



Elma M. Mills

September 2, 1949 - September 14, 2024

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Elma left her earthly home and entered into heaven's gates on Saturday, September 14, 2024. Elma fought a long hard battle the last 20 years and is now without struggles. Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Elma's family at www.andersonbethany.com.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Thursday, September 26, 2024, at 10 a.m. at Gateway Church. International Pastor Rick Rapp will officiate services. Elma will be laid to rest at a later date in Joplin, MO.

Elma worked as a school bus driver in Hagerman, NM, until she left to become a preschool director and help open the preschool at Gateway Christian School in Roswell. Elma worked at Gateway until the day of her car wreck that left her unable to work but she remained faithful to Gateway and its members in every area she could help in.

Elma had a number of loves in her life starting with her husband of 62 years Virgil Mills, who survives her at the family home. She would often say that they grew up together living down the street from each other and attending school together. She would say it was destiny to marry your best friend and that's exactly what she did.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Pam Marquez of Roswell; son, Dr. Donald Mills of San Antonio, TX; and daughter, Rebecca Mills of Roswell; many nieces and nephews, and a very special sister-in-law, Enid Clark of Carl Junction, MO.

Elma loved being a parent but was overjoyed to become a Nana. Her grandchildren included: Estella (Star) Knight (husband Val) of Roswell, Adali and Jenesis Gardarilla also of Roswell. Elma also had many bonus grandchildren. She also fell over the moon when her two great grandbabies were born, Luna and Sonny Knight.

We would like to thank the members at Gateway Church for always checking on mom and making her feel loved. A special thank you to a couple of caregivers she has had, Rose and Kat. Thank you for taking care of mom and Christina Gomez for going above and beyond the call of duty to find mom the best help possible.

Elma's tribute was lovingly written by her family.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **26.** 10:00 AM (MT)

Gateway Church
1900 N. Sycamore
Roswell , NM 88201

Pastor Rick Rapp officiating.

Tribute Wall

CA

“ *My sincere condolences to the family
Carmen Arias
Agape homecare*

Carmen R Arias - September 27, 2024 at 03:42 PM

JC

“ *Mom Mills - Thank you for allowing me to be a part of the family and
for all the laughter and love!!!! I will miss you always!!!!*

JAMES A CHAVIS - September 25, 2024 at 11:40 AM

JC

“ *James Chavis purchased the Fairest of All for the
family of Elma M. Mills.*



James Chavis - September 25, 2024 at 11:35 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the
family of Elma M. Mills.*



September 20, 2024 at 09:13 PM

DM

“ Thank you, Mom, for instilling in me the gift of giving and showing me what it truly means to be a servant leader. Your example throughout my childhood shaped who I am today. The 56 years I've had the privilege to watch and learn from you have allowed me to embody servant leadership for the past 35 years of my career.

While I know you touched thousands of lives directly, I want you to know that your influence extended far beyond that—reaching hundreds of thousands through the work I've been able to do because of your guidance and example.

You will be deeply missed every single day. I can't imagine how my heart will ever fully heal from this loss. You weren't just my mother; you were my best friend. I know what you expect of me, and I will move forward, determined not to fail.

I love you to the moon and back, and until we meet and hug again, your legacy will continue to shine through me.

Donald L Mills - September 19, 2024 at 05:01 PM

LS

“ *Laura Schwartz lit a candle in memory of Elma Mills*



Laura Schwartz - September 18, 2024 at 10:29 PM

RM

I'm very blessed to have had the opportunity to take care of Elma she wasn't just my client she felt like my grandma I really enjoyed every minute I was there she is and was a very sweet and special lady and her children Pam, Don, and Becky was blessed with a very special Mom and all the children she drove the bus for was her children I love you Elma you are going to be missed

Rosie McCarter - September 19, 2024 at 04:27 PM

DM

Thank you cousin! I appreciate that so much! Very kind and sweet of you!!!

Donald L Mills - September 19, 2024 at 05:01 PM