



Estelle Silva Zakany

May 23, 1929 - January 26, 2018

Estelle Silva Zakany went to be with the Lord in her home on Friday 1/26/2018 at 1:05 PM. Estelle was born to José León Silva and Luz (Madrid) Silva on May 23, 1929 in Las Vegas, NM. Estelle's mother passed when she was only six. As the second youngest of 7 children she was cared for by her older siblings while her father was working. This created very strong bonds between them all. She deeply loved her brother Noverto, and her sisters Barbara, Lena, Petra, Ramona, and Matilda.

Estelle came to Zanesville from Clovis, NM in 1945. That is where she met and married Albert Dale Zakany who was in Clovis for training with the Army Air Corps. They remained together until Albert's passing in 2005.

When Al returned from WWII he and Estelle worked at, and eventually took over, his parent's grocery store, Zakany's Foodtown. They, along with Al's brother Theodore C. (Ted) Zakany and his wife, Doris, ran the store until its closing in 1990.

Estelle and Albert had six children: Charlotte (Jeff McCray), Albert Dale II (Susan), Michael, Mary Beth, Jeff, and David. She has 9 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, five great-great grandchildren, and numerous nephews and nieces. She was proud of her heritage and that was reflected in the fact that Zak's restaurant - started by her husband and children Al and Mike in

1977 - began serving southwestern dishes inspired by her own recipes. She helped Mike when he left Zak's to start up Jose Madrid Salsa which was also inspired by her home made salsa.

Estelle was an active member of St. Thomas Aquinas church and had a deep love for all the friends she made there. Her passion for her faith in Christ was an inspiration to all who came to know her. She loved her adopted hometown of Zanesville and served the community by volunteering in schools, volunteering in hospitals, serving as chaperone for TVHS band trips, serving as a Eucharistic minister, and volunteering to raise funds for charities. She was an avid sports fan and loved her Reds baseball. She had a positive impact on many lives in part because she always had an upbeat attitude, a great zest for life, and full of laughter. Estelle wasn't one to merely talk about being virtuous and having integrity; she lived it. Everyone who came to know Estelle loved her.

Friends may call from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, Tuesday, January 30, 2018, and 2:00 to 4:00 & 6:00 to 8:00 PM, Wednesday, January 31, 2018, at the Hillis, Combs & Nestor Funeral Home, 935 Forest Avenue, Zanesville. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10:30 AM, Thursday, February 1, 2018, at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 144 North Fifth Street, Zanesville, with Fr. Jan C.P. Sullivan, as Celebrant. Estelle will be laid to rest beside her husband, Al in Zanesville Memorial Park. Memorial Contributions may be made to St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Estelle's memory. To sign the online register book or to send a personal condolence note please visit www.hilliscombsnestor.com

Cemetery Details

Zanesville Memorial Park

1475 Military Road
Zanesville, OH 43701

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **30**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hillis Combs Funeral Home
935 Forest Avenue
Zanesville, OH 43701
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Funeral Mass

FEB 1. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
144 North Fifth Street
Zanesville, OH 43701

Tribute Wall



“ *Hillis Combs Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Estelle Silva Zakany*



Hillis Combs Funeral Home - January 30, 2018 at 02:10 PM



“ *Estelle Silva Zakany*

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ *I am sorry to hear this news. I am thinking of the Zakany family this week!*

Carl Kilduski - February 11, 2018 at 05:02 PM



“ *Charlotte, been away so just found out about the passing of your Mother. I have such good memories of high school when we would double date. We (Jon and I) would usually either leave from your house or end up there. Estelle was always so very kind to all of us. She was one of the fun Moms. Sending prayers and comfort to all the Zakany family.*



Sherry and Jon Murphy

Sherry Murphy - February 02, 2018 at 09:45 PM

MM

“ Dear Mary Beth and Zakany family;

My deepest sympathy on the loss of Estelle. So many great memories of being at the house when Mary Beth and I were in high school. She always had a smile and a hug to give, insisted on feeding any and all, always offered her assistance with hair and makeup if we were getting ready for a date (a little "advice" was always thrown in too!) She was just a great lady with a huge heart. RIP Momma Z.

Love to you all,

Mary Kay (McNaught) Murray

Mary Kay Murray - February 01, 2018 at 08:19 PM

SP

“ *Shelia Price-Norris lit a candle in memory of Estelle Silva Zakany*



Shelia Price-Norris - February 01, 2018 at 05:09 PM

CB

“ *Our love and sympathy to the Zakany family. We all loved Estelle! Bobby loved being a part of her cooking classes for children! And we have loved the restaurant for many years. May God bless you all. With sympathy, Cindy and Steve Buck*

Cindy and Steve Buck - January 31, 2018 at 11:37 PM

JJ

“ Mrs. Zakany was so kind and friendly when I saw her at Zak's. Estelle's chili was the best. Sorry it's not on the menu any more. My deepest sympathy to the Zakany family.

JoAnn Jenkins



JoAnn Jenkins - January 31, 2018 at 02:49 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Estelle Silva Zakany.



January 31, 2018 at 06:42 AM

MN

“ "Mom" as she was to all of her kids' friends was the grooviest and kindest mom. She out danced us all well into her young 70s. Out cooked any of us, it's always more special when the salsa is made by mom. Out glamour us, or at least me. :)

She left a legacy of memories to brighten our sadness when we miss her the most.

Thank you, Mom!

My-Hien Ngo - January 30, 2018 at 06:30 PM

JB

“ So sorry to hear about your loss. Estelle was a sweet woman who will be missed. With deepest sympathy— *Jacque Bowser*

Jacqueline Bowser - January 30, 2018 at 03:06 PM



“ 76 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hillis Combs Funeral Home - January 30, 2018 at 12:57 PM

NL

“ *What a sweet lady! so sorry for your loss....prayers for your family.
Love, Nancy Labaki*

Nancy Labaki - January 29, 2018 at 10:12 PM

DS

“ *Paul & I were so sorry to read of the passing of your Mom. We have many very fond memories of she and your Dad over the years working with the band. She was one of a kind for sure. Our prayers will be with you at this time, and know that she is with your Dad in Heaven and her Savior that meant so much to her.*



Dee & Paul Smith - January 29, 2018 at 08:23 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Estelle Silva Zakany.*



January 29, 2018 at 07:51 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Estelle Silva Zakany.*



January 29, 2018 at 04:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Estelle Silva Zakany.*



January 29, 2018 at 03:54 PM



“ *So sad to hear of your mother passing. I have many fond memories of her, always smiling and helping others.*

Kathy Ormond



Kathy Ormond - January 29, 2018 at 03:26 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Estelle Silva Zakany.*



January 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM



“ *She was always happy to see you. Al and her use to put on a dinner to raise money for the alter boys at St. Thomas. That is where I started eating Mexican food. Thanks to Estelle.
RIP*

Thomas Cooper - January 29, 2018 at 01:57 PM



“ *Mike and family, I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Sending prayers for comfort and the peace of knowing she is with the Lord and family.
Peggy Rambo Williams*

Peggy Williams - January 29, 2018 at 01:21 PM



“ *My condolences to Estelle's family and friends. I have great memories of Estelle and remember her infectious laugh . Such wonderful times at Zaks listening to her stories. Thank you, David Z for sharing your wonderful mother and family with me growing up. We've had some great times ~xo*



Stacy Kirkbride Michaels - January 29, 2018 at 12:46 PM

SF

“ *starinsky and mansfield family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Estelle Silva Zakany.*



starinsky and mansfield family - January 29, 2018 at 11:13 AM

VN

“ *To the Zakany Family*

Estelle was filled with kindest and love for all. This wonderful woman will truly be missed.

Vicki Newman

Vicki Newman - January 29, 2018 at 10:37 AM

BD

“ *Beth Dougherty lit a candle in memory of Estelle Silva Zakany*



Beth Dougherty - January 29, 2018 at 10:07 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Estelle Silva Zakany.*



January 29, 2018 at 10:06 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Estelle Silva Zakany.*



January 29, 2018 at 10:00 AM



“ *To the Zakany Family,*

Sending sincere sympathy to you on the loss of Estelle. She was such a giving person. I remember her from when Mike and I were in school together, the dinners at St. Thomas Church, and my favorite memory, of her teaching my child's kindergarten class how to make tortillas during a field trip to Zak's. I still have the recipe. Thinking of you all.

Sue Kildow Thuma - January 29, 2018 at 09:25 AM



“ *Linda Arter Sowers lit a candle in memory of Estelle Silva Zakany*



Linda Arter Sowers - January 29, 2018 at 08:16 AM



Estelle was a shining light wherever she went. She was always joyful and welcoming. I light this candle to honor her. Prayers for comfort and peace to all her family.

Linda Arter Sowers - January 29, 2018 at 08:22 AM



“ *Fraya Frampton lit a candle in memory of Estelle Silva Zakany*

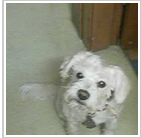


Fraya Frampton - January 29, 2018 at 07:34 AM



I met Estelle in 1951 when Charlotte and I were in kindergarten at McIntire Elementary. She welcomed me into the family and I will never forget her kindness and love. My heart goes out to Charlotte and all of the family. With deepest sympathy, Fraya Taylor Frampton

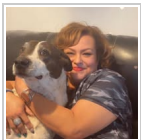
Fraya Frampton - January 29, 2018 at 07:39 AM



“ *I am so sorry f or your loss. I remember Mrs.Zakney at The North Market in Ccolumbus, I remember her at Zak's and at St. Thomas. She and your family are in my prayers.*



Karen Lyon - January 29, 2018 at 06:39 AM



“ *Deeply saddened to hear the news of Aunt Stella passing away. I have many great memories of her coming to Albuquerque, NM to visit us. I am the Granddaughter of her sister Petra Davalos. My Condolences to The Zachany Family she is Loved and will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Melanie Davalos - January 28, 2018 at 10:26 PM

JZ

“ When I was a child my father worked 12 hour days 6 days a week. It was my mother who gave me my love for baseball. I can remember her getting so excited about the Reds in the playoffs and World Series in the early 70's. She would be in the back yard playing catch with me when no one was around to play with. One of my memories that brings me peace is listening to a Reds baseball game on the radio on the patio of the home my father built on a warm summer night. That is home to me.

Jeff Zakany - January 28, 2018 at 02:21 PM

KS

I can remember all th years growing up how Estelle was such a loving and beautiful person. Many time she would take me along on family adventures, such good memories, Jeff's band competitions at Ohio state and Kings Island. Our family was very lucky to have shared great times with Albert Dale and Estelle , May she rest in heaven with the angels ❤️🙏❤️

Kristin Hamme Sanders - January 28, 2018 at 06:56 PM

KW

“ My grandmother was a kind, loving and generous woman. She claimed Jesus as her personal Lord and Savior and I know she is in heaven. She poured into her family with such devotion and love. All who knew her felt love when in her presence. I am overwhelmingly blessed to have her in my life for so many years and I only hope that I am half as great a Nana to my grandkids as she was to me!



Kristine Wood - January 28, 2018 at 02:03 PM