



## David Finley

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David Finley, 83, died Saturday, June 14, 2014, after a prolonged battle with colon cancer.

David was a lifelong resident of Roswell, but he loved southern Colorado, where he and his wife, Betty, spent many vacations fishing and exploring scenic routes, accompanied by their beloved dogs. David and Betty also enjoyed bowling and square dancing for many years, as well as family vacations at Lake Sumner and taking trips around the country.

David was a dedicated family man and avid environmentalist. He also worked diligently as a union leader during his thirty-two years of employment with the Mountain Bell Telephone Company, and passed his values on to his children. After he retired from the phone company David, became a volunteer at the Roswell Humane Society, where he gave his time and commitment for nineteen years. He worked with many animals who needed special care, especially dogs who would not find homes unless they became socialized. Thanks to his efforts, many animals who would not have been adoptable found their forever homes and went on to lead happy lives, including his own dog, Angus, David brought together many animals and their new families, bringing joy into countless lives not only in Roswell but neighboring states.

David was preceded in death by his wife, of forty-five years, Betty, in 2012; his stepdaughter, Karin Frislid, in 1979; his mother, Lillie Finley, in 2007; and his brother Hugene Finley in 2008.

Those left to cherish his memory are his daughters, Elaine Finley – Caruana, of Carlsbad, and Cindy Miller, of Fresno, California; his stepson Terry Frislid and his wife, Sandy, of Roswell; his step-daughter Janice Frislid of Roswell; four grandchildren, Becky, Katey, Shawn, and Billy; great-grandchildren Jackson, Lexi, David, Frank, and Brittany; numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews; and his very special second family of treasured friends and co-workers at the Roswell Humane Society.

David will be celebrated at 10 AM, Friday, June 20, 2014 at Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Tim Arlett officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests donations in David's name to the Low-Income Spay-Neuter program at the Roswell Humane Society, 701 East McGaffey, Roswell, NM, 88201. The family also would like to remind people that colon cancer is highly preventable and treatable with regular colonoscopies.

# Tribute Wall



“ *David Finley*

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December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *I'm David's step great grand child and he would send me a birthday card every year even though I lived in Texas AND only met him a couple of times when I was a baby. Him and his wife are amazing people and I'm sadden I didn't keep closer contact with them.*

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**Brittany Dockal** - June 17, 2014 at 11:29 AM



“ *David was a wonderful person and a member of Telco Credit Union since 1965. I respectfully ask that Cindy Miller contact me at 575-622-4444. He shall be missed.  
Teri Romero (Manager, Telco Credit Union).*

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**Teri Romero** - June 17, 2014 at 10:03 AM