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## Former Pueblo police chief dies at age 60



Bill Young

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***Bill Young's three years in Pueblo ended in controversy in 1995.***

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Former Pueblo Police Chief Bill Young, who served here from 1992 to 1995, died Sunday in his native Texas.

Young died as police chief of Deer Park, Texas. His assistant chief, Kenneth Findley, told a Houston Chronicle reporter that Young had "struggled with serious medical problems for some time."

Young was 60.

"He was a real proponent of community service," said Pueblo Police Chief Jim Billings, who has headed Pueblo's force for nine years. "He did a lot of restructuring to the department where we got our own beats. Before we rotated shifts monthly. After you got to know a beat (working) days, you'd switch to the graveyard shift or different part of town."

Young came to Pueblo in April 1992 after retiring as an assistant chief with the city of Houston, where he worked 21 years. Young left Pueblo amid controversy in February 1995. He was at odds with the police union. His final 18 months here were spent under a vote of no confidence. He also had lost the favor of City Council.

"I will leave with some scars and scratches on my knuckles but the fact remains I'm very proud of having been chief in Pueblo," Young told a Chieftain reporter in February 1995.

After Pueblo, Young moved on to be police chief in Tyler, Texas, a post he resigned under controversy in 1999.

He then took the police chief position with the city of Deer Park in 2000.