



Lorene Kuykendall

June 12, 1931 - March 26, 2024

LORENE KUYKENDALL

Lorene passed away on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at her home surrounded by her loved ones. Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Lorene's family at www.andersonbethany.com.

Lorene was born in Dexter, New Mexico on June 12, 1931, to Steve and Irene Nowak. She attended Dexter Schools, graduating from high school in 1949.

On December 28, 1948, she married Donald Kuykendall. During their marriage of 68 years, they were blessed with 5 sons and many grandchildren.

Lorene—lovingly known to many as “Ma”—dedicated her life to caring for her husband and sons as well as the grandchildren that followed, supporting them in all of their activities including little league, 4-H, and numerous sports.

In 1968, Lorene became Supervisor of the Dexter Schools Cafeteria. Not only did the Dexter students look forward to eating lunch in the cafeteria, but there were also many local town folks that regularly occupied a table or two during the noon hour. Many a football player looked forward to her “pre-game meal” of chicken fried steak and fixings, not to mention the many basketball teams

that she fed during the Dexter Invitational. Lorene retired in June 1993 after 25 years of service to Dexter Consolidated Schools.

Lorene was preceded in death by her husband, Donald; their infant son, Tommy; her parents; and two brothers, Laurence, and John.

She is survived by four sons: Bill (MarySue), Bob (Shannon), Gary, and Lane; as well as a sister, Glenda Sue Moore. Also surviving are grandchildren: Chris (Dani), Brandon (Skylar), Jason (Erin), Jennifer (Lee), Lance, Tamara (West), Krista (Justin), Megan, Jacie (Brycen), and Kemp (Kylie). Great grandchildren surviving are: Kolby, Clayton, Hailey, Taber, Lucy, Emilee, Justis, Kirklyn, Gia, Gracen, Breckyn, Kayd, Logan, Gage, Holly, Emmett, Mattox, Lylah, Daegan, Kai, Kace, Westyn, and Lyra.

The family is grateful to Rocio Cruz for the loving care shown to Lorene.

Jimmy Derrick will officiate the graveside service to be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 30, 2024, at Memory Lawn.

Previous Events

Graveside

MAR 30. 11:00 AM (MT)

Memory Lawn Memorial Park
2605 E 19th St
Roswell, NM 88201-8505
(575) 623-5550

Tribute Wall

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“ Lorene was the heart and soul of this family enduring much giving all. May she rest in peace.

Jack Lewis

Jack Lewis - March 31, 2024 at 06:51 PM

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“ From JimBob, Phil, John Clayman & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lorene Kuykendall.

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“ From JimBob, Phil, John Clayman & family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Lorene Kuykendall.



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