



Rose Marie McElfresh

June 12, 1941 - October 7, 2023

Rose Marie McElfresh joined her Lord on October 7, 2023. She was born on June 12, 1941 in Warren, Ohio to Pete Goche, Jr. and Carmella DeLaratta. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Ronald Goche. She is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, Melvin McElfresh; daughters, Patrice McElfresh and Susanne McElfresh (Christopher King); son, Lowell McElfresh (Elvira); brother, Galen Goche (Kathy); niece Kara Wert (Jordan), Nephew Pete Goche (Stephanie) and their kids, her grandchildren, Pierce and Shawn Maki, Etienne and Damir McElfresh, Xander and Teagan King.

She met her husband when they both worked in the library at YSU. She asked him out to see a play. She chose well as he took care of her the last two and half years of her life. She was in poor health following brain surgery and immobile the last couple of months.

She played bunco in her neighborhood, had lunch with The Golden Girls, worked out at Curves 1100 times. She loved to shop and she doted on her grandchildren. She raised her family in the Shenandoah neighborhood where she was often at the pool, playing tennis, spending time with neighbors. She served terms as the President of the Shenandoah home owner's association and on several non-profit committees.

After marrying, she left Ohio and lived in Mississippi, Florida and Hawaii following her husband's military career. She returned to Dayton Ohio before her final move to San Antonio, Texas. She attended library conferences all over the country for over 20 years. She traveled frequently to London and was able to see numerous places to include Calabria, Sicily, Carthage, Tunisia, Rome, Amsterdam, Paris, Vienna, Budapest, Edinburgh and more. She won six trivia contests on a single cruise and answered most quiz show questions correctly. She was a big fan of Jeopardy.

She was a salutatorian graduate of Lordstown High School, Youngstown University (English) and Our Lady of the Lake University (Masters in Library Science). She worked as a teacher, librarian and consultant. She is a graduate of Youngstown University and Our Lady of the Lake University. She worked as a teacher, librarian and consultant. She was active with San Antonio Friends of the Library (life member), Texas Library Association (executive board) and the Conservation Society.

SERVICE

Visitation will be held on Thursday, October 26, 2023 from 6:00pm-9:00pm at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, San Antonio. A Chapel Service will be on Friday, October 27, 2023 at 12:00pm at the funeral home chapel, with interment to follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. Online guestbook at www.missionparks.com in the Tributes section

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **26**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Chapel Service

OCT **27**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Interment

OCT **27**. 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Rose Marie McElfresh.*



October 27, 2023 at 02:59 AM



“ *My condolences to Mel and family.*

I knew Ro when we worked together at the Cody Branch Library. She was such an enthusiastic member of the library associations and never missed a conference. She was full of grace, kind, fun to be around, and the best conversationalist. Rest in peace, Ro.

Jana Prock - October 26, 2023 at 11:46 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - October 26, 2023 at 03:31 PM

WH

Condolences to Suzanne. I know from sitting nex to her in my four hardest classes at Clark Highschool. Alg 2 Hoors, Trig Hon, Physics Hon, and AP Calculus. I am sad for you Suzanne. Your mom did a good job raising such a smart person. I hope she has a place waiting for her in Heaven. May God Bless her soul and let her rest in Peace.Amen

William Benedict Hackett - November 14, 2023 at 04:55 AM

KA

“ *Kathy purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllu m for the family of Rose Marie McElfresh.*



Kathy - October 26, 2023 at 02:33 PM

JP

“ *I worked with Ro in 1983-1987 at the Ed Cody Branch Library. She loved being a children's librarian. She was full of grace, kind to a fault, fun to be around and the best conversationalist. I was able to visit with Ro and Mel at library conferences through the years. She will be missed.*

- Jana Prock

Jana Prock - October 26, 2023 at 10:12 AM



“ *Mrs. McElfresh was an awesome mom who raised amazing super smart kids, one of which has been my best friend since 6th grade. She was fun, kind and present for her family, and raised them to read, learn, be responsible and push forward, yet also gave them enough room think for themselves. Last night Patrice told me, "She really loved me unconditionally." That is her legacy.*

Rachelle Abelow - October 25, 2023 at 10:45 AM

FE

“ From Janifer Meldrum and Bud Eaton purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Rose Marie McElfresh.



From Janifer Meldrum and Bud Eaton - October 24, 2023 at 04:08 PM

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“ From Janifer Meldrum and Bud Eaton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rose Marie McElfresh.

From Janifer Meldrum and Bud Eaton - October 24, 2023 at 04:08 PM

AM

“ The Murgo family sends their heartfelt condolences to the McElfresh family and particularly to Patrice and Susanne, who were members of our carpool in the early school days with Bo. We hope you find comfort in the years of shared memories with your mom.. ~Toni Murgo

Antoinette Elise Murgo - October 23, 2023 at 01:49 PM

LG

“ I'll never forget Mrs. McElfresh at the ceremony honoring Patrice as State Star. They were so proud of their daughter and all her accomplishments. The love she gave to her grandchildren was legendary. Rest in Peace and know you will be remembered always. Lisha Garcia

Lisha Garcia - October 23, 2023 at 11:22 AM

RW

“ The McElfresh's (Ro & Mel) & the Wheelers (Rita & Lee) met in 1975`living across the street from one another. Their being military & our being transplants we both knew to create our new communities. We shared in a lifetime of fun filled activities, neighborhood pool, dinner club, Golden Girls, family celebrations, holidays and even cruising & travel buddies. We were self made families since we both lived so far away from our roots. Two memories: R & M relocated from across the street to around the corner to a larger home. I remember a group of us carrying boxes of goods behind a pick up truck with furniture from one home to the other. Such fun helping friends. Not a memory but knowing about the ongoing mission to shop til you drop. Ro loved finding a bargain, finding the right something for a specific person, being prepared when a gift was required. But her joy in shopping also extended to her. She was a fashionista. I remember her being in the hospital and I was putting her clothes in the closet. Her nightwear was more for a vacation vs a hospital stay. These incidents make me smile and laugh with pleasure. Ro and I were friends for eons. When she was no more I actually counted those years, 48 knowing that was it! I am so glad that our life started in Shenandoah and continued on as our lives changed but our relationship had not. Love you girlfriend. Rita Wheeler

Rita Wheeler - October 21, 2023 at 12:51 PM



“ My favorite memory of my cousin Ro was the summer of 1972 when she asked me to chaperone Patrice and Suzanne on their flight from Ohio home to San Antonio. Mel & Ro had already flown back and left the girls with her parents, my Aunt Carmella & Uncle Pete. I was only 16 at the time but she entrusted her kids to me and when we got back to San Antonio, she gave me the use of a car to drive them to the pool. It was a wonderful vacation for me and it created a lasting bond because she treated me as an adult. I matured a lot that summer and always appreciated the faith she had in me. She was a kind, loving, and generous soul, I will miss her.

Andy Shobel - October 20, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ I was lucky to meet the McElfreshs n their children. I am Italian n a transplant from Ct. This family became family to me. Ro was a wonderful person, mom, n friend. Her character n sense of ethics n balance were evident always. We were busy n life pulled us in different directions...our times together were special! Beauchamp love to you, Mel and your family. We will be out of town during your services. but u r in our hearts, n we r sending love n hugs. Hope to see you soon when I get back! Love Joyce Beauchamp n family.

Joyce Beauchamp - October 19, 2023 at 11:50 AM



“ I will forever have the best memories of Rose Marie, and all of our family at our big family get togethers. They are memories I recall often and miss dearly. But they always bring joy and happiness to my heart. There was always lots of love. She will be dearly missed.



Rob Wodogaza - October 18, 2023 at 12:41 PM

RF

“ Rob Wodogaza Jr, and Family. purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Rose Marie McElfresh.



Rob Wodogaza Jr, and Family. - October 18, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rose Marie McElfresh.



October 16, 2023 at 11:40 PM