



Carrol Owen Ball

November 22, 1932 - April 23, 2021

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Carrol Owen Ball passed away peacefully on Friday, April 23, 2021, at Eastern New Mexico Medical Center after more than 13 years of dementia and other illnesses. She was born on November 22, 1932, in Roswell, NM, to Francis William Owen and Eula Mae Ehrgood “Biddie” Owen. She was 88 years old at the time of her death.

Carrol was born into Lincoln County ranching families that came by wagon in the 1870s from Missouri to White Oaks, Capitan Gap, and Lincoln, NM. Her Great Grandfather was Sherriff John William Owen, and her Grandfather was Omer Francis Owen, a Deputy Sherriff under his father near the turn of the century. Both family sides of her ancestry also owned ranches on the north side of the Capitan Mountain near Capitan Gap, Give a Damn Canyon, Arroyo Seco, and Roberts Springs. Her parents continued the ranching legacy in Lincoln County, NM, along the north side of the Capitan Mountain on the Hasparos Canyon. Their ranch was an offsetting ranch to the UFO debris site not far from Corona.

She attended Roswell Schools and college at the University of Colorado at Boulder and later obtained her Bachelor’s Degree of Science from Eastern New Mexico University (Magna cum Laude).

She married into another Lincoln County and Chaves County ranching family when she married W. J. "Bill" Ball on July 4, 1953, in Ruidoso, NM. In the late 1950s, they purchased the White Flat Ranch east of the Capitan Mountain located in both Lincoln and Chaves Counties 35 miles Northwest of Roswell. They owned and operated the ranch until Bill's death a few days before the millennium, whereas she continued owning the ranch until she sold it in 2002.

She was also the owner of Capitan Mountain Oil and Gas, LLC.

After college, she taught school at Roswell High School, Sierra Middle School, and even taught school in the Hondo Valley. She loved to travel, learn about history, and was well known to take school-aged kids each summer on trips to Europe and other countries. After teaching, she continued to travel to Europe frequently with close friends. Besides travel, she loved her bridge club friends, and she also loved art and creating oil landscapes in New Mexico.

A very social person, Carrol enjoyed her memberships with the Roswell Service League, Morning Garden Club, New Mexico Cowbells, New Mexico Wool Growers Auxiliary, Belles and Beaux Danse Club (which she and Bill helped co-found with other local friends). She was the last surviving charter member of the Roswell Desk and Derrick Club. Before dementia, Carrol was an active member of The First Baptist Church and various bible study groups around Roswell.

Carrol was preceded by her parents, Francis William Owen and Eula Mae Ehrgood "Biddie" Owen; husband, W. J. "Bill" Ball.

Those left to cherish Carrol's memory are her daughter, Betty Lee Ball A/K/A Elizabeth Lee Roth of Puerto Aventuras, Quintana Roo, Mexico; son, William James "Jim" Ball, Jr. of Roswell, NM; grandson, Colton Roth of Edmond, OK;

twin granddaughters: Halie Ball de Omena (Thiago de Omena) of Oklahoma City, OK and Marlie Echa'varri Ball (Carlos Echa'varri) of Rogers, Arkansas; great-grandson, Griffin James de Omena of Oklahoma City, OK; great-granddaughter, Kate Echa'varri of Rogers, Arkansas; sister, Jacqueline Coffman of Roswell, NM; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Carrol's life is planned at a later date once the Covid 19 risk subsides further. Advance notice will be given once the arrangements are made. Her cremation will be handled by her relatives' funeral home Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home of Roswell.

In Lieu of flowers, if anyone wants to contribute, the family requests them to be at The First Baptist Church of Roswell or any Roswell-based museums that she enjoyed very much or a charity of their choice.

Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Carrol's family at www.andersonbethany.com.

Carrol's tribute was written in her honor by her family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Carrol Owen Ball*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of Carol's passing ,she an Bill were our friends and neighbors on Washington Ave. I hunted coyotes with Bill many times. The Corn Family sends our regards.*

jon corn - July 13, 2021 at 11:22 AM

PB

“ *To The Owen Family,*

It has been a while since any of you have heard from me (Paula Owen Brown). I heard the news of (Dorothy) Carrol through a very good friend, Sam Seely, at church yesterday. It saddened me deeply and brought back many good memories, not only of Carrol, but of the Owen Family. I visited Uncle Francis' Ranch many times with my parents, Elbert and Sammie. I'll never forget when Uncle Francis gave me a piano. He had heard that I was taking lessons and had to practice at the Baptist Church because we didn't have a piano. I still have what is left of it, as it was damaged while in storage at our Hardware Store warehouse. I threw such a fit that my brother Emy met me at Corona, and he and Dale finally was able to retrieve the piano after much to do. I then kept it in the garage in my house here in Corona, where mother and daddy lived. Couldn't repair it so that it could be played again, but saved all the pieces that displayed the beautiful wood. Have some of it displayed in my home as a coat rack and plan to make the other pieces saved into furniture items. Any way, I remember several times when we visited Uncle Francis and Aunt Biddie they had Carrol's children with them. Betty Lee, I'm sure you don't remember, but you grew very attached to me when you were very little. During our visits, I would play with you. Uncle Francis and Aunt Biddie were amazed at how you took up with me. I'm so sorry we have lost touch with each other as we both grew up. Carrol leaves behind a great legacy that we (The Owen Family) are very proud of. This is a very beautiful documentation not only of Carrol's life, but also the Owen Family History. God Bless and be with all the Family during this time.

With Much Love,
Paula

Paula A Brown - May 03, 2021 at 10:33 AM

AT

“ *Amy McVay Tellez lit a candle in memory of Carrol Owen Ball*



Amy McVay Tellez - May 01, 2021 at 01:28 AM

AT

Thoughts and prayers to the Ball family in Loving Memory of Carrol on behalf of the Historical Society for Southeast New Mexico and Amy McVay Tellez

Amy McVay Tellez - May 01, 2021 at 01:30 AM

AR

“ *Annette Ramirez lit a candle in memory of Carrol Owen Ball*



Annette Ramirez - April 30, 2021 at 09:28 AM

DB

“ *Deana Bozarth lit a candle in memory of Carrol Owen Ball*



Deana Bozarth - April 29, 2021 at 06:57 PM

DB

“ Carol was a good friend and neighbor for many years. Our 3 girls loved skating past her house and visiting with her. She was my mentor in the Morning Garden Club and encouraged me to always be a leader in the club. Our family will dearly miss her.
The Jim Bozarth family

Deana Bozarth - April 29, 2021 at 06:56 PM

DP

“ Hi Jim,
Your mom sounds like a remarkable woman. What a fabulous life she lived. You must be very proud of her. I know how painful a blessing can be. I'm sorry for that. Take care my friend.❤️ Darla Perry(Allen)

darla perry - April 28, 2021 at 03:54 PM

MW

“ Sending prayers of comfort. May sweet memories flood your mind to help comfort your hearts. - Melinda Weast (colleague of Jim Ball)



Melinda Weast - April 28, 2021 at 10:59 AM

JH

“ Jo Anna Hernandez lit a candle in memory of Carrol Owen Ball



Jo Anna Hernandez - April 27, 2021 at 08:58 AM