



Melba Pilley

June 2, 1950 - September 11, 2013

Memorial services will be held for Melba Pilley, 63, of Roswell at 11 am Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Jack Ferguson officiating. Burial to follow at South Park Cemetery. Melba passed away on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 and was reunited with the love of her life, Fred Pilley. Visitation will be on Monday, September 16, 2013 from 10 am- 8 pm at the funeral home. The family will be receiving friends on Monday, September 16, 2013 from 5 pm – 7 pm at the funeral home.

Melba was born on June 2, 1950 to Willie Mathews and Gillie Rozzel Mathews in Roswell, NM. She loved her family and enjoyed any time she got to spend with them. Melba and her late husband Fred Pilley owned and operated Pilley's Floor Coverings. She was a life-long resident of Roswell and was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagle Auxiliary #3701 in Roswell, NM. She had a passion for baking and loved to share her baked goods with family and friends. This included banana nut bread, Hawaiian bread, and zucchini bread. Her specialty was rum cake. She won 1st place at County Fair for her Double-Double rum cake. She enjoyed cooking Sunday family dinners and hosting dinner for holidays and birthday celebrations so family and friends were together. Another favorite thing for her was watching Jeopardy with Fred and their Miniature Sheltie, Rex.

Those left to cherish her memory are her son, Kevin Bussell and wife, Vanessa; granddaughter, Rayanna Saenz, and grandson, Ty Bussell of Roswell; her son, Craig Pilley and wife, Bambi of Henderson, NV; two grandsons, Jake and partner Rich; Chaz and wife, Kyleene Cox, and three great-grandchildren, Emma, Kolton, and Ryker; her son Matthew Apodaca and wife Elizabeth; granddaughter, Stephanie, grandson Christopher, granddaughter, Matthew, and granddaughter Olivia; daughter Carmen Pilley of Alaska; grandson, Dallin Kerby; granddaughter, Sheigh Drew and her husband Jonathan Drew; three great-grandchildren, Jack, Ella, and Lucy.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Willie and Gillie Mathews and her husband, Fred Pilley.

Honorary pallbearers will be Daniel Gomez, Carmen Scafella, Clay Mathews, Mike Mathews, Al East, Don Bannister, Rudy Garcia, and Donald James.

The family would like to invite family and friends to the Fraternal Order of Eagles at 3201 S. Sunset Roswell, NM, to celebrate Melba's life immediately following the graveside burial.

Please take a moment to share your memories with the family in the online register book at andersonbethany.com.

Services under direction of Anderson Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory.

Tribute Wall



“ *Melba Pilley*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM

JE

“ *My heart and prayers go out to Melbas' family. She was a sweet and feisty lady who never backed down from what she believed. Family always came first with her and I'm proud to call her friend. I will miss her. Judy Evans*

Judy Evans - September 26, 2013 at 09:18 AM

MV

“ *"We are so very sorry for your loss. Melba is up in heaven with Fred today. We will pray for you & your Family to be strong & for patience. May God Bless you all always.*

Love Ya, Marie Vegara & Familia.

Marie Vegara - September 17, 2013 at 01:38 PM

LM

“ *My heart and prayers go out to all of Melba's family. I know she is happy being with Fred now. Rest in Peace Melba. You will be missed.
Linda Mendoza*

Linda Mendoza - September 17, 2013 at 09:48 AM



“ *Her Garden of Glory was purchased for the family of Melba Pilley.*



September 16, 2013 at 02:01 PM

 Denise Mathis

“ *Denise Mathis lit a candle in memory of Melba Pilley*



Denise Mathis - September 15, 2013 at 04:40 PM

BP

“ *BEVERLY AND JIMMY POPE lit a candle in memory of Melba Pilley*



BEVERLY AND JIMMY POPE - September 15, 2013 at 02:08 PM

TT

“ *My sincere sympathy to all Melbas family. She was my favorite bartender, and Fred was my favorite friend to sit next to while sharing a beer and stories. She was a Sweet Lady, with lots of Class and Personality! Terry Turner*

Terry Turner - September 15, 2013 at 11:02 AM