



Thurman R. Lester

January 12, 1925 - October 13, 2023

Thurman Lester, a longtime Roswell resident, passed away at home on Friday, October 13, 2023. He was 98. Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Thurman's family at www.andersonbethany.com

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2023 from 10am-1pm, at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home.

Thurman was born in a log cabin near McAlester, Oklahoma. During the height of the Depression, he trekked as a young boy with his mother to Albuquerque and then Roswell in search of a better life.

Thurman enlisted in the Army and served in North Africa and Italy during World War II. He was a radio intercept operator attached to the 12th Air Force. He was very proud of being a WWII veteran. After WWII, Thurman returned to Roswell. He became a master electrician and loyal union member and worked on jobs all over the West and as far East as Pittsburgh.

He had a lifelong love of horses and the cowboy life, often remarking that he was born at least 90 years too late. He spent a small fortune raising and racing horses and never regretted a penny of it.

Later in life, Thurman retired to his beloved Roswell. He loved to tell stories of

the pioneer west, recite poems, and sing his favorite childhood songs. He is survived by his wife Phyllis; daughter: Sheryl; two stepsons, a nephew, many grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. He is predeceased by his son, Smokey, and stepdaughter, Cathy. He was a beloved member of Crossroads Assembly of God.

Thurman's tribute was written in his honor by his family.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **18**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory
2609 South Main
Roswell, NM 88203
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Tribute Wall

AG

“ *Anna-Lena Gideonsson lit a candle in memory of Thurman Lester*



Anna-Lena Gideonsson - November 18, 2023 at 07:05 AM

JG

“ *Javier Sophia Garcia lit a candle in memory of Thurman Lester*



Javier and Sophia Garcia - November 07, 2023 at 10:54 AM

RJ

“ *Sorry to hear about Mr. Lester. He got myself and his cousin Dodie to attend church with him Manny years ago. Very sweet man. Prayers to the family.*

Rachel G Jones - October 28, 2023 at 07:57 AM

AQ

“ *Angelina George Quintero lit a candle in memory of Thurman Lester*



Angelina & George Quintero - October 17, 2023 at 10:19 PM

RO

“ Raymond Tammie Ortiz lit a candle in memory of Thurman Lester



Raymond & Tammie Ortiz - October 17, 2023 at 09:38 PM

FM

“ From Rick and Anne Mundy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thurman R. Lester.

From Rick and Anne Mundy - October 17, 2023 at 08:58 AM

FM

“ From Rick and Anne Mundy purchased the County Basket Blooms for the family of Thurman R. Lester.



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