



Shelby Jean Gilcrease

December 27, 1939 - October 20, 2019

SHELBY JEAN GILCREASE, 79, Jean Gilcrease was called home on Sunday, October 20, 2019, in Los Lunas, New Mexico. Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Shelby's family at www.andersonbethany.com.

SERVICES: A graveside service will be held at General Douglas L. McBride Veterans Cemetery (located at South Park Cemetery) on Friday, October 25, 2019, at 2:00 PM.

Shelby Perkins Gilcrease was born in Green Up County, Kentucky, on December 27, 1939, to Shelby Gene Perkins and Bonnie Carr Perkins. She spent most of her early years living in Ohio. In 1957, Shelby graduated from Wheelersburg High School. In the early 60s, Shelby joined the United States Marine Corps, where she served her country proudly as a Communications Specialist at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. After her Honorable Discharge from the Marine Corps, she moved with a friend to Roswell, New Mexico, where she met and fell in love with William C. Gilcrease. Bill and Shelby were married in a small ceremony on February 23, 1968. They celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2018, a few weeks before William passed away in March of that year.

During her time on this earth, Shelby loved to bowl. She and Bill spent many nights at the bowling alley with friends and family in high spirited competition. Multiple times, Shelby advanced with her team to National level bowling matches. In the early years of their marriage, they also participated in square

dancing with the Roadrunners Square Dancing group.

Many times, Bill and Shelby opened their hearts and home to children in multiple states as foster parents. When time allowed, she enjoyed playing cards and dominos with friends and family. Every now and then, she enjoyed a spin or two on a slot machine. Shelby was crafty and blessed to be able to knit and crochet, which was a hobby and talent she practiced up until her passing. She will be greatly missed.

Those left to treasure and cherish Shelby's memory are her children: Rhonda Martinez and husband Joaquin and their daughter Jacki of Belen New Mexico, Ann Garlinger and husband Eric and their daughter Brooklyn of Roswell, New Mexico. She also leaves behind four sisters, two brothers, and many many loving nieces and nephews.

PRECEDED: Shelby was preceded in death by her grandparents, parents, and two sisters.

Shelby's tribute was written in her honor by her family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Shelby Jean Gilcrease*

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