



Clara Kirby

July 12, 1930 - April 10, 2018

Clara Dee Kirby, born July 12, 1930, earned her angel wings April 10, 2018, in Roswell, NM.

A Memorial Service will be held at West Alameda Church of Christ, 2807 West Alameda, in

Roswell, NM, Saturday, April 14th at 6:00 pm. Officiating will be Harry Tackett.

Celebrate Clara's life by visiting www.andersonbethany.com to offer a memory or expression

of sympathy for her family.

Clara was born to John Birdsong and Mary Garrett in Boswell, TX. Clara lived more than 50

years in Artesia, NM, in the same home and was blessed with many lifelong neighbors and

friends. She lived her life with a servant's heart. Clara focused her life on raising her children,

waiting on her friends as a waitress and cooking some of the finest pies to be found. Even after

retirement, Clara worked as a caregiver for those in need. People loved her baking of pastries

such as pies, cinnamon rolls, and homemade yeast rolls. At Jackson's restaurant, she was

known for making three to four days worth of pies a week that sold out by the

first morning once
people knew it was “Clara’s day to make pies”. She had a group of customers
that were happy
to follow her wherever she was working, to enjoy her amazing cooking. Clara
had a passion for
crocheting, embroidering, fishing and camping.

She won numerous blue ribbons in the county fair for her flawless and
meticulous sewing,
crocheting, and embroidering. She saw to it that each one of her children and
grandchildren
had a piece of her work. Clara taught square dancing classes for many years
at the Artesia
community center. She loved to dance – two stepping, waltzing, and doing the
jitterbug.

Clara bowled on a league several nights of the week for many years. Her
daughters learned
to do their homework by the sound of clashing pins very well!

Clara enjoyed fishing and camping during her retirement years. Sitting by the
side of the
lake was as close as to heaven she could get in this great world.

Clara was preceded in death by parents: John and Mary; husbands: J.T.
Rainwater, Glenn Perry,
and James Kirby; grandson, Walker Fitzpatrick Jr; step-son, Gene Perry, step-
daughter, Patsy
Devore; brothers: John, Doc, Jess, Joe, Troy, Luther; sisters: Grace and
Dessie.

She is survived by two daughters: Delene Cox residing in Albuquerque NM,
Jeannie and Bill

Fitzpatrick residing in Roswell NM; step children: Laura Kirby from San Angelo TX, Naomi

Land residing in West Columbia, South Carolina, JC Kirby residing in College Station TX, and

Heather Allen residing in Salt Lake, Utah; grandchildren: Justin, Randy, Jennifer, Craig, Brandi,

Jaretta, Tim, and Ty; great-grandchildren: April, Gavin, Natalie, Allen, Hayden, Logan, Tannon,

Rakaylyn, Torriona, Amaia, Mason, Lexus, Ben, Evan, and Mckenzee.

A special thanks to Cherri Williams and Patricia Poland for their care of our precious mother and to

Sunset Villa for providing the comfort care in her final days.

In Lieu of flowers, please make donations to New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 New Mexico

236, Portales, NM 88130-9411.

This tribute was lovingly written by Clara's family.

Previous Events

Service

APR **14**. 6:00 PM (MT)

West Alameda Church of Christ
2807 W Alameda St
Roswell, NM 88203
(575) 622-5562

Tribute Wall



“ *Clara Kirby*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *She was always happy and had a smile on her face lots of love to all of you, polly*

polly maxwell - April 14, 2018 at 02:28 PM



“ *Roy & Gloria McDaniel send their condolences, may God bless all of Clare's family and friends!*

Gloria McDaniel - April 14, 2018 at 11:28 AM



“ *Clare was a wonderful, warm, friendly, funny and generous Lady that those of us that knew her for so many years will never forget! She will always own a warm and fuzzy spot in my heart, as well as many others.*

She has her place in God's sweet Heaven and will help make a place for all that love her and their Lord and Saviour.

May God Bless all Clare's friends and family and give them comfort!

I know I misspelled Clara's name, but I mispronounced it as long as I have known her

and if I spelled it correctly now she would not believe it was me.

All our Love, Bill and Alison Cox

Bill and Alison Cox - April 14, 2018 at 01:55 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Clara Kirby.*



April 13, 2018 at 05:48 PM



“ *Delene and Jeannie: Please accept our heartfelt condolences to your family! Yet, we rejoice that she knew Jesus most of her life and received a "Glorious Welcome Home!".*
Love, Wes and Barbara Cox

Wesley and Barbara Cox - April 13, 2018 at 04:45 PM



“ *Delene & Jeannie: How I remember those pies! Your Mom was one of the sweetest people I have ever known. May God hold you in his hands during this time of mourning. I know you will miss her. Love,*
Rick & Bobbie

Rick & Bobbie Ranspot - April 13, 2018 at 11:34 AM