



## Della Adela Baker

April 26, 1918 - March 17, 2014

Della (Adela) Baker, 95, of Roswell passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on March 17, 2014 at Casa Maria Healthcare Center, Roswell, NM.

A rosary will be held at Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home Chapel at 7 PM on Thursday, March 20, 2014. A Funeral Mass is scheduled at 10 AM Friday, March 21, 2014 at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church with Father Joseph Pacquing officiating. Visitation will be on Thursday, March 20, 2014 from 1 PM – 7PM. Della's ashes will be interred at Grandview Cemetery in Ft Collins, CO.

She was born in Santa Clara, CO on April 26, 1918. Della was one of five children born to Daniel and Adelaide Apodaca; both have preceded her in death. Della was raised in Ft. Collins and attended a convent for three years in Chicago. She met and married Eloy in 1943 and they had five children. During that time she worked as a nurse assistant helping deliver babies at DePaul Hospital in Cheyenne, WY. Eloy preceded her in death in 1962. She married Wilbur J. Baker in 1964. They traveled with the Air Force and retired in Boulder, CO. Della spent her time at the Carmel Home where she worked with adults who were intellectually disabled. Wilber preceded her in death in 1979. In 1980 she moved to Roswell, NM and has resided here for thirty-two years. She was a member of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church.

Those left to cherish her memory are her family; sister, Mary Anderson of Littleton, CO; daughters, MaryAnn Martinez and son-in-law, John of Cheyenne, WY., Vangie Maestas and son-in-law, Rudy of Boulder, CO., Paula Trujillo and son-in-law, Samuel of Ft. Collins, CO., and son, Ernest Lopez and daughter-in-law Yolanda of Roswell, NM. She also leaves behind fifteen grandchildren, twenty-five great-children, and six great-great-grandchildren. Her family also includes numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Della committed her life to following the Lord Jesus Christ and being involved with her family whom she treasured. Della served faithfully in her church and volunteered in several community and civic organizations. She cherished life and was very active until the very end.

Della was preceded in death by her first husband, Eloy Lopez; son, Daniel Lopez; second husband Wilbur James Baker; and brothers, Louis Apodaca and Adolph Apodaca.

Honorary pallbearers will be John Martinez, Rudy Maestas, Samuel Trujillo, Tim Cisneros, Ruben Lopez, and James Martinez.

The family would like to thank all of her friends for the support they have given her through the years.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Della Adela Baker*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Ernie, Yoli, and Family,*

*So sorry to hear of the loss of your mother.  
My thoughts and prayers for peace and  
healing are with you.  
Angela C. Gallagher*



**Angela C. Gallagher** - March 22, 2014 at 01:38 AM



“ *Please accept my deepest sympathy in the loss of your dear mother, Della. I have known Della for many years. We went to exercise class, birthday girls luncheons and many things together. She was just the nicest person and I will always remember her independent can-do attitude. She was an inspiration to me and I will miss her sweet face. I know that she is with our Lord. I loved her very much.  
With my heartfelt sympathy,  
Pat Carlton*

**Pat Carlton** - March 21, 2014 at 04:54 PM

CD

“ Casa Maria Rehab Department purchased the *Written in the Stars* for the family of Della Adela Baker.



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**Casa Maria Rehab Department** - March 20, 2014 at 05:07 PM

JA

“ Dear sweet Della, I knew you only slightly from Assumption, but what a delight you were. You never seemed your age and you were so kind and generous in your spirit. Love, Jena Amaral, R.N.

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**Jena Amaral** - March 20, 2014 at 12:32 PM

CM

“ Yoli and Family,  
I have such fond memories of Della. She was such a wonderful and needed friend of my mother, Lucille Billig. She was one of her constant and true friends. I remember them often playing cards, eating pizza, and going to church. She was there for all of her friends, but my mother needed her the most.

I remember Della always with a smile whenever I saw her. Even during her short stay at Peachtree, when we visited she seemed so much at peace. I feel so blessed to have known her.  
God Bless You

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**Cindy McTeigue** - March 20, 2014 at 07:59 AM