



Estelle Kay (Towler) Russell

August 5, 1955 - January 19, 2020

Estelle Kay (Towler) Russell was born in Roswell, NM on August 5, 1955, and entered the Arms of her Lord Jesus on Sunday, January 19, 2020. She was 64 and resided in Roswell, NM when she took her first eternal breath.

Services will be held at Crossroads Assembly of God, officiated by Pastor Melvin Suttle on Friday, Jan. 24th at 10:00 AM, followed by the burial at South Park Cemetery. Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home will be handling arrangements. There will be no viewing.

Pallbearers will be Justin Raimer, Manuel K. Payne, Ryan Payne, Nathan Payne, Justin Thompson and Nick Espinoza.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Fred Kreutzberg, Joe Smith, Manuel D. Payne, Mike Payne, Jack Bogard, and Hubert Cobb.

Estelle was very blessed to have a large family, and she loved each one of them deeply. She is preceded in death by her parents, Lee Towler and Leeosia (Hoosier) Towler, as well as her sisters, Neva Dove, Marretta (Skeeter) Parker, Wanda Lane, Wannema White and Jean Bristow.

Estelle finished her race ahead of her sisters Lou Stevens, Johnnie Knight and Oleta Mask, as well as her “other sister” and life-long best friend, Pat Degman. She has also gone ahead of her daughter Samantha Willard, and husband Gary, her son P.J. Raimer and wife Kim, and her beloved grandchildren Kayleen (Willard) Espinoza and husband Nick, Cheyanne Willard, Justin Raimer, Makenzie Cooper and Gracelyn Raimer, as well as NUMEROUS nephews, nieces and cousins including all of the greats and the great-greats... all whom she loved.

We would be remiss to fail to honor Alda Buhrke, Estelle’s in-home caregiver, Isabelle O’Connell, Estelle’s former caregiver, and her best Roswell friend Maria Archuleta, all who became family in every way. We will never have a big enough “Thank You” for all that you have done and been for our mom.

She attended Crossroads Assembly of God Church. She adored her Pastor, his wife and all of her church family — they were incredibly good to her.

Estelle held a variety of jobs throughout her life, mostly working as a caregiver for the

aging in nursing homes, cognitively challenged, physically challenged and visually challenged — working in her hometown of Roswell, as well as Alamogordo and Las Cruces NM (where she lived for 18+ years).

Estelle's grandchildren held her heart. She loved them passionately and practiced her texting skills special for them.

She was filled with a child-like faith. She believed and trusted God in the simplest of things, and also in the darkest of times. She held on to Jesus when it made no sense to anyone else in the room. She gave a heartfelt "GOD BLESS YOU" to as many as she could, whether they wanted it or not. If you were fortunate enough to be loved by Estelle, you were genuinely loved. She was always able to love beyond any imperfection or wrong choice that we made... sometimes to a fault. And she sure had a way of making us laugh and bringing smiles amid the most difficult of circumstances.

Estelle found such joy in the simple pleasures of life... being able to see, looking out her window at the clouds in the sky, the wind causing the leaves on the trees to "Praise Jesus", and some of her biggest smiles coming from seeing her "Little Man" and "Beautiful Girl" playing outside next door to her. Estelle genuinely loved and cared for her neighbors as family.

One of Estelle's greatest passions was dancing. When her health no longer allowed her to dance, she lived out her dancing desire vicariously through her favorite show, Dancing with the Stars.

She fought a vicious war with her health. Countless times the battle was not in her favor, but Estelle had a way of bouncing back in the face of impossibility, giving proper Glory to God as she overcame, time and again.

It's hard to imagine how Jesus greeted her on Sunday. So many of us long to hear "Well done, good and faithful servant" when we reach that moment of our lives... but after such a fierce, years-long battle, it's not too hard to imagine God greeting her similarly to how He greeted Gideon when they met face to Face, with a booming, "Greetings, Mighty Warrior!" But knowing her heart, it is easier to imagine that Jesus walked straight up to her, held out His Nail-Scarred Hand and asked, "May I have this dance?"

Go on Mom. You are all the way better. You are healed. Dance with Jesus. Dance with Him how your heart has longed to for so many years. You have won. Victory is yours by The Blood of The Lamb, and you have overcome.

We will see you soon.

Estelle's tribute was lovingly written in her honor by her family.

Cemetery Details

South Park Cemetery

3101 South Main St
Roswell, NM 88203

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 24. 10:00 AM (MT)

Crossroads Assembly of God
1224 West Country Club
Roswell, NM

Tribute Wall



“ *Estelle Kay (Towler) Russell*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Rick & Jerry Emmons & Anne Emmons (Jeff's wife) purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Estelle Kay (Towler) Russell.*



Rick & Jerry Emmons & Anne Emmons (Jeff's wife) - January 23, 2020 at 04:05 PM



“ *Your friends at Cooper & Amador purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Estelle Kay (Towler) Russell.*



Your friends at Cooper & Amador - January 23, 2020 at 11:55 AM