



## Shirley Sears Kidder

May 23, 1942 - March 31, 2018

Shirley Sears Kidder, 75, of Dexter, New Mexico, passed away into the arms of Jesus on Saturday, March 31, 2018, in the comfort of her home. A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, April 6, 2018, 10:00 AM at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home Chapel, with Mike Bush officiating. Celebrate Shirley's life by visiting [www.andersonbethany.com](http://www.andersonbethany.com) to offer a memory or expression of sympathy for her family.

Shirley was born the fifth of eleven children to Jack and Pluma Callaway on May 23, 1942, in Poteau, Oklahoma. She married Donald Sears and was his partner in establishing and operating a plumbing business in Roswell, New Mexico, until his passing. Shirley later married Stephen Kidder, who took loving care of her until his death. She loved her family and had many friends in her lifetime. Shirley loved the many times she spent on the Pecos River, fishing and enjoying the company of her family.

Surviving to cherish Shirley's memory are her three daughters: Rhonda Smith and husband, Bob, Starla Crane and husband, Mike, Sherry Sanchez and husband, Ernest; six grandchildren: Caleb Smith, Tanya Patterson (Andy), Chandra Crane, Chris Crane, Nicole Sanchez, Matthew Sanchez (Amber); five great-grandchildren: Makenzie Rincon, Karlye Rincon, Audrey Acosta, Baylee Sanchez, Beau Sanchez; four sisters: Betty Bush (Mike), Evelyn Swann (Bill), Glenda Barrow, Sue Vansickle; two brothers: Joe Callaway (Frances), Danny Callaway; sisters-in-law: Brenda Callaway, Doris Callaway, Bonnie Gines; brother-in-law, Dan Sears; as well as many beloved nieces and

nephews.

Preceding Shirley in death were her parents: Jack and Pluma Callaway; both husbands: Donald Sears, Stephen Kidder; sister, Kathy Callaway, brothers: Bill Callaway, Jerry Callaway, Jim Callaway; sisters-in-law: Janie Callaway, Karen McDougal; and brothers-in-law: Wes Barrow, Jim Vansickle and Ben Gines.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Shirley's name.

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Shirley Sears Kidder*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *My Grandma loved to gather and eat that is why I love this picture of her and I. Most of my memories are cooking with her. She loved to make food for a crowd, get us all together and laugh. She had a great sense of humor. I'm heartbroken that she is gone from this earth, but I know that she is still here. I carry her in my heart always and know that anytime I laugh she is laughing with me. There are many parts of my life that she influenced and she always believed in me even when I didn't. She wasn't perfect but who of us are? She did for one thing have a heart of gold. She would give anyone anything she had and she cared deeply for her friends and family. I will never forget you and I love you always. I can't wait to laugh with you on the other side!*



**Chandra L Crane** - April 04, 2018 at 03:39 PM



*Grandma feeding me a fork full of cranberry salad. One of our family traditions. She taught me how to make this and I will make it forever and ever.*

**Chandra L Crane** - April 04, 2018 at 03:44 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Shirley Sears Kidder.



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April 03, 2018 at 10:23 AM