



Sylvia J. Burns

January 29, 1944 - July 24, 2025

1944 - 2025

Sylvia J. Burns, age 81, a lifelong resident of Valencia County, passed away on July 24, 2025. Services will take place on Friday, August 8, 2025, at Romero Funeral Home Chapel, beginning with a Visitation at 12:30 p.m. with a Celebration of Life at 1:00 p.m. She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Kenneth J. Burns; parents, Russel Paden and Ella Mae Turley; son, Tracy A. Burns; and grandson, Rocky A. Burns. Sylvia is survived by her daughter, Sherry L. Hamilton; niece, Zanderia Paden; and grandchildren, Colton J. Hamilton, Daniel Hamilton, Emmet J. Gay, Amber Dawn, Daniela J. Hamilton, Raelynn T. Hietbrink, and Renee Hamilton-Gay. She was a retired school teacher and a kind, generous soul who was deeply loved by all who knew her. Sylvia was a proud grandmother and great-grandmother who will be missed dearly. Please sign Sylvia's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 12:30 AM (MT)

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Celebration of Life

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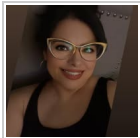
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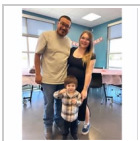
“ I'm deeply saddened to find out about Sylvia's passing. She was a kind soul who made a difference in my life when I was a teenager. She taught me so much about life. Being strong, standing up for myself and about love & respect. She was strong and wise to an unsure teen. I always admired and respected her. My life was made better just by knowing her. Thank you Sylvia, rest in peace. Lynette

Lynette Gohl - February 16 at 11:30 PM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Ms.Sylvia she was a fantastic educator and made an incredible impact on so many lives! Her memory lives on in her students and colleagues! She will forever be missed! Rest peacefully Mrs.Burns, it was a complete pleasure!

Bernadette Baca-Torres - August 04, 2025 at 07:57 PM



“ Sylvia, you taught me so much during the time I knew you. You helped me with so, so many things so selfless doing so. You shared so many memories and stories with me. You are family, and will always be. My heart broke when I heard the news but I know you are in such a beautiful place right now. You are so loved, and you will always be remembered. You have a special place in my heart.

Ariana Benavidez - August 04, 2025 at 12:36 PM

BG

“ Mrs. Burns was my second grade teacher and such a wonderful woman. My thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of your great loss.

Brandy Gonzalez - August 04, 2025 at 11:53 AM

ET

“ *Condolences to Shery and family and to Zandre and family. May you rest in peace*
Sylvia
Etta Mae Turley



Etta Mae Turley - August 03, 2025 at 06:01 PM

JW

“ *Sylvia. What can you say to sum up such a woman of love, courage, and fierce devotion to those she loved? I grew up knowing her, Kenny, Tracy, and Sherry. So many fishing trips, adventures, ups and downs. Sylvia and Kenny were my dad's friends in Junior High and High School..later she traveled along as we moved across country to keep an eye on the brood of kids, invited me for summer visits and trips to Elephant Butte. years later she took care of my dad when he fell ill. She dispensed her wisdom in bite sized pellets that made sense and made you feel blessed to know her. We visited so much over the past few years, some face to face.. but many many over the phone. We laughed about fishing trips and hair brushes and she bubbled with news of miraculaous healings, baby's, marriages, and talk of how blessed she was in friends and family. Time and distance knew no place, once your were in her heart, you were there forever. I know you love your flowers, and I'm sure you have the garden of your dreams now. I will treasure your friendship forever. Much love to you Sylvia I will miss you so much. Sherry, Daniel, and Renee I will hold you and your families up in prayers always. -- Judy Williams*



Judy Williams - August 02, 2025 at 06:14 PM

RS

“ Lots of fun with my friend from elementary school through high school.....best part is that we get to spend eternity together in Heaven. Lots of love to the family....I know you will miss her here on earth but Heaven will be beyond our imagination.

Rosabeth McConnell Singleterry - August 02, 2025 at 11:39 AM

NS

“ I remember meeting Sylvia as Choctaw online. She was a kind soul, she was always happy to hear of my accomplishments in school.

Nicholas Smeak - August 02, 2025 at 10:42 AM

ES

“ Mrs. Burns, she was our Cub Scout Den mother in 1970. Tracy, her son was in the same den. Den 9. She was very nice and patient with our group. I am sorry to read of her passing.

Eugene Snyder - July 31, 2025 at 08:19 PM

BT

“ My cpndolence to Sherry, Zandra, and families during this time of sadness. Sylvia was a special person and will be remembered for her love, hard work, and dedication to her family and students.

Beverly Turley - July 31, 2025 at 09:59 AM

LM

“ Lorraine Marquez lit a candle in memory of Sylvia J. Burns



Lorraine Marquez - July 30, 2025 at 10:08 AM

CM

“ *Sylvia aka Choctaw to many online friends always had a way of brightening our days. She will be truly missed. So very thankful that God blessed us with her wisdom.* ”

Craig Morgan - July 30, 2025 at 08:57 AM