



Martha Ballweg Durand

February 3, 1930 - April 8, 2020

On Wednesday, April 8, 2020, Martha Ballweg Durand, 90, peacefully passed away in the hospital with her daughter by her side and the love of her family surrounding her. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt, cousin and friend. Please take a moment to share a kind thought or memory with Martha's family at www.andersonbethany.com.

Martha was a descendent and grandchild of two Texas pioneer families; Patrick and Elizabeth

Cully Day and Martin and Anna Ballweg. She was born on February 3, 1930, to Leo and Mabel

Day Ballweg in Mansfield, Texas. She was lovingly raised by Oscar "Boy" Rosier and Agnes Day Rosier. As a child, she attended school at Gertie in Webb, Texas and remembers the bus stopping at a local store so students could buy a soda pop. She graduated from Mansfield High School in 1947 and went on to attend and graduate from Our Lady of Victory College in Ft. Worth, Texas. She enjoyed her time there and met many lifelong friends. She was the Solidarity

Treasurer, the Marian yearbook editor, Student Council Representative and involved in the

Albertus Choir, Press Club, Sports Club and Speech Club. She was voted Freshman and

Sophomore Favorite plus was an Honor Student. She received her nursing

degree in 1950 from

St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing in Fort Worth, Texas. As a nurse, she worked in Corpus Christi, Texas, where she met her best friend of over 60 years, June Bible. They made their way to Roswell, New Mexico in the 1950's where they met and married their husbands living only two houses apart ever since. Martha worked as an operating room nurse at St. Mary's Hospital in Roswell, New Mexico, where she met the love of her life, Joe Davis Durand. They married on January 7, 1961, in Arlington, Texas, and were happily married for 58 wonderful years. After getting married, she worked for General Dynamics as the nurse at the missile range site. When their children arrived, Michelle and Roger, she began her career as a school nurse in the valley for three school districts (Dexter, Hagerman, and Lake Arthur) until her retirement in 1988. Her efforts for her church and community were evident by her actions. She was a pillar of her church community, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Dexter, New Mexico. She spent many years serving as a Eucharistic Minister, helping with and making food for fiestas and fundraising, teaching CCD classes to the children and assisting with treasury tasks. She took pride in supporting her schools' athletic events, even changing sides at half-time to represent both schools. She was a member of the Dexter Women's Club, serving as president in 1969-70, and in her later years enjoyed playing bridge with wonderful friends. She will be remembered for her sharp wit, larger than life laughter and her innate ability to tell it like she saw it. She was a sharp debater and enjoyed many debates with good friends over the years. Her compassion saw no bounds as she tirelessly worked to help the many families in all three of the school districts she served.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her brothers and sisters, her husband, Joe Davis

Durand, their son, Roger Joseph Durand. She is survived by her daughter, Michelle Durand Runyan of Garland, Texas; daughter-in-law, Sherry Parriera Durand of Dexter, New Mexico; grandchildren, Taylor Durand and fiance

Kenda Tucker of Dexter, New Mexico, Ashley Runyan and fiance Florin Constantin of Barcelona, Spain, Alysia Runyan of Garland, Texas, Timothy Durand and wife Cheyenne of Dexter, New Mexico; great-grandchildren: Jayden Runyan, Tristan Runyan-Shirley, Benjamin Runyan-Shirley all of Garland, Texas, Blakeley Harris of Dexter, New Mexico, Grayson Durand of Dexter, New Mexico and many nephews and nieces. She will be missed by many and her memories cherished by all who loved her.

SERVICES: There will be a viewing at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home on Wednesday, April 15, 2020, from 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. A funeral mass will be celebrated with family as allowed with graveside services following on Thursday, April 16, 2020, at the South Park Cemetery in Roswell, New Mexico. Graveside services will be at 11:00 AM. Father Raphael Nwosu will be officiating. Those wanting to attend will be spaced according to guidelines or may remain in their cars as they feel most comfortable due to COVID-19. In lieu of sending flowers, please consider making a donation to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church or church of your choice.

Martha's

Tribute Wall



“ *I believe I have a letter that Martha sent to my father in 1955. She sent several photos as well. Can someone in her family please reach out to me? Thank you.*

Amy Castor - May 30, 2025 at 05:47 PM



“ *Martha Ballweg Durand*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Michelle, I'm the son of Joe's first cousin Margaret (Fulton) Middleton. Thus, my wife Karol and I were fortunate to have visited with Joe and Martha a number of times -- the last occasion being their wonderful trip to Austin a few years ago, before my mom died. And I recall attending their wedding. So, we were sad to learn of Joe's and Roger's deaths and now to hear of Martha's (via Elizabeth Brockmann). Both Joe and Martha were always delightful and caring people who made the world a better place. We're sorry to have them depart, as all their relatives and friends surely are. We wish you and your family the best during a very rough time.*

Kent Middleton - April 28, 2020 at 06:42 PM



“ *Lita Aranda lit a candle in memory of Martha Ballweg Durand*



Lita Aranda - April 14, 2020 at 08:19 PM

TM

“ *Martha was a loving person. So friendly to everyone she knew. She helped me with my son and his hearing problem from 6 years old to 21 years of age. Because of her and a free program she knew of, we never paid out of pocket. She was an excellent nurse to all kids, including mine, at Dexter Schools. She, Joe, and Roger were good people. Please accept our deepest heartfelt condolences. Martha, you will never be forgotten* ❤️

Lita Aranda and kids (Robert, Joe, Teri, Yolanda, and Jr. (Alfred Jr.)

Teri Moreno - April 14, 2020 at 08:17 PM

JG

“ *Michelle, sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. Your family was family to us. I look at family get together pictures and the Durand family was always in them along with Earlene. About 2 years ago your dad brought me some fresh pecans from the farm. I talked to your mother after that on the phone thanking her for sending me some pecans. I was fortunate to get to keep in touch with your beautiful parents. Your mom was truly one of the most special people around. I miss Roger too. I have a picture of us together with Chivo, my sister, William and Mark Roberts standing in front your parents home when we were around 5 and 6 years old. I wish we could have all got together to recreate that picture now that we are old people. Let us know if you need anything.*

Little Joe

Joe Gomez - April 14, 2020 at 07:55 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Martha Ballweg Durand.*



April 14, 2020 at 06:28 PM



“ *I'm very sorry for your loss. Martha was a very sweet and a wonderful person full of Love. She was kind to everyone around her. I will miss her smile and happy greetings. I will miss her dearly.
I pray that the lord will comfort you with his peace.
Enedina Cantu*



Enedina Cantu - April 14, 2020 at 05:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Martha Ballweg Durand.*



April 14, 2020 at 04:51 PM

CO

“ It so saddend me to read about the passing of Mrs. Durand...I meet her in Lake Arthur when I taught 2nd grade & she was the school nurse..She was such a sweet lady and fun to be around.
May God's Blessings and the memories of your Mom & Grandma support you forever.
My thoughts and prayers are with her and her family.



Corinne - April 14, 2020 at 04:23 PM

LB

“ Martha was such a sweetheart. She will be so missed. I worked with Joe & Roger for years at the post office & I love & miss them greatly. I will miss Martha too. She was the Durand Matriarch . She was such a funny , witty lady. You definitely knew where you stood with her. She made me laugh every single day. I will miss running into her at Target, & seeing her driving around with her little neck brace. She was a breath of fresh air Joe & Roger will be in heaven to embrace her .She meant a lot to all of us. I am so sorry for the loss of your Mother now too Love , Linda Busby

Linda Busby - April 14, 2020 at 02:48 PM

SC

“ I'm so sorry for your deep loss! Mrs. Durand was a wonderful lady with a beautiful soul! I will forever remember her kindness and her commitment to make this world a better place. I will always be grateful to have grown up in a community where our elders such as the Durands were truly involved and helped raised us. They along with many other families in my hometown are the true spirit of "IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD"! We have lost a great lady, but heaven has gained another Beautiful soul! My prayers for strength and comfort for you my friend! Sending my thoughts and love!

Sylvia Urban- Calderon - April 14, 2020 at 12:00 PM

DH

“ A very dear Lady with a feisty side and an ever present gleam in her eye! I will miss seeing her out and about in our communities. She always had a few kind words and told the best stories (some we wish she might have forgotten). She and Joe were dear friends and I send my love and prayers to all of their family. Debby Huckabee

Deborah Huckabee - April 14, 2020 at 11:37 AM



“ Mrs. Durand was the school nurse in Hagerman, NM, where I grew up. She always treated very student with kindness and love... like we were all HER kids. Rest in peace, Dear One!

Erika Roberg - April 14, 2020 at 11:34 AM

JS

“ Such a dear lady, she will be missed, our deepest sympathies from our family to all of hers.

Janie Stockton - April 14, 2020 at 11:23 AM

SP

“ My deepest condolences to the family, I was blessed to have spent a drive with Mrs Durand not to long ago, it was crazy I had just parked at Stripes on south main, I saw this Ford car take off really fast almost hitting the curb, I thought to myself crazy lady! Not knowing it was Mrs Durand, she drives back to the store see her get out of her car to my surprise it was Mrs Durand, so I go into the store and tapped her on her shoulder and asked her if she knew who I was, she looks at me and says of course I know who are Sally! I asked her if she was ok, she explained why she did what she did, anyway I told that if it was ok that I would drive her back to Dexter and she was relieved and agreed to drive her home, during the drive she asked about the family and to my surprise she remembered everyone, and she then talked about the passing of Mr Durand and Roger, she made me promised not to tell Michelle , so I did keep my promise, I will never forget that time with her, she was full of life, she will be missed, RIP Mrs Durand.

Sally A Peach - April 14, 2020 at 10:57 AM



“ I enjoyed visiting with Martha. One of my favorites was her experience working at the Atlas missile sites in the early '60s here in the Pecos Valley.

Melinda Jackson - April 14, 2020 at 10:50 AM

AD

“ Amanda Delreal lit a candle in memory of Martha Ballweg Durand



amanda delreal - April 14, 2020 at 10:39 AM

JS

“ I remember Nurse Durand from elementary school she was always so nice and smiling, Even at her age the last few times I would see her in Church in Hagerman I was amazed of how still remembered my name. She will be missed dearly our prayers our with her family.



Jimmy Sanchez - April 14, 2020 at 09:57 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Martha Ballweg Durand.



April 13, 2020 at 01:03 PM

DB

“ I knew Martha most of my life. There are so many memories growing up, especially after we moved to the circle just East of where she lived. I guess my most recent memory was from last September. I was sitting with her and Michelle telling some story where I stood up to someone. She was so proud of me because I wouldn't have done that in high school. I was so surprised by how proud she was. I was not expecting that, and thought of that often since then. Martha will be missed.

Deb Butler - April 12, 2020 at 09:44 PM

OM

“ Olivia & Manuel sent a virtual gift in memory of Martha Ballweg Durand



Olivia & Manuel - April 12, 2020 at 04:47 PM

AM

“ Martha you are precious to me. I will miss you.



Amanda - April 11, 2020 at 10:41 AM

LH

“ Lois Harshey lit a candle in memory of Martha Ballweg Durand



Lois Harshey - April 11, 2020 at 08:42 AM

DO

“ Diana Olivas lit a candle in memory of Martha Ballweg Durand



Diana Olivas - April 11, 2020 at 01:08 AM

DO

RIP sweet lady. 🙏🙏🙏

Diana Olivas - April 11, 2020 at 01:10 AM

LM

“ *Lupe And Delma Morales lit a candle in memory of Martha Ballweg Durand*



Lupe and Delma Morales - April 11, 2020 at 12:37 AM

IR

“ *Irma.dutchover lit a candle in memory of Martha Ballweg Durand*



Irma.dutchover - April 11, 2020 at 12:36 AM

BS

*Martha was School Nurse when I started to work for Hagerman Schools. She was a wonderful nurse and a beautiful person. She make our lives better by just being around her.
Bennie Shaw*

Bennie Shaw - April 13, 2020 at 11:06 PM