



## Colleen Cody

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Colleen Cody, a lifelong Texan and devoted public servant, passed away peacefully on April 12, 2025, at the age of 96.

Born in Abilene, Texas, on August 30, 1928, to Ezekiel and Christine King, Colleen was one of three children. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Bill Cody; her ex-husband and father of her children, James Walters; and her two brothers, Horace King and Weldon King. Colleen and James remained close throughout their lives, and in true Colleen fashion, she'll be laid to rest right between Bill and James—proof that she always found a way to keep things interesting and stay in the center of the story.

Colleen spent over three decades deeply involved in Bexar County politics. She served as the State Democratic Executive Committee Chairwoman for District 26, worked with the Commissioners Court alongside Tom Stolhandske, and served as assistant to Sheriff Harlan Copeland. Though her early political years were spent as a dedicated Democrat, Colleen proudly became an avid Republican during the Reagan years—and if she were reading this now, she'd want to make sure everyone knew it.

In retirement, Colleen and Bill explored the country together in their RV, living out her dream of seeing the United States one road at a time.

She is survived by her children, Jeff Walters (wife Kathy) and Debbie Currie (husband Tony); her grandchildren, Joanna Pangilinan (husband Jimmy), Amy Verdecanna (husband Bryan “Mo”), Jacob DeLeon (wife Megan), Ryan Hale, and Jenna Sowell (husband Jay); her great-grandchildren, Riley Pangilinan, Holden Verdecanna, Jude Pangilinan, Brody Verdecanna, Bryson DeLeon, Hunter DeLeon, Henley DeLeon, and Jay James Sowell; and her step-granddaughters, Michelle Kincaid, Cecilia Nickles, and Sara Currie.

The family extends a special thanks to Karla Perez, Colleen’s devoted caregiver, whose kindness, humor, and compassion brought comfort and joy during Colleen’s final chapter.

Colleen was a woman of strong convictions and even stronger love for her family. She adored classic Westerns—especially John Wayne—and found comfort in the music of Ray Price. “For the Good Times” was her favorite song, and anyone who knew her would agree—she made the most of the good times, and helped create them for everyone around her.

Her legacy is one of service, grit, humor, and heart. She will be deeply missed and joyfully remembered by all who had the honor of knowing her.

# Cemetery Details

## Mission Burial Park North

20900 I.H. 10  
West San Antonio, TX 78230

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **22**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North  
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78230

## Funeral Service

APR **23**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Fred J. Tips Mausoleum Chapel  
20900 IH 10 West  
San Antonio, TX 78257

# Tribute Wall

BP

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. I remember Colleen always a happy person . Always kind to all . She will be missed. Beverly Parvin

Beverly Parvin - April 23, 2025 at 06:14 PM

AR

“ I remember Collen well, I enjoyed listening to her and dad (Maurice Rose) "cut up" and give each other a hard time during my visits with dad at the BCSSO. She was so sweet and always treated me as though she'd known me my whole life. I can only imagine the stories she and dad are catching up on now. I was blessed to have known her. Condolences to the family.  
Audra Rose-Kight.

Audra L Rose-Kight - April 22, 2025 at 10:46 PM

JA

“ Jamie and Alice purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Colleen Cody.



Jamie and Alice - April 22, 2025 at 04:58 PM

MM

“ Mike & Becky Martin purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Colleen Cody.



Mike & Becky Martin - April 22, 2025 at 12:35 PM

PP

“ Colleen Walters. I remember her saying to me  
“Pamela you be careful of these boys, they are good boys, but you  
are really young!” Tough strong woman, Colleen was and Loved her  
Jeffrey, course we all do! Love and kisses from Pamela and Poncho

Pamela Eve Painter - April 21, 2025 at 09:10 PM

LA

“ Love, Atwoods-BirdieSharonJanaraAllison  
purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for  
the family of Colleen Cody.



Love, Atwoods-BirdieSharonJanaraAllison - April 21, 2025 at  
12:00 PM

CB

“ There is not enough space here to share. She was a beautiful  
brilliant woman, wife, mother and friend to all. I have known her for  
over 35 years and she was so much fun to be around. She never  
lost her memory, sense of humor, smile or beauty. Love you Coleen!  
You will be missed and your memory will live in our hearts forever.  
Cathy Brown

Cathy Brown - April 21, 2025 at 10:58 AM

DF

“ Donna Michie & The Renner Family purchased  
the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of  
Colleen Cody.



Donna Michie & The Renner Family - April 21, 2025 at 10:46  
AM

VB

“ Vicki Walters & Cathy Brown purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Colleen Cody.



Vicki Walters & Cathy Brown - April 21, 2025 at 10:44 AM

TB

“ Tony B. purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Colleen Cody.



Tony B. - April 21, 2025 at 10:15 AM

PC

“ Pat, Patricia & John Currie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Colleen Cody.



Pat, Patricia & John Currie - April 17, 2025 at 08:35 PM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Colleen Cody.



April 17, 2025 at 10:57 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Colleen Cody.*



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April 16, 2025 at 04:04 PM



“ *Kathy & Gary Cooper purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Colleen Cody.*



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**Kathy & Gary Cooper** - April 16, 2025 at 03:07 PM



“ *Mrs. Cody was truly an inspiration for young women, she laid the groundwork for many generations. She worked when it was not common for women to work. She held her head high and was able to achieve so much. I truly feel blessed to have gotten to know her and will miss her laugh and smile. I keep you all in my thoughts. Truly a special woman. Shelley*

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**Shelley Georges** - April 16, 2025 at 02:09 PM



*Debbie and Jeff my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Christine Hoessli Harrell** - April 16, 2025 at 04:52 PM



*Debbie Currie and Lizzette Dollgener have been friends since 1990 something and Colleen was part of the package. In 2005 I became part of the team and made a new friend for life! Bill and Colleen were true Texans, Patriots and just good people. I miss them both...the look on her face when she gave me a hug always warmed my heart. ❤️*

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**Mark Dollgener** - April 16, 2025 at 05:06 PM