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LUTHER WILSON PURCELLA 1940 - 2007



Luther Wilson Purcella, 67, of Las Cruces, NM passed away on Sunday, June 3, 2007 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center. Mr. Purcella was born May 8, 1940 in Lincoln, NM to Ernest W. and Minnie Bell Sheers Purcella. At the age of 18, he started working for Mountain Bell Telephone Co. in Roswell, NM and retired from AT & T in Las Cruces after 35 years of service. He then started his own company, "Call Wilson Communications." He taught and called square dancing for 40 years and was a member of the New State Square Dance Hall of Fame.

Mr. Purcella is survived by his daughters Devva Elmore and husband Greg of Sutton, AK; Aretha Purcella-Weaver, of Albuquerque, NM; his companion, Patricia Dunagan, of Las Cruces; grandchildren Keri Niles and husband Darrell, and Kegan Elmore, all of Sutton, AK; Amanda Weaver, of Wilcox, AZ; Tyler

Tucker of Las Cruces; great grandchild, Wyatt Niles of Sutton, AK; sister Mary L. Morris, of Roswell, NM; brother, Wayne Purcella, of Waterflow, NM; step-brother David J. Morris, of Capitan, NM; and six nieces. He was preceded in death by his brother, Roy S. Purcella. At his request, cremation will take place and a memorial service will be 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 6, 2007 at Graham's Mortuary Chapel, 555 W. Amador, Las Cruces. To express condolences, please visit GrahamMortuary.com.

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