



Stella Franco

November 28, 1951 - March 6, 2024

Estella Franco, 72, passed away on March 6, 2024, at her home in Roswell, NM, surrounded by her family.

There will be a viewing on March 14, 2024, at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home in Roswell, NM, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and services to follow with pastor Lawrence Sanchez officiating.

On November 28, 1951, Estella was born to Ventura and Paula Avitia in Durango, Mexico. Estella married the love of her life Raymond M. Franco, they were married for 57 years.

Estella was a minister for Rivers of Life Ministry. Estella loved to preach at the penitentiaries around New Mexico and really to anyone who would listen. Estella was the founder of Rivers of Life Homeless Shelter where she helped many women and children. She also had a separate shelter for men.

Estella loved everyone she encountered and was always ready to help those in need whether it be with a meal or prayer, she never turned her back on anyone. Estella will be greatly missed, but never forgotten.

Those left to eternally treasure and cherish memories of Estella are her children: Raymond Franco, Abel Franco, Geneva Franco, and their spouses;

ten grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren; mother, Paula Avitia; brothers: Felipe Avitia and Julian Avitia; sisters: Ramona Padilla, Cruz Escobar, Soccoro Montez, and Carmen Ortiz.

Estella was preceded in death by her father, Ventura Avitia; husband, Raymond Franco; and brother, Jessie Avitia.

The family wishes to extend sincere thanks to Gentiva Hospice and Estella's Caregivers: Crystal Aguilar and Rosa Linda.

Everyone who knew Estella knew she feared God and loved Jesus with all her heart! We will truly miss you Estella, you are and always will be the biggest and best part of our lives, we love you!

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 14. 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (MT)

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory
2609 South Main
Roswell, NM 88203
(575) 622-5888
abfh@andersonbethany.com

Funeral Service

MAR 14. 2:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

AD

“ *Adela sent a virtual gift in memory of Estella Franco*



Adela - March 14, 2024 at 03:46 PM

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“ *Rest in paradise Mrs. Franco ! Our love and condolences to all her family 🙏❤️*

Anthony Garcia - March 13, 2024 at 06:37 AM

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“ *We will surely miss your contagious laughter and that beautiful smile. You were such a strong woman. You were such an amazing giving woman with a heart of Gold and heaven is so lucky to have you. Rest in heavenly peace Estella!*



Tina Morales - March 11, 2024 at 02:19 PM