



## Veta Flanary

July 17, 1933 - January 29, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Veta Flanary

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

Veta Flanary, age 91, of Gorham, formerly of Hobbs, New Mexico, passed away on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at Helia Healthcare of Energy, Illinois.

She was born on July 17, 1933 to Leander and Lillie (Cundiff) McGrew in Anton, Texas. On December 23, 1950, she married L.F. Flanary, and they spent many years together until his passing on October 6, 1992.

Veta worked as a secretary for Athletic Department at the New Mexico Junior College. She loved working with the students and was active in the "Thunderbirds" New Mexico Junior College Booster Club. She also loved crafting, sewing, gardening, and chocolates. She was a member of The Ridge Church and a former member of the Taylor Memorial Baptist Church of Hobbs, New Mexico.

Survivors include her daughter, Karissa (Dennis) Howell of Gorham; son, Gary (Shirley) Flanary of Fuquay-Varina, NC; four grandchildren, Shawn (Kelly) Flanary, Donnan Laskaris, Christopher Howell, Tamera (Tom) Driscoll; great-grandchildren, Keeley Driscoll, Tommy Driscoll, Maverick Flanary, Wyatt Flanary, Sofia Laskaris, Eleana Laskaris, and Riley Flanary.

Along with her parents and husband, she is preceded in death by her son, Rodney Brent Flanary; grandson, Rodney Kyle Flanary; and special aunts, including Frances Davis and Laura Marie.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, February 3, 2025 at 11:00 AM with Pastor Mike Young officiating at Crain Pleasant Grove – Murdale Funeral Home. Visitation will be held the day of the service from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM at the funeral home.

Interment will take place at Prairie Haven Memorial Park in Hobbs, New Mexico.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be made to The Ridge Church Building Fund.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Prairie Haven Memorial Park

Hobbs, NM

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13  
31 Memorial Dr.  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-2500  
crain@crainsonline.com

## Funeral Service

FEB 3. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Krissa. thanks for reaching out to me. I have fond memories of the McGrew family — Mom worked at the cleaners for many years and lived across the street from them. Wonderful memories of special friends in my home town. Sending prayers as we remember Veta*

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**Nell Raper** - October 19, 2025 at 06:35 PM

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“ *Karissa and Gary,  
My heart breaks for you as you say goodbye with your Mama. Vera was a precious lady. I have such sweet memories of her teaching us the Bible and how to be a Christian in Sunday School. She invited us into her and Shorty's home so many times. I loved going over there.*

*I wanted to tell you a quick story. She always made coffee when we got to your house and had the coolest glass percolator. I loved to stand and watch it make coffee. I found one just like it years ago, and I had to have it. I still have it and every time I see it, it takes me back to your Mama's kitchen, and her sweet smile and her love for us. Our family was so blessed to know and be around your family. Sweet memories!*

*Love you both and miss Veta, Shorty, and Rod.*

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**Shelby Vaughan** - February 03, 2025 at 08:43 PM

JB

“ My prayers go out to the Flanary family with the loss of your mother and grandmother, and great grand mother. Veta was a second mom to me back when we worked together at NMJC. Being invited into the Flanary family was so nice, I had a family away from home. I cherish all the memories with Veta and Shorty, Karrisa and Dennis, and Shaun. Miss you all and god bless!

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**John Baldwin** - February 03, 2025 at 02:07 PM