



Elizabeth "Betty" Jayne Clemenza

April 19, 1928 - June 9, 2023

Elizabeth Jayne (Betty) Clemenza, 95 of Dexter NM, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on June 9, 2023, following a short illness.

Betty was born April 19, 1928, in Dexter NM to O.W. Phillips and Lillian Duncan Phillips. She and Nick Clemenza were married on December 2, 1944. He preceded her in death on September 24, 2016, after 72 years of marriage. She is survived by her children: Kay Trujillo (Jake), Nickie Kelly (Rob), Teri Joyce (John), Chris Clemenza and Joe Clemenza (Lori); grandchildren: Tony Lucero, Christopher Clemenza (April), Jon Clemenza, Danielle Elder (Colten), Michael Thompson (Shelbie), Jennifer Ragsdale (Billy) and Teresa Lucero Mason; great grandchildren: Jacob Lucero, Joshua Lucero (Brooklyn), Jarett Lucero, Adalyn, Bailey and Westen Elder, Nicholas Clemenza, Evelyn and Ryley Ragsdale, Logan Weingartener, and Jaxon Thompson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents; son, Tony; grandson Richard; brothers: Kirk and Pete; sisters: Laverne, Sarah, Kathleen, Gene and Patricia. Words cannot express our appreciation for Sally Cartier, her caregiver, best friend, and neighbor. We extend a special thank you to the Gentiva Hospice Employees and The Visiting Angels whose expertise and kindness made it possible for her to be with us at home.

Not only did Betty provide a wonderful, nurturing home for her six children, she was also a favorite and highly requested caregiver for numerous community children. Betty was an avid journaler and kept organized photo

albums of family life for many years. She loved to read and had an inquisitive mind. She and Nick enjoyed many years of retirement - playing golf, bike riding, traveling to visit family around the US and several trips to Europe.

In lieu of flowers please make any contributions to a charity of your choice.

In memory of Betty, A memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home.

Betty was a devout member of the Catholic faith and a family Mass with interment will be held at Assumption Catholic Church at a later date.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 14. 2:00 PM (MT)

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory
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Roswell, NM 88203
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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Memorial Video*



Anderson - Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory - June 15, 2023 at 11:42 AM

TM

“ *I remember the first day I heard about “Giggi”
I had no idea what or who that was. But have been blessed with her
sweet spirit since meeting her so many years ago. Richard gave
her a big hug when he saw her, I am sure if that.*

Teresa Mason - June 13, 2023 at 07:18 PM

PD

“ *Betty was a compatriot of my mom and Mom remembers her fondly.
Dexter has produced some incredible people. Betty was one.
Sending love and hugs to you all.*

Pamela Aston DeWitt - June 13, 2023 at 04:15 PM

PH

“ I am sure there was a big family reunion when Betty joined the family in heaven! She was the last Phillips sibling to leave us. I am so glad she was here for a long time. Daddy (Kirk), Pete, Patricia, Shorty and Charlie all left us way too early. But Betty was always there for each of “the cousins” as their parents died too young. She was like our family rock. She will always be loved for this by her extended family..Love you always Aunt Betty. 🥰 Pamela (Phillips) Hayes

Pam Hayes - June 13, 2023 at 02:55 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Jayne Clemenza.



June 13, 2023 at 11:58 AM

EG

“ I will always miss you and Betty! You're always in my heart. Rest in peace you will never be forgotten. I love you. I'm so happy that we will get to be with Uncle Nick and all your Siblings.



Elizabeth Grant - June 13, 2023 at 01:07 AM

LB

“ I have many fond childhood memories of Betty. She was so sweet and kind. Condolences to her family. ❤️

Laurie Burkhalter - June 12, 2023 at 11:05 PM

JW

“ Teri, I'm very sorry about the loss of your mother. She was a very nice woman. She and your dad were always great to me. Please accept my condolences and sincere sympathies to you and all your family.

Johnny Wortman - June 12, 2023 at 10:09 PM

LG

“ Betty you will be missed you were the best babysitter ever Thank you for taking such good care of us I will cherish my time with you. Prayers for the family the Gavi family loves you all.

lori gavi - June 12, 2023 at 09:38 PM

EG

Love you Aunt Betty! Fly high with the Angles! You will always be missed, Never will be Forgotten.

Elizabeth Grant - June 13, 2023 at 01:03 AM

RB

Betty you were the best gift to our family. You took such great care of Laurie and were also a kind and good friend to our family beginning on the day we brought Laurie as a newborn to Dexter.

Rosie Burkhalter - June 13, 2023 at 12:54 PM

AG

“ My deepest condolences on the passing of your mother. You all are in my prayers.

Amanda Granados - June 12, 2023 at 04:07 PM