



Violet Estell Scates Russell

December 29, 1932 - December 22, 2020

Violet Estell Scates Russell, 87, of Rochester, NY, stepped over onto the streets of gold one week before her 88th birthday. There she was reunited with her husband of 59 years, Charles Leon (CL) Russell, and with 3 of her 8 children. Violet loved her family more than anything. She had a sense of humor and loved to laugh. Violet could whip up a hearty meal in a matter of minutes, with a little of nothing.

At their 50th Anniversary celebration, her husband was asked what his favorite meal was. He replied, "red beans." She also made some mean biscuits and gravy. Violet loved to crochet and spent hours making gifts for the family. She shared quality time loving on her children and grandchildren, sharing lots of laughs. Her beauty was legendary as a young girl and a mature woman, and her loving and caring for others was the sweetest part of her personality.

Violet Estell Scates Russell was born on December 29, 1932, in Olton, TX, to Flora Dero Stephens Scates and Joe Frank Scates. She died peacefully with her daughter at her side, in Rochester, NY, Tuesday, December 22, 2020. She married Charles Leon (CL) Russell in 1947. Her childhood was spent mostly in New Mexico, living in Dexter and Roswell. Violet's husband was a home builder, and his job took the family to Magnolia, TX, in 1978, where they would live the remaining years of his life.

Preceding Violet in death are her husband, Charles Leon (CL) Russell; children: son Cletus Leon Russell of Magnolia TX, daughter Dorothy Faye Russell of Roswell NM, and son Danny Kay Russell of Magnolia TX; granddaughter: Chrissy Russell of Magnolia TX; siblings: sisters Sylvia Crosby of McLoud OK, sister Lavern Tyler of Roswell NM, and brother Johnnie Scates of Roswell NM.

Those left to cherish Violet's memory are her sons: Ronald Russell (Susie) of Roswell NM, Charis Russell (Della) of Roswell NM, Earnie Russell (Karen) of Tomball TX, Tony Russell (Brenda) of New Waverly TX; and daughter Cynthia Russell (Peggy) of Rochester NY; fifteen grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; two brothers: Kenneth Scates (Detta) and Wayne Scates (Bea) both of Roswell NM; sister Hazel Scates MacArthur (Ron) of Sulphur OK, as well as her extended family and friends.

A Viewing will be on Monday, January 4, 2021, from 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM, at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home. A Graveside Service will be held at South Park Cemetery at 2:00 PM.

Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Violet's family at www.andersonbethany.com.

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 4. 8:00 AM - 1:30 PM (MT)

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



“ *Violet Estell Scates Russell*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



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Roberta Scates - January 01, 2021 at 07:05 PM



“ *She was my best friend for many, many years. We grew up together and shared many laughs and tears. Lots of good times and fun. She was like a mom and sister to me and I learned many things from her, especially after she became my sister-in-law. I will never forget her. Roberta Scates*

Roberta Scates - January 01, 2021 at 06:18 PM



I want to tell each of Violet's loved family and friends that I am so sorry for your loss, but I celebrate Violet's new life with Jesus. Those she left will definitely miss her. I pray you each take care of one another, remember what endeared you to Violet, and that God will heal your broken hearts.

I loved being around Violet, her sense of humor was awesome, she was my mother-in-law's sister and I loved seeing she and Violet interact with each other and their other sisters. She had the most wonderful parents and their qualities. Violet enriched my life and I am grateful our lives crossed. Much love to her children.

Cleta Sharp

Cleta Sharp - January 12, 2021 at 11:12 AM

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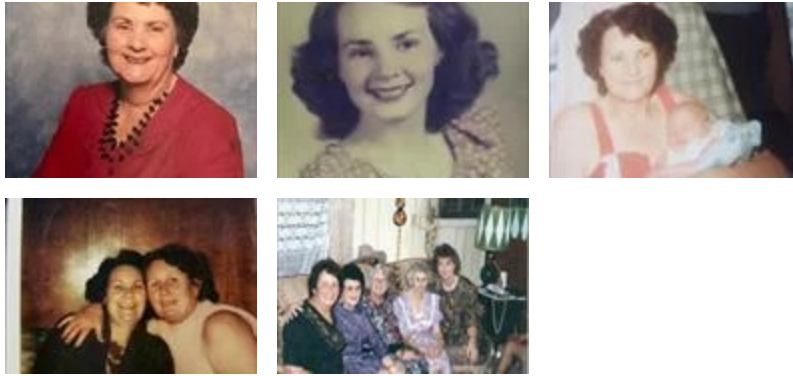
“ *Betty Goode lit a candle in memory of Violet Estell Scates Russell*



Betty Goode - January 01, 2021 at 02:18 PM

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Hazel Scates MacArthur - January 01, 2021 at 01:40 PM

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Mom I have so many memories of you, I remember how you were there for me and all your family. The many holiday gatherings with the huge fest of food and all of us opening Christmas presents . You were always worrying about how one of your family members were doing and I would say to you (mom stop worrying about them they are grown ups and they can take care of their self) and you saying Cindy I can't help it they are my kids no matter how old they are. I remember our goodwill shopping sprees we really found some good bargains and how you enjoyed your cheese burgers and Diet Coke. I remember you always waiting on dad fixing his supper and serving him while he sat in his recliner and when dad got sick and became disabled you took Care of him for years until he passed. Mom you were always caring for others and I can't help but think how life can be so unfair. I hope you coming to live with me the last years of your life were happy ones for you, I tried to make them happy ones for you. I'm so sorry that Alzheimer's and a stroke robbed you of your livelihood you deserved so much better. You were an amazing daughter, sister ,wife, mother ,grandmother and friend the world was a better place with you in it. You will be remembered and loved by so many and I am grateful for being your daughter.

Cynthia Russell (Daughter) - January 11, 2021 at 08:59 PM