



Esperanza "Hope" Sombke

July 24, 1940 - June 24, 2025

Esperanza (Hope) Sombke, 84, passed away on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, in Roswell, New Mexico. Please take a moment to share a kind thought of memory with Hope's family at www.andersonbethany.com.

There will be a visitation held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, on Monday, June 30, 2025, from 9:00 AM-11:00 AM, with a funeral service to begin at 11:00 AM, with Bishop Jones officiating. An interment to follow at South Park Cemetery.

On July 24, 1940, Hope was born to Eva Lujan and Pedro Nunez Franco in Roswell, New Mexico. She attended and graduated from Roswell High School. She married James Allen Sombke on April 16, 1961, in Roswell, New Mexico. Hope was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Prior to retirement, Hope was a dental assistant for four years and then worked as a nurse for the Roswell Independent School District. She had many pass times that she enjoyed, including church activities, working with primary children, and acts of service in the community like serving at the St. Peter's Food Kitchen. Hope will be forever missed by all who loved and knew her.

Those left to eternally treasure and cherish memories of Hope are her children, James Allen Sombke and Gary Ray Sombke; her grandchildren, Aaron James Sombke, Bruce Ray Sombke, Boyd Kristian Sombke, and Neal Allen Sombke; great-grandchildren, Madison Sombke, Jackson Sombke, Evelyn Sombke, and Joshua Sombke; and siblings, Pedro Franco, and Mary

Alvarado.

Hope is preceded in death by her husband, James Allen Sombke; her parents, Pedro Nunez Franco and Eva Flaco Lujan; and siblings, Antonio Flores, Helen Mendiola, Luis Flores, and Richard Franco.

Those honored to carry Hope to her final resting place as pallbearers as Danny Mendiola, Boyd Sombke, Rey Mendiola, Gary Sombke, Gareth Hansen, and Jim Sombke.

Blessed to be chosen as honorary pallbearers are Neal Sombke, Bruce Sombke, and Pedro Franco.

This tribute was written in Hope's honor by her family.

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN **30**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
2201 W Country Club Rd
Roswell, NM 88201
(575) 623-2777

Funeral Service

JUN **30**. 11:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

CD

“ *The Hope Sombke Family,
May God's Blessings and the memories of
your mom support you forever. My thoughts
and prayers are with Hope and her Family.*

*Corinne Duran
(Pecos Elem.)*



Corinne Duran - July 01, 2025 at 06:28 PM

SK

“ *It's still so hard for me to believe she is gone. I know she is so
happy to be reunited with Jim. My "Roswell Mom" will forever be
remembered as a kind loving person who loved to share her
testimony of Jesus Christ and be with children. Our family will
continue to feel her absence in days to come. I loved it so much
when she would call me Mi'ja!
We send our love to Jim, Gary, Audra and their families for sharing
such a sweet and beautiful woman.
Stephanie and Richard Kitchen*



Stephanie Kitchen - June 29, 2025 at 07:01 PM

AS

“ I have admired Hope for many, many years. She has been a quiet, strong force for good and I would love to be more like her. We worked together in church callings in many ways and she was always so kind, cheerful, faithful and dependable. I have missed her and her beautiful smile since we moved from Roswell. I wish all of you, her family, much love, comfort and peace. Please know we are thinking of you. Love always, Asena and Rob Smith

Asena Smith - June 29, 2025 at 06:41 PM

RF

“ Aunt Chaya, we love you and will miss you so very much. Lord, please bless my aunt's beautiful soul. May she rest in peace by your side. Please continue to bless Jim and Gary and their families and grant them peace and comfort.
I am sorry we are unable to be there in person to celebrate Chaya's life, but know we are there in spirit.

Raquel Franco - June 28, 2025 at 10:05 PM

LF

The Les Flores Sr. Family also express condolences and are so sorry that we absolutely couldn't be because of health difficulties tho we were definitely there in spirit.

Leslie Flores - September 25, 2025 at 08:55 AM

RF

“ Raquel Franco lit a candle in memory of Esperanza Sombke



Raquel Franco - June 28, 2025 at 10:01 PM

LC

“ *louise bree caps lit a candle in memory of Esperanza Sombke*



louise bree caps - June 28, 2025 at 12:18 AM

BS

“ *breanna sigala lit a candle in memory of Esperanza Sombke*



breanna sigala - June 28, 2025 at 12:18 AM

LS

“ *Louise ,Breanna, Caps Sigala lit a candle in memory of Esperanza Sombke*



Louise ,Breanna, Caps Sigala - June 28, 2025 at 12:11 AM

YO

“ *Yolanda lit a candle in memory of Esperanza Sombke*



Yolanda - June 27, 2025 at 10:33 PM

BF

“ *Becky Bright and family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Esperanza "Hope" Sombke.*



Becky Bright and family - June 27, 2025 at 09:15 PM

DF

“ *David Flores and Family. purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Esperanza "Hope" Sombke.*



David Flores and Family. - June 27, 2025 at 04:26 PM

CM

“ *Cathy Mendiola lit a candle in memory of Esperanza Sombke*



Cathy Mendiola - June 27, 2025 at 01:26 AM

GF

“ *Grace and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Esperanza "Hope" Sombke.*



Grace and Family - June 26, 2025 at 08:05 PM

SM

“ *samantha mendiola lit a candle in memory of Esperanza Sombke*



samantha mendiola - June 26, 2025 at 06:23 PM

MD

“ *Sorry to hear of Hope's passing. Prayers for her and the family. Rest in peace.*



Mary Ann Delgado - June 26, 2025 at 10:55 AM

YG

“ *Yolanda Flores Garcia lit a candle in memory of Esperanza Sombke*



Yolanda Flores Garcia - June 26, 2025 at 09:20 AM