



Wanda Joyce McAfee

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Wanda Joyce McAfee was born in Texarkana, Arkansas on September 2, 1952 to the union of Doretha A. Lester and Leo C. McAfee, Sr. She was the youngest of seven siblings: five girls and two boys.

Wanda received her Christian education at Hopewell Temple C. M. E. Church in Texarkana, Texas. She maintained her membership there throughout her life. She would always find a church to attend where she lived, but never gave up her membership at her family church. She was very spiritual and had a deep love for God which was exemplified in her life and love for people.

Her formative years were spent in Maud, Texas, surrounded by her parents and siblings with frequent visits from grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins. She attended the Arkadelphia Elementary School. Her father was the principal of the school and her mother was one of the teachers. At the completion of her 8th grade, her parents were employed by the Texarkana Independent School District. As education was imperative to the McAfee family, the family maintained their home in Maud and a place in Texarkana so the three younger McAfee children could attend high school in Texarkana.

Wanda attended Dunbar High School for two years until it was closed due to desegregation at the end of her 10th grade. She attended and graduated from Texas High School in 1970. In high school, she was a member of the National Honor Society and played clarinet in the marching band. Upon completion of high school, she attended and graduated Magna Cum Laude from Prairie View A & M University in 1974 where her major was mathematics. She was a member of the Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society and Pi Mu Epsilon Mathematics Honor Society. Wanda was a proud graduate of Prairie View A & M University and would often encourage others to attend her alma mater.

While at Prairie View A & M University, Wanda pledged and became a member of



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the Eta Beta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in Spring 1973. Wanda loved her sorority and her sorority sisters. She was an active member throughout her adult life, joining the Anniston Alumnae Chapter and actively serving there for many years prior to moving to DeSoto, Texas in 2019. She was able to maintain her Anniston Alumnae Chapter membership and involvement virtually.

When Wanda graduated from Prairie View A & M University, she was employed as a civilian for the United States Army as a computer analyst. She did her internship in Rock Island, Illinois and was assigned to the Anniston Army Depot. She was later assigned to the New Cumberland Army Depot in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. (It was at Harrisburg where she met and married Robert Graham in 1979.) In 1984, she was given the opportunity to return to the Anniston Army Depot which she gladly accepted. She remained at Anniston Army Depot until her retirement in 2011.

Wanda was full of personality. She was witty, loving, and fun. She stood firm in her beliefs and lived her life on her terms. She loved her family and enjoyed participating in family gatherings. She would always support her family no matter where they lived. She would drive from Alabama to Texas and other states and fly to other cities to be a part of family events. She attended graduations, retirement parties, birthdays, adoptions ceremonies, baptisms, weddings, and family holiday gatherings. She genuinely loved celebrating with her family. She had a huge heart, generous spirit and was always giving of herself. She volunteered at the gift shop in the Regional Medical Center in Anniston and would often find gifts to purchase to give to family and friends. She had a room where she stored gifts. She would identify each gift so that on your special occasions, you would receive a gift in the mail from Wanda.

Wanda was adventurous and loved to travel. It was on one of her trips to Cancun, Mexico that she convinced her sister, Patricia McAfee Owens, to go parasailing with her (her brother, Leo, did not accept the parasailing challenge). She was calm, cool, and collected as she soared high above the Gulf of Mexico. On a family trip through the Panama Canal, there was a port stop in Costa Rica and Wanda was the only one of her siblings who chose to zip line through the jungles of Central America. She was elated upon her return to the ship and gladly shared her experience. She took many



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cruises to various places like Bahamas, Alaska, Greek Isles, Panama Canal, Hawaii, Australian and New Zealand, just to name a few. Other places of travel included France, England, Spain, and Italy. One of her most memorable trips was a trip to South Africa with her beloved Aunt Velma McAfee Williams.

Wanda was an avid tennis fan, and rarely missed watching a tennis match. Due to her love for tennis, she traveled to New York to attend the U. S. Open and to England to attend the matches at Wimbledon. At Wimbledon, as two people were leaving the match, she and her niece, Debra Curry, were given tickets to Center Court. That was a high point of her trip.

Wanda enjoyed playing cards and especially loved a good hand of Bid Whist. She had a group of friends at work who would find time to play on their lunch hour. She never turned down the opportunity to play a game of cards while talking “smack.” She continued her love of playing cards in her retirement community in DeSoto. Wanda enjoyed bowling and participated in several leagues and tournaments throughout her life.

Wanda made her transition from her earthly home to her heavenly home on March 29, 2021. Wanda was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Garland L. McAfee, her niece, Andrea J. McAfee, and her brother-in-law, Wayne Q. Owens. She leaves to cherish her memory four sisters, Cecilia McAfee Taylor (Benjamin) of Tucson, Arizona, Carolyn McAfee Curry (Travis, Sr.) of Mukilteo, Washington, LaRue McAfee Smith (Lee) of Beaumont, Texas, Patricia McAfee Owens of Detroit, Michigan, one brother, Dr. Leo C. McAfee Jr of Ann Arbor, Michigan, one aunt, Dr. Velma McAfee Williams of Houston, Texas, a sister-friend and traveling companion, Dr. Deveta Peoples of Birmingham, Alabama and a special cousin, Martrae Lester Poindexter of Arlington, Texas. Wanda will be missed by her nieces and nephews, whom she adored: Benita Taylor Copeland (Jeffery), Benjamin P. Taylor II, Esq. (Jaclyn), Debra Curry, Tanya Curry Watkins (Craig), Travis Curry Jr (Michelle), Lesia Smith Linton (Stephen), Renee McAfee, Dr. Mildred McAfee, Kathrina McAfee, Cheryl McAfee, Leo C. McAfee III (Alicia), Dr. LaRuth McAfee, Dr. Lawrence McAfee (Vanessa), Cana Owens, and Wayne Q. Owens II. She leaves a host of other cousins, relatives, friends, and members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



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The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage. (Psalm 16:6 KJV)

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P. O. Box 5171

Texarkana, TX 75503





Events


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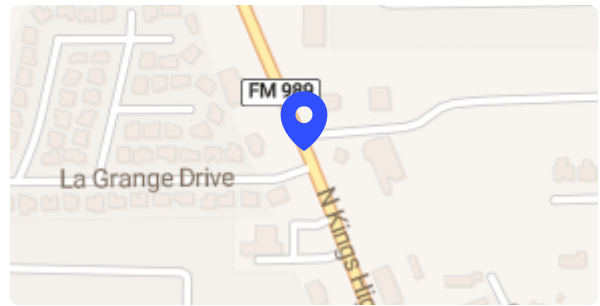
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Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, April 10, 2021

 11:00 AM CT

 **Chapelwood Memorial Gardens**
826 N. King's Highway, Wake Village TX 75501





Tribute Wall

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Al & Lovie Mason posted:

OUR PRAYER TO THE WANDA JOYCE MCAFEE FAMILY We ask the Lord to Bless you As we prayed for you today, To guide you and protect you As you go along your way His love is always with you His promises are true, And when we give Him all our cares You know He will see us through. So when the road you're traveling on Seems difficult at best... Just remember we're here praying And God will do the rest. Al & Lovie Mason and Family Jay, Ashanti, Adriane and Families

April 10 at 2:22 PM



Alberta B Freeman lit a candle in honor of Wanda.

RIP Dear Wanda, you certainly left your mark on this side of Heaven. Two very distinct characteristics I noticed when I first met you were: the quality and strength of your character and your strong respect and commitment to family. These anchors accounted for the solid foundation you stood on that could never be compromised. I know you made your family as proud of you as you were of them. You never sought the spotlight but you always ignited the front beam--working in the church to help youth, volunteering many, many hours in the hospital, raising funds for scholarships, and making many, many monetary and personal donations to help and enhance others. Simultaneously, you were enjoying life--making trips to many parts of the world that many of us only dream about. You were daring and diverse in the kinds of activities you pursued and enjoyed; daring others to also be more daring. And you wore this infectious smile that made others smile and often laugh from their souls. People whoever met you, always remembered "Wanda McAfee". I'd say yours was a well lived life! Your transition seemed too sudden and too soon but those who knew you can truly say: You left your mark in this side of eternity!! Thank you! Thank you! May you now RIP!!! My prayers and condolences are respectfully and sincerely with the family!!! God bless. . . Alberta Freeman Anniston Army Depot



April 6 at 7:24 AM



Larry Boyd lit a candle in honor of Wanda.

Rest in peace Delta Love. May God Bless Deacon Patricia Owens and the McAfee family.

April 10 at 6:08 AM



Margo Davis lit a candle in honor of Wanda.

April 10 at 4:34 AM





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Sandra Rudolph posted:

RIP!...old friend-Sure hope you are having a good time in Heaven with your friend, my sister, Loretta. Y'all were surely a pair... I can still hear that funny laugh and see that beautiful smile...Rest on my sister!Sending Condolences to your family...for I know you will be truly missed!Sandra Rudolph, Anniston, AL

April 9 at 1:42 PM



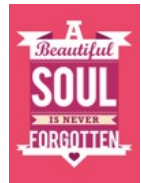
Doris Faulk posted:

RIP m friend! Glad to have known you and the good times we bowling. Glad you were back closer with your family. Hated to see you leave Anniston, Al but will always remember our time in Atlanta for the Olympics. Rest in heaven my friend.Doris Faulk, Anniston, Al

April 9 at 1:03 PM



Debra A. sent a sympathy card to the McAfee family.



April 8 at 4:26 PM



Gwendolyn Keitt lit a candle in honor of Wanda.

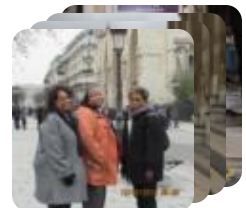
Until grief recedes and loving memories remain. Peace and Comfort be with you.Wanda was a dear friend and sister-sister..Melvin and Gwendolyn KeittBiloxi, Mississippi



April 8 at 1:05 PM



Patricia M Owens shared 17 photos to the **Wanda Joyce McAfee** album.



April 6 at 7:24 AM

BT **Berlinda Jackson... Delta Sigma Theta** April 8 at 1:39 PM

Your smile was contagious and beautiful. You enjoyed life and we are so proud to be your sister's of Delta Sigma Theta ... Berlinda



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Betty Holloway lit a candle in honor of Wanda.



April 8 at 5:59 AM



Patricia McAfee Owens shared an album called **Wanda Joyce McAfee**.



April 6 at 7:24 AM



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April 6 at 7:24 AM



Benny H posted:

Praying for the family, Wanda was one of the nicest people I worked with....

April 7 at 8:44 AM



J.T. Thomas posted:

"Your NCBC family extends prayers and condolences to you and your family during this difficult time." - Pastor J.T. & Angela

April 7 at 8:41 AM



The Williams, Neroes, Desgraves Families posted:

Condolences to the McAfee family from your extended Williams, Neroes, Desgraves Families. May your memories remain a comfort for you.

April 6 at 5:47 PM



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RM

Ruth Moffatt posted:

Rest In Peace my dear Soror! Wanda was one of a kind, and I so enjoyed talking to her at Sorority meeting. My thoughts and prayers are with her family. May God grant you strength and peace.

April 6 at 5:29 PM

GG

Gerrilyn Grant posted:

I am so sorry Wanda is no longer with us. I enjoyed getting to know her on our cruise. Dinners with Wanda and the family was such fun! Rest In Peace. My prayers for the family who will miss her dearly.

April 6 at 5:21 PM

SM

Shelia McAfee lit a candle in honor of Wanda.

Although you are my 1st cousin and Soror, I will miss you very much because you were one of a kind. I remember the time I came to pick you up for Delta Sigma Theta's Founder's Day celebration in Long Beach, CA and I picked you up from your hotel. We hung out and had a mighty good time. I was so excited when you decided to move to DeSoto because I knew I had a good Bid Whist partner, but we never got an opportunity to play together! God called you home way too soon, but He knows best! Rest in Heaven, my beautiful cousin and Soror! We will always remember you and your profound wit and sense of humor! Love you! Shelia McAfee



April 6 at 5:14 PM

VL

Virda Lester posted:

Your cousins in Tuskegee, Alabama, Virda, Cindy (Maurice & William), Adrienne (Kimani & Joshua) know of your strong ties to family. You never fail to attend our William Lester gatherings. You will be missed!

April 6 at 3:55 PM



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PD

Patricia Daniel posted:

Hello Family, Wanda was such a sweet and loving person. I always enjoyed talking to her. She was kind and always willing to help any cause. As my sister in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority she made me feel proud to be a Delta. She was so proud of her family. Her conversation about her family was inspiring and uplifting. She loved you so. I am going to miss her.

April 6 at 1:43 PM

DM

Deja Miyon posted:

You were always one of my favorite people out of all of my grandmother's friends. Always very kind, & what I'll remember about you most is the smile you always gave ♥- Love Deja

April 6 at 12:56 PM

RG

Rev. Dr. Genia Garrett posted:

I am so grieved in the loss of my friend and soror. Wanda you were beyond awesome and your caring will always be remembered. You have now made the journey we must all make. Say a prayer for me my friend. We will all be in heaven one day rejoicing. Until then ...

April 6 at 12:06 PM

BL

Brenda Levert posted:

I will miss my friend Wanda. My deepest sympathy to her family.

April 6 at 12:06 PM

SB

Sharon Busbee posted:

My deepest condolences to the family. I'm missing you my dear friend, I'll see you on the other side!!!

April 6 at 11:32 AM



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RP

Ronnie Patterson lit a candle in honor of Wanda.

Rest in Peace Wanda! You have fought a good fight, you have finished the course, you have kept the faith! Henceforth there is laid up for you a Crown of Righteousness.... My Condolences to the entire McAfee family. May the Peace of God be with you all.

April 6 at 10:48 AM



SL

Sharon Lester sent a virtual gift in honor of Wanda.

April 6 at 10:35 AM



MC

Marisa Crutchfield lit a candle in honor of Wanda.

April 6 at 7:48 AM



ML

Mari Riojas Lester lit a candle in honor of Wanda.

April 6 at 7:42 AM



PO

Patricia M Owens lit a candle in honor of Wanda.

April 6 at 7:24 AM





Patricia M Owens shared 17 photos to the Wanda Joyce McAfee album.

April 8 at 7:43 AM



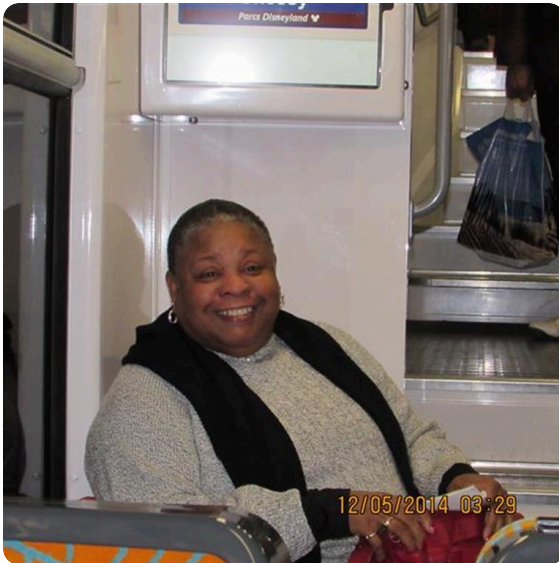
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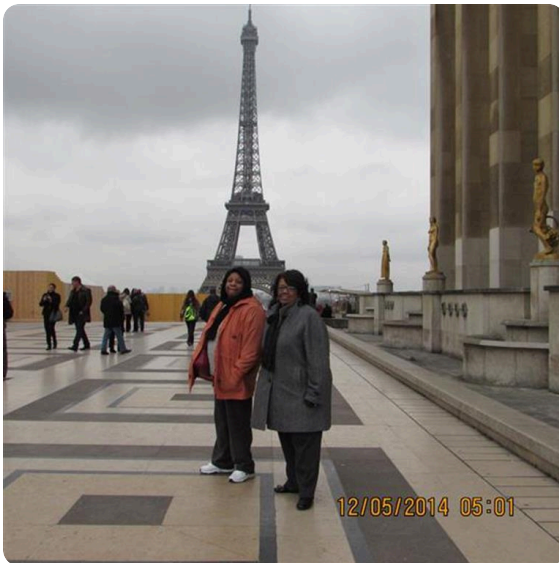
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Patricia McAfee Owens shared 6 photos to the Wanda Joyce McAfee album.

April 8 at 1:37 AM



Wanda's Retirement



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PO





Patricia McAfee Owens shared 22 photos to the Wanda Joyce McAfee album.

April 8 at 1:30 AM



Alaska Cruise



Alaska Cruise



Pisa



Venice



Alaska Cruise



Alaska Cruise



Alaska Tour



Cancun



Cancun



Daddy's 93rd Birthday



Patricia's Retirement Party



Benita's Wedding



Playa del Carmen

Playa del Carmen



Rome

Rome



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Venice



Greek Isle Cruise



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Wanda by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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