



Terri Lynn Tarpley

March 25, 1962 - June 13, 2025

Teresa Lynn Tarpley, 63, of Panhandle, TX was born on March 25, 1962 in Albuquerque, NM to Windall Wayne Cowan and Barbara Jean Cowan and departed this life June 13, 2025 in Amarillo, TX surrounded by family and friends. Teresa went by Terri or mom but her favorite name was NeNe that her 5 grandkids called her!

Growing up, her father worked for the Department of Energy after his honorable discharge from the military, so Terri moved a lot as a kid. She lived in Albuquerque, Livermore, CA, Alaska, then her dad was transferred to the Pantex Plant outside of Panhandle, so they settled in the Panhandle, where she graduated high school and made lifelong friends. Most importantly, she found her best friend, Roy, who she married and shared many adventures with for over 44 years. They loved to travel to her parents' home in the mountains, going to Vegas, taking cruises or just going anywhere with her family or friends or just watching movies with the grandkids. But it did not matter who it was, she never met a stranger and wanted to show her grandkids off as they were her pride and joy.

Terri was preceded in death by her parents, Wayne and Barbara Cowan of Brazos, NM; her sweet grandmother, Jewel Cowan of Rutheron, NM; sister, Addie Darr of Lubbock, TX; uncle, Eddie Cowan of Rutheron, New Mexico; cousin, Tina Shoemaker of Claremore, OK and mother-in-law, Helen Tarpley

of Panhandle, TX.

She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Roy Tarpley of Panhandle, TX; son, Roy Tarpley, Jr. and wife Mary of Canyon, TX; granddaughter, Susy of Fort Benton, MT; grandsons, Tommy of Fort Benton, MT, Justin of Hamlin, TX, Jadon of Canyon, TX and Tucker of Hamlin, TX; brothers, Richard Cowan and wife Joella of Chama, NM and David Cowan of Albuquerque, NM; father-in-law, Tommy Tarpley of Amarillo, TX, formerly of Panhandle, TX; uncle, Jack Cowan and wife Lynette of Las Cruces, NM; cousin, Jim Cowan and wife Marsha of Las Cruces, NM; many nieces and nephews, brother-in-law, Danny and Linda Tarpley of Amarillo, sister-in-laws, Pam and Gary Walker of Amarillo, Janet and John Wilson of Childress, TX and Betty May and partner, Troy of Kerrville, TX and her best friend, Lesley Smith and husband Jim of Amarillo, TX.

There will be a Celebration of Terri's life at the First Baptist Church of Chama, NM at a future date.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Second Chance Animal Rescue (SCAR) of Amarillo or to the Texas Oncology Foundation of Amarillo in her honor.

Cemetery Details

Rutherford Cemetery

Rutherford, NM 87551

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Services

JUN 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
701 Main St.
Panhandle, TX 79068

Celebration of Life Services

JUL 26. 11:00 AM (MT)

First Baptist Church of Chama
499 Maple Ave
Chama, NM 87520

Inumment will be at Rutherford Cemetery in Rutherford, New Mexico

Tribute Wall



“ *Shafer Mortuary Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Terri Lynn Tarpley*



Shafer Mortuary Services - June 18, 2025 at 03:12 PM

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“ *Stacy Wheeler, Robby , & Jimmie Lou purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Terri Lynn Tarpley.*



Stacy Wheeler, Robby , & Jimmie Lou - June 17, 2025 at 04:48 PM

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“ *Stacy Wheeler, Robby , & Jimmie Lou planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Terri Lynn Tarpley.*

Stacy Wheeler, Robby , & Jimmie Lou - June 17, 2025 at 04:48 PM

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“ 5 files added to the album *Beautiful Lady*



Rachel - June 17, 2025 at 11:37 AM

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“ Gary and Pam Walker and kids purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Terri Lynn Tarpley.



Gary and Pam Walker and kids - June 16, 2025 at 09:29 PM