenny's brother, Toby Roybal, set Basketball records at UNM and was drafted by the New York Knick's in 1955-1956. Toby died at age 30 from prostate cancer.