



Viva Pauletta "Paula" Stevenson

May 26, 1945 - June 22, 2025

Paula Stevenson, age 80, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend, went to be with our Lord and Savior on June 22, 2025, following a brief illness. She was surrounded by her children and grandchildren and passed away peacefully and with grace.

There will be a memorial service held in Paula's honor on Saturday, August 9, 2025, at 10:00 AM, at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory, located at 2609 South Main Street, Roswell, New Mexico.

Viva Pauletta "Paula" Stevenson was born to Robert P. Jones and Viva Jones on May 26, 1945, in Texas. She moved around a lot as a child before settling in Roswell, New Mexico, with her father and stepmother, Irene Jones. As an adult, she married Kenneth D. Price and had 4 beautiful children, before divorcing and subsequently meeting the love of her life, David M. Stevenson. They were married in 1974, and a daughter was born that year. Paula and David were very happily married until his death in 2010. Paula remained a devoted widow until her passing.

Paula was an absolutely amazing mother and natural caretaker. She was loving, funny, beautiful and graceful. She was everything to her children and her grandchildren. She was actively involved in their lives and remained so until her death. She was compassionate, hardworking and would have done anything in the world for her family and those she loved. To say she was an amazing cook and baker would be an understatement. Everyone always wanted to cook as good as "Momma" could. She loved playing games and made sure to teach her kids and grandkids how to play. She couldn't go to a store without finding some little thing for someone or an amazing deal or sale, going so far as to call all of her girls to see if they needed anything. There was truly just something magical that always seemed to surround Paula.

Paula is survived by her 5 children: Donna Jenkins (David); Jason Price (Sandy); Paula Price (Michael); Robert Price (Tish); & Carolyn Winckler (Jonathan). She is also survived

by 13 grandchildren: John Drew Garlinger (Angela); Jessi Samson (Brian); Amanda Grajeda (Albert); Kenny Price (Kristian); Amy Jo Jones (Morgan); Brian Bradshaw (Sarah); Jordan Garlinger (Krystina); Alyssa Lopez (Marcello); Criquette Prather; Sarah Winckler; Emily Winckler; Nathan Price; & Katherine Winckler. She is also survived by 15 great-grandchildren with 1 on the way, as well as her brother, Benny Foster, and stepsister, Cynthia Holt.

Paula was preceded in death by her parents, 2 sisters and her beloved husband, David.

The family asks that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Chaves County Cancer Fund.

The family wishes to extend their eternal gratitude and thanks to hospice nurse, Jamie, and the staff at Interim Healthcare for their unfailing care in assisting Paula to pass with as much dignity and grace as she lived her life.

If I knew I only had one more day with you,

I'd breathe you into my soul.

I'd fill my heart and mind with you.

I'd hang on to every word you said and bury, deep inside my memory,

the sound of your voice.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 9. 10:00 AM (MT)

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory
2609 South Main
Roswell, NM 88203
(575) 622-5888
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Tribute Wall



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Anderson - Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory - January 21 at 12:26 PM

JD

“ My last birthday wish I got from my grandma.

Happy Happy Birthday to my 1st grandson. You brought us so much joy all these years and kept me on my toes. I'm so proud to call you my grandson. I know you have had your ups and downs in life but you are a survivor. I'm so proud of the man husband and father that you have become. Wishing you a very blessed day. Love you more than you will ever know. ❤️

John Drew - August 31, 2025 at 02:16 AM

TR

“ Polly was a wonderful, best friend to my mom, Pat. I grew up with her and was lucky enough to know the light she shared with all that came into her path of life. She will be greatly missed. Cheers to playing games and laughing again with my Mom. Sending love to all that cherished her.
~Tammy Roen



Tammy Roen - July 01, 2025 at 12:15 PM

CH

“ My sister Polly this is what I have called her since we were about 8 years old Polly was 1 year older than me when we first met it was like two kittens hissing and spitting at each other but it didn't take long for us to love each other laugh together and enjoy each other Polly was a great hair dresser all through school I would do her chores so she would fix my hair she was the best after we grew up and each had our families she would tell me ok Cynthia I need to fix that hair come on over Polly always was like mother she wouldn't go anywhere till she was all done up to the nines not even wall mart we had lots of fun together when we got older we would go and play all the stuffed Christmas animals and hear they're songs and laugh and laugh Polly was a wonderful mother could crochet so good she made so many pretty things for her kids and cook land saks she was a good cook lots of my recipes she gave me which I use today she always loved to make Christmas candy and her turkey and dressing was the best when my kids went to visit Polly she always had candy she passed out Polly was a very special kind and sweet person my sister was always in a good and happy mood if you didn't know Polly you missed out we had many good times and lots of happy memories I will miss her so much but I I know when Jesus welcomes her home he will tell her welcome home you faithful and good servant I love you and will miss you bunches love you Cynthia

Cynthia Holt - June 30, 2025 at 11:40 PM

JM

“ I've taken a few days to really think about my Aunt Polly. To me she was the color purple. Let me explain why I say that. Purple was her favorite color and it's also mine and looking back now I'm sure I love it so much because she did. Purple is such bright happy royal color which makes it shine above all the other colors. That was my Aunt Polly. She always shined no matter what she was doing. It didn't matter if I was having the worst day or the best of days she was always there with a smile and her silly sense of humor. No wonder she was my favorite Aunt. When I was a teenager and needed a Halloween costume she put rollers in my hair... ROLLS!! I had never heard such a thing and she got the biggest kick out of me not knowing what they where and I couldn't stop laughing because I looked silly. That's my Aunt Polly.
My beautiful Aunt Polly!! I can truly say that God blessed with with an amazing Aunt who's memories I will forever cherish.

Jodie Michaud - June 30, 2025 at 11:35 PM

SP

“ Sherron Price lit a candle in memory of Viva Stevenson



Sherron Price - June 28, 2025 at 11:24 AM

JG

“ Words still can't describe the loss of my amazing grandmother. She will always be remembered for her caring nature and telling a good joke, best of wishes till I see you next time grandma.



Jordan G - June 27, 2025 at 11:54 AM

BF

“ Polly was always a ray of sunshine and touched everyone she came in contact with. Having a 16-year difference in our age, we never lived in the same household together and only saw each other about once a year when visiting. But once I became an adult, we bonded and a much stronger brother / sister relationship formed. Polly was truly a wonderful person, both inside and out. She could always ease the most difficult times and brought happiness to everyone she came into contact with. I will truly miss having her in my life. Rest in peace sis. I love you.

Benny Foster - June 25, 2025 at 12:46 PM



“ Michelle Coombes lit a candle in memory of Viva Stevenson



Michelle Coombes - June 25, 2025 at 11:04 AM



“ Paula was such a beautiful soul. She always made me laugh and I always enjoyed talking to her and keeping up with life whenever we had the chance. I will always treasure the memories on the Ranch with her and she made the Best Home Made Eclairs I've ever had! I will miss you dearly and our talks. ❤️ Love you "Polly"

Michelle Coombes - June 25, 2025 at 11:01 AM

SS

“ Paula was a Beautiful woman inside and out, was always so giving, and certainly love her children and grandchildren, always showing pictures of them, I will miss you tremendously Mis Paula, I Am so very sorry for your loss.

Sandra Sandoval - June 25, 2025 at 10:49 AM

JP

“ I was around 11 years old when my cousin Kenny married Polly and our whole family immediately fell in love with her , She was just so much fun and wonderful to be around . Polly quickly became one of my best friends for She and Kenny would play hide and go seek with us kids , Go camping , cookouts and you name it we did it . She trusted me at 13 years old to babysit their first child "Donna " and that was a hoot ! She raised the most wonderful kids I've ever been around, they are so much like her . I remember her making the best bologna sandwich I ever ate and man everything she cooked , baked or threw together was delicious ! Just a couple months ago She gave me her special recipe for sweet & sour pork . I could go on and on about the past 60 years of having a Great friend like polly in our lives ! Sherron & I are gonna cherish our memories of her and know she'll be in our hearts forever .

Johnny price - June 25, 2025 at 09:57 AM

AG

“ My beautiful Grandma, words can't not and will not express how much I love and miss you. Every Tuesday and Thursday I no longer have my best friend my rock to watch our favorite shows together. and Fridays and Saturdays I will no longer have my card buddy to play games with. My heart is so broken and I will never be the same. yellow stone was one of many favorite shows we watched together. you will always be my BETH. I love you grandma forever and always my beautiful twinkle star.

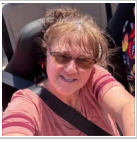
Amanda Grajeda - June 24, 2025 at 11:56 PM

LG

“ Paula, I just love love, loved you!! When I admitted David to hospice those many years back, I felt like I bonded with you and him so quickly. I truly felt like y'all were family!! I was so thankful to get to keep in close touch with you after David passed. I'm so so sorry for all of us left behind, but I know how much fun you are now having with David!! That makes me very happy for y'all! You get each other with no interference!! Tell him hi for me and yall have soooo much fun together!! Lisa Grant



Lisa Grant - June 24, 2025 at 11:44 PM



“ *Paula you will be forever the mama I needed in my life. Thank you for being my neighbor and meeting me in the street. For the late night card games. cooking and baking in my kitchen. For being a huge part in my children’s lives. We love you. Till we meet again. I love you.*

Carmen N Richard Briseno - June 24, 2025 at 04:52 PM

SM

So sorry to hear that your mom has gone on to meet the Lord. Always loved meeting her lunch a few times a year and loved the Christmas candy she with us each year. We always had good visits. I will miss her and the talks on the phone. I will always be eternally grateful to her for unselfishly sharing you Jason with me and Johnny..making you a part of our family was the biggest blessing we could ever receive. Love and prayers for you and your family. Big Hugs

Sandra Montgomery(Mema) - June 25, 2025 at 12:07 AM