

Kathleen (Kay Stevens) Martinez
1938-2025



Born in Upton in 1938, Kay attended Upton High School where she was a drum majorette, in cheerleading, many school organizations, actively involved in choir, and prom queen. She attended and graduated from Chadron State College, where she met and married her husband of 66 years, Frank Martinez. Together they had four children, Chuck (Kate), Shannon (Neil), Ron (Beth), and Lance (Rodney). Those four children blessed her with nine grandchildren, Jevon, Natasha (Brandon), Doug, Brynn, Emma, Katie, Adam,

Jesse, Wyatt, and five great-grandchildren, Catalina, Alessandra, Ash, Frankie, and Julian.

Kay was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Esther Stevens, and brothers, Edward Stevens and Francis "Frank" Stevens. She is survived in death by her husband, children, grandchildren, sister Mary (Dan) Hart of Upton, and sister-in-law Christine Stevens of Gillette, and their families. Kay passed away June 23rd, 2025 at Lovelace Hospital in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Services were June 27th at Ashbury United Methodist Church in Albuquerque.

Kay dedicated her life to Asbury United Methodist Church. She worked for and was the director of the church's Mother's Day Out daycare program; she was an active leader in the United Methodist Women in their various missions and endeavors, such as the yearly Christmas Bazaar, reading program, spiritual retreats, and the Asbury Pie Café at the New Mexico State Fair.

She was further dedicated to her community, taking particular pride in serving as an usher at the Albuquerque Little Theater. Kay loved singing, performing, traveling, reading, and sewing. She will be terribly missed. In lieu of flowers the family asks that you do something special with those you love or, if you wish, make a donation to her church in Albuquerque, Ashbury United Methodist Church.
