



## Maria Celia "Sally" Teel

February 16, 1934 - May 28, 2023

Maria Celia "Sally" Teel, 89, of Roswell, NM, went to be with the Lord on May 28, 2023, peacefully at her own home, surrounded by family. Sally was born February 16, 1934, to Juanita and Daniel Avila in Picacho, NM.

Sally married James C. Teel Jr. on November 27, 1956, in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Sally was preceded in death by her parents Juanita and Daniel Avila; siblings Clifford Torres, Lala Torres, Geneva Lucero, Danny Avila, Toby Avila, Val Avila, and Henry Avila.

Sally is survived by James (Jim) Teel, her husband of 67 years; daughter Patricia Teel of Roswell, son James C. Teel III and Poppy Teel of Katy, TX; grandchildren Gina Montes of Roswell, Jessica and Jeff Kohn of Gilbert, AZ, Diego and Monica Montes of Roswell, Daniel and Crystal Montes of Roswell, Kaylie Teel of Katy, TX, and Lexie Teel of London, England; 8 great grandchildren; 3 great-great grandchildren; sister Anita Ramirez of Roswell; and numerous nieces and nephews and sister-in-law Pat Zonlick of TN.

Pall Bearers will be Diego Montes, Daniel Montes, Domenic Montes, Diego Montes Jr., and Jeff Kohn. Special thanks to Gentiva Hospice, nurses Chelsea and Brenda, and volunteer Kathleen for their caring, understanding, and

kindness.

Sally was co-founder of KWFL Christian FM radio station in Roswell and the surrounding area. She also co-owned Teel Appliance Service and served as a devoted volunteer for KRPV Christian TV. She was involved with various ministries and devoted her life to serving God and helping those around her. Sally enjoyed gardening, the casino, and fishing on a quiet lake. Sally was a generous and loving soul who always gave others the benefit of the doubt, helped those in need, and selflessly served in many other ministries in the southeast NM area and also helped support many national broadcast ministries to spread the Gospel. For those familiar with the “Jesus is Lord over Roswell” billboards and bumper stickers, you have personally witnessed the impact of her devotion to serving the Lord and touching lives. Not surprisingly, Sally received an earthly crown in 1949 when she was named “Carnival Queen” for Hondo Valley Union High School. Today, we are comforted and convinced the long-lost earthly crown has been replaced with an eternal heavenly crown, with blessings from God and a heavenly “welcome home” celebration.

Anderson Bethany Funeral Home is hosting an online Tribute Wall ([www.andersonbethany.com](http://www.andersonbethany.com)) and the Viewing at Anderson Bethany is scheduled for Tuesday, June 6th, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Funeral Services will be held at Christ's Church, 2200 N Sycamore Ave, Roswell, NM 88201 on Wednesday, June 7th, 10:00 AM. The burial ceremony will follow at South Park Cemetery, then return to Christ's Church for a reception luncheon and fellowship.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUN 6. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (MT)

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

## Funeral Service

JUN 7. 10:00 AM (MT)

Christ's Church  
2200 N Sycamore Ave  
Roswell, NM 88201

*Interment to follow at South Park Cemetary.*

# Tribute Wall

IM

“ It took me awhile to do this. I loved my Aunt Sally, I have many good memories of her and Patricia my cousin making my early childhood happy. She was a kind and generous person but she especially loved the children. I can see in the video that she was very proud of her family, all her grandchildren.  
*Isabel Avila-Marquez*

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**Isabel Marquez** - July 23, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memorial Video



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**Anderson - Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory** - June 13, 2023 at 11:51 AM

RP

“ My love and condolences to my aunt Sally's family. I did not get the chance to know my aunt as an adult but I have wonderful memories of her as a child. Love and prayers.

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**Rachel Pool** - June 08, 2023 at 09:52 PM

DF

“ Condolences to family ! Iam your cousin Diane Flores was niece of my Tia Juanita And Tio Daniel I moved to southern California at a young age. Blessings mand Love.

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**Diane Flores** - June 04, 2023 at 01:38 PM

RC

“ RACHEL CHAVEZ lit a candle in memory of Maria Celia "Sally" Teel



RACHEL CHAVEZ - June 02, 2023 at 06:16 PM

JA

“ I have pleasant memories of the time we lived in Grants N Mex and the time we lived in Albuquerque. Sally was always helping my family. She was always very generous. She will be missed by her family I am sure.

Jane Avila - June 01, 2023 at 08:40 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Maria Celia "Sally" Teel.



June 01, 2023 at 03:35 PM