



Marie Towler

March 13, 1945 - February 1, 2018

Marie Elizabeth Towler passed away on Thursday, February 1, 2018, peacefully in her sleep. Celebrate Marie's life by visiting www.andersonbethany.com to offer a memory or expression of sympathy for her family.

On March 13, 1945, she was born to Emma Louise and Romeo D. St Martin in Southbridge, MA. Marie moved to NM, where she married the love of her life, Darrel Towler in February of 1989.

Known for her kindness and artistry, Marie always thought of others first and helped however she could. She sewed, painted, baked and often served as hostess for her family and friends. Marie was a leader in the TOPS organization for several years. She loved going on adventures or rides with her mother and visited many states including Alaska and Hawaii.

Preceding Marie in death were both her parents: Emma Louise and Romeo D. St Martin; first husband, Russell Harman; and sister, Victoria (Vikki) Louise St Martin Degenhardt.

Marie is survived by her husband, Darrel Towler of Roswell, NM; sister, Rose Reith and husband, James A Reith Sr. and their children: James, Alex, Cat; as well as Vikki's children: Lee and Faith; seven grandnieces and grandnephews all of Massachusetts.

A Memorial Service is planned for Saturday, February 10, 2018, 11:00 AM at Country Club Road Church of Christ, 700 Country Club Road, Roswell, NM. All are invited to attend.

Please bring your wonderful memories to share and celebrate Marie's life.

Marie's family lovingly wrote this tribute in her honor.

Tribute Wall



“ *Marie Towler*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



Elizabeth Moore

“ *Elizabeth Moore lit a candle in memory of Marie Towler*



Elizabeth Moore - March 27, 2018 at 06:29 PM



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“ *Marie was kind and the sweetest person i have ever known...I met her at "Tops" and she always had a beautiful smile on her face! Peace be with you my friend! Blessings from Gloria!*

Gloria McDaniel - February 21, 2018 at 12:11 PM



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“ *I hope yesterday's service for her went well. I wish I could have been there to be with you all, and to share this time of sadness, and to also celebrate what a loving woman my sister was. She was always cheerful in the morning.... She was always there if you needed someone to talk to. I should have talked to her more. I wish the other side of the country was not so far away. At times like this our small world is still too big.*

Rose Reith - February 11, 2018 at 05:27 PM

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“ This is basically the obituary I placed in the Worcester Telegram here in MA, except this is longer.... I had to revise this a lot to make it affordable!

Marie Elizabeth Towler passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, February 1, 2018 in Roswell, New Mexico. Born March 13, 1945, to Emma L. and Romeo D. St Martin in Southbridge, MA., Marie lived and worked in Central Massachusetts before moving to New Mexico in 1984, where she met and married the love of her life, Darrel Towler in February of 1989.

Known for her loving kindness, she sewed, painted, and baked, often serving as hostess for gatherings of her family and friends. She loved traveling, and with family members visited many places including Alaska and Hawaii.

Marie was predeceased by her parents, Emma L. (LeBoeuf) and Romeo D. St Martin; first husband, Russell Harman; sister, Victoria (Vikki) L. St Martin Degenhardt, and two grandnieces, Amanda Degenhardt and Charlize Reith.

Marie is survived by her husband, Darrel Towler of Roswell, NM; a sister, Rose Reith and husband, James Reith Sr., and their children: James, Alex, and Cat; her sister Vikki's children: Lee, and Faith Degenhardt, and two grandnieces and five grandnephews all of Massachusetts.

Celebrate Marie's life by visiting www.andersonbethany.com to offer a memory or expression of sympathy for her family.

A memorial celebration of her life will be held at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 446 Hamilton Street, Southbridge, MA 01550 on February 18 at 2:00 PM. All are invited to attend. Please bring your wonderful memories to share and celebrate Marie's life.

A memorial service for her family and friends in New Mexico was held Saturday, February 10, 2018, at Country Club Road Church of Christ, 700 Country Club Road, Roswell, NM.

Rose Reith - February 11, 2018 at 05:24 PM

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“ Dear Lord, I pray for the Towler family and friends. Hold there hearts through this very difficult time. Lord watch over Darrel, as he has been left on Earth to carry on. Lord thank you for putting Marie in my life she added so much laughter and love in my life. I love her infectious laugh, her inner soul, compassion and love she showed to me. amen. To the Towler family From Angie Kennon

Angie Kennon - February 09, 2018 at 10:02 AM

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“ 6 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Rose Reith - February 08, 2018 at 01:24 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Cat Reith-Lowery - February 06, 2018 at 10:07 AM

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Almost our whole family at Alex's wedding to Paul O'Connell: Meri Seims Reith, Jim Reith, Alex Reith O'Connell, Rose Reith, James Jr., Marie Towler, Cat Reith

Rose Reith - February 08, 2018 at 02:29 PM

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“ *My aunt was a wonderful person and gave me my love of cooking. I recently did an Italian dinner for a close friend and made from scratch pasta. I owe her for knowing how to do that. Back in 2000 while I was testing out a college in San Diego my mother and I stopped in Roswell to visit. Auntie Re took the time to teach me to make pasta, we had strings stretched all over her kitchen with spaghetti drying. It was an experience I never forgot. That same trip she took me to find crystals and stones just outside of town. I still have those treasures.*

Cat Reith-Lowery - February 05, 2018 at 11:19 AM

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“ Marie Elizabeth Towler (St Martin)

Born March 13, 1945 in Southbridge, Massachusetts

Died February 1, 2018, in Roswell, New Mexico

She was predeceased by her parents, Emma Louise LeBoeuf St Martin and Romeo D. St Martin, a sister, Victoria Louise St Martin Degenhardt, and her first husband, Russell Harman.

She leaves her husband Darrell Towler of Roswell, New Mexico, a sister Rose E. (St Martin) and her husband James A Reith, Sr., their children James, Alex, and Cat, and her sister Vikki's children Lee, and Faith, as well as seven grandnieces and nephews.

Marie worked as a cook and waitress for many years, but far more significant than work, she enjoyed the adventures of “going for rides” with her mother, Emma, who was her travel companion for many years, during which Marie drove from Massachusetts to Alaska along the Alcan Highway, and to many destinations within the 48 United States, including the drive to New Mexico when they moved there in 1984. They even traveled to Hawaii (though that was not a drive but a flight).

Rose Reith - February 04, 2018 at 06:27 PM



Although we have been out of touch for many years.... I still have fond memories with "aunty Re"

Lee Degenhardt - February 08, 2018 at 12:23 PM

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“ 12 files added to the album Marie Towler



Fran - February 04, 2018 at 06:23 PM

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“ Another memory of a great time I had with my sister was when we went out to eat at a Chinese restaurant in Ware. We were visiting her friend Yvonne who lived up there. By then I was 16 or so, and Marie was probably 29. As I said, she spoiled me (I have to admit this one actually surprises me, but the 70s were a different time. We decided we were going to have a scorpion bowl. The legal age to drink was 18 at that time, and the waitress carded us. She looked at Marie's licence first - Marie had always looked younger than her age, so after seeing that she was almost 30 the waitress didn't even ask to look at my i.d.! So we had our drink!

Rose Reith - February 04, 2018 at 06:12 PM

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“ There are so many things I want to say about my sister Marie, or as I called her ReeRee. She was 13 when I was born, so she was like a second mother to me. She was my Godmother. She spoiled me silly because by the time I was 5 years old she had graduated from college and had her license and a car. She took me so many places and we did so many adventurous things together. I have strong beautiful memories of her from all of those years. When we were younger, we lived on a farm in Charlton, MA. It was a big old house with lots of creaking and groaning. It had a small bathroom put in but when we first lived there it had an original outhouse in the connected barn. It had a big hole and a little hole so she would come out there with me. We had some early sisterly bonding out there! We also shared a room for a while in that house. She used to pay me to make the bed. Once I found a big black spider in the bed. I was hysterical. She came upstairs with me, flipped the sheet over and there was the spider. Not. It was actually a creepy crawly. She accused me of putting it there on purpose. I don't think I did. I don't remember putting it there to be a brat. Maybe I did. But I was a beloved brat! And Marie was my beloved big sister.

Rose Reith - February 04, 2018 at 06:06 PM