



## LaWanda Nell McCombs

March 5, 1937 - March 2, 2023

LaWanda Nell McCombs of San Antonio passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 2, 2023.

LaWanda was born on March 5, 1937, in Dickens, Texas, just north of her hometown of Spur, and made her opinions known every day for the next 85 years. The youngest of four, La Wanda was a born instigator, collaborator, and confidante. She was known for her humor, her generosity of spirit, and her ability to love and accept anyone, even a Rockets fan.

LaWanda left Spur for Corpus Christi with her family, where she finished high school, and then left for the Alamo City where she enrolled in San Antonio Junior College and began working for a local radio station. In November of 1973, La Wanda joined the brand-new Spurs organization as a ticket seller, and became ticket manager within a year. This role perfectly suited her gift of working with people, and introduced her to almost everyone in San Antonio at one point or another during her long career. Her love for our city's team was unwavering, and her knowledge of the game and its players bordered on encyclopedic. Until the last day of her life she could rattle off Spurs shooting guards from the mid-90's.

The only thing that LaWanda loved more than the Spurs and Elvis Presley was her family. She relished her role as Aunt and Great Aunt, and alternated

between spoiling the children in her life and teaching them phrases that they would inevitably repeat at inappropriate times. They all loved their “Aunt Donda,” a nickname given by eldest nephew Michael when unable to pronounce LaWanda.

LaWanda is preceded in death by her parents, Willie Nathan McCombs and Gladys Dempsey McCombs; and by her siblings Billy Joe “Red” McCombs (Charline), Mildred Penton, and Albert Gene McCombs (Mary). She is survived by her nieces Lynda McCombs, Marsha Shields (John H.), Connie McNab (Sandy), and Paula Jean McCombs; and her nephews Michael Porche (Nancy) and Terrell McCombs (Cindy); her grandnieces and grandnephews Carson Rubey IV (Cristina), Chloé Shands (Matt), Anna Turner (Chris), Joe Shields (Andrea), Charles McNab, Sita McNab, Ian McNab (Alicia), Easton McNab (Claire), Jennifer Odom, Amy Cockreham (Brennham), and her namesake, LaWanda Jane Porche (Molly).

The memorial service for LaWanda McCombs will be held at Mission Park North, 3401 Cherry Ridge, at 11:00 AM on Friday, March 10, 2023.

Donations in her memory may be made to Spurs Give, One AT&T Center Parkway, San Antonio, TX 78219.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Memorial Park

1701 Austin Highway  
San Antonio, TX 78218

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

RN

“ When I moved to San Antonio in 1982 I had no idea I was going to meet an extraordinary woman. 19 years old and my first job with Spurs in the tkt office. Season ticket Holders customers staff loved her so much. Her laugh will be missed. I am so proud I got to know her and love her. I will Miss you Wanda. Rest now and join family n friends in Heaven.



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**Renee L Neilson** - March 10, 2023 at 06:33 AM

AB

“ My friendship with Wanda started at a SPURS game when she stopped me to give me a compliment on my sweater. What a dear friend she then became. We shared many ups and downs by phone and at games. What a Love.  
*Angela Becker*

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**Angela Becker** - March 09, 2023 at 02:09 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of LaWanda Nell McCombs.



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March 09, 2023 at 12:52 PM

SQ

“ My sincerest condolences to the McCombs family on the loss of a truly beautiful soul. I started working with Wanda in 76 @ the Spurs ticket office. Great memories and a friendship that lasted for 47 years! Rest in peace my friend.

Sandy Quinones - March 09, 2023 at 09:20 AM

SV

“ My sympathy to the entire McCombs family upon the death of yet another family member, so soon after that of her brother, Red. May she rest in peace.



Sr. Shirley Vaughn - March 08, 2023 at 11:59 PM

CC

“ I started working for the Spurs in 1976 and whenever I was at the office at HemisFair Arena I would stop in the ticket office to say hello. When they moved into the current building I would visit with her and Jeanie Adams before the game and she would usually tell me which of her nieces and nephews were at the game and to try and get some pictures. Always enjoyed our visits.

Charles Cyr - March 08, 2023 at 08:51 PM

JH

“ I had the honor of working with Wanda at the Spurs during HemisFair Arena days. Watch over us, Wanda! James Hill

James Hill - March 08, 2023 at 08:30 AM

JP

“ 4 files added to the album Tributes



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**JP** - March 07, 2023 at 05:30 PM

JH

“ It was a blessing to have known Lawanda if only just for a short time. She had spunk and charisma like no other and I always enjoyed seeing her. She always had something nice to say and encouraging word for other people. She will greatly be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.



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**Jeri Horton** - March 07, 2023 at 10:14 AM

MP

“ “Larger than life” and “One of a kind”. You’ll live forever in our hearts. Love you, Donda.

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**Mike Porche** - March 07, 2023 at 09:20 AM