



## Elizabeth May

March 25, 1933 - January 12, 2024

1933-2024

Elizabeth Ann May, age 90, of Los Lunas joined her Lord and Savior on January 12, 2024. She passed peacefully at home after a short battle with the flu/pneumonia and a two-year long battle with Dementia with her nieces by her side. Services will take place in Belen Christian Church located at 421 South 11th in Belen, NM, on January 19, 2024, starting with a Visitation at 10:00 a.m. followed by a Celebration of Life at 11:00 a.m. Burial will take place at the Portales Cemetery located on 1600 East 3rd St in Portales, NM where she will join her husband in eternal rest on Monday, January 22, 2024.

Elizabeth was born in Tulia, Texas on March 25, 1933, to E. D. and Edna Harper. She grew up on the family farm, until her dad was relocated to Clovis, New Mexico. She graduated from Clovis High School in 1951. She met James Albert in school, he asked her to marry him on August 1, 1952, and they were married on August 15, 1952. Just before Jim's death in 2003, they celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary. She devoted her life to Christ in 1953. She worked various jobs growing up, including Eastridge Bowling Alley, where she worked the front counter and Jim worked in the back. She spent the remainder of her working years working at Gebo's in Amarillo. She retired in 1980 and moved to New Mexico to help care for her mother. Jim and Liz spent more than 40 years as members of Belen Christian Church. She served as Kitchen Manager and Trustee for most of those years. She also instituted and managed the prayer chain. As kitchen manager, she ran countless potlucks,

funeral dinners, and other church functions. She was a die-hard Dallas Cowboys fan. Before her arthritis got so bad, she would occupy her time by doing counted cross stitch canvases. She would also walk, rain, or shine, two miles every day, except Sunday (because that was the Lord's Day) to control her diabetes. She made many "walking buddies" on her daily walks and missed them dearly when she was no longer able to walk her route. Elizabeth is survived by her nieces, Kelly Richards (Ruston) and Christina Sikes; Jim's nieces Keri Shiplet and Jennifer Dodrill; nephews Markum, Glenn and Royce Robertson and their sister Cindy Renfro. She also leaves behind many friends and walking buddies, as well as her many friends at Belen Christian Church. She was preceded in death by her husband James Albert, parents, E. D. and Edna Harper, sisters Mary Alice Robertson and Linda J. Sikes, and brother Albert Clyde. Niece Donna Shiplet (Smith). Kelly, Ruston, and Christina would like to thank the caring doctors and nurses at Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque for helping us navigate her treatment. We would also like to thank her hospice team from Ambercare in Belen, for their compassionate care during her final days. Arrangements are being handled by the caring professionals of Romero Funeral Home, Belen, New Mexico. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the New Mexico Christian Children's Home in Portales or to Belen Christian Church (kitchen or benevolent funds). Please sign Elizabeth's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 19. 10:00 AM (MT)

Belen Christian Church  
421 S. 11th Street  
Belen, NM 87002

## Celebration of Life

JAN 19. 11:00 AM (MT)

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Belen, NM 87002

## Interment

JAN 22. 11:30 AM (MT)

Portales Cemetery  
1600 E 3rd st  
Portales, NM 88130

# Tribute Wall

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“ Betty was our neighbor, one of my Mom's Kathleen Sutcliffe best friends. Her and my Mom had a safety plan for each other. If their front windows curtains were not open by a certain time, it was time to check on each other. That made it possible for my Mom to live at home into her 90's. Betty was a beautiful soul and kind and loving women. It was an honor to have walked this life with her. May she rest in peace. Kathleen Sutcliffe Evans

Kathleen S Evans - January 19, 2024 at 01:29 PM

HF

“ She touched our hearts and we were honored to know her.



Holly Hammack Family - January 19, 2024 at 12:17 PM

BC

“ Beverly Castillo lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth May



Beverly Castillo - January 16, 2024 at 04:45 PM

AG

*She will be miss. Ann Goodson*

Ann Goodson - January 17, 2024 at 10:19 AM



*You are in my prayers.*

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**susie** - January 19, 2024 at 10:05 AM