



Wanda Campbell McGrede

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Wanda Campbell McCrede, 86, of Longview passed away on Tuesday, July 23, 2013 following a brief illness. A memorial service will be at 2 pm Thursday, July 25, 2013 in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church with Reverend Michael L. Schutz officiating under direction of Rader Funeral Home.

Wanda was born November 8, 1926 in Sulphur Springs, Texas to Jeff and Omega Campbell. After graduating from high school there in 1943, she attended Texas Christian University, receiving a bachelor's degree in Christian Education in 1947. She worked as Director of Christian Education at the First Christian Church in Tyler, Texas. In 1949, Wanda married the love of her life, Henry C. McCrede, recently celebrating their 64th wedding anniversary. They moved to Longview in 1952, where Wanda began a life of service to her church and her community. She was an active member of the First Christian Church until 1975 when she joined her husband as a member of the First United Methodist Church. She was very interested in theology and studied and taught the Bible throughout her life. Wanda served on the Board of Jarvis College for 12 years and was an active member and served as President of the Gregg County Medical Auxiliary. She enjoyed teaching college age students in Sunday school for many years. Wanda was an accomplished pianist and utilized her musical talents in service to her church, directing numerous children's choirs and teaching music for the Terrific Tuesday's Children's program. She founded the Longview Interfaith Council, was an active member and President of Shakespeare Club, President of Women's Forum, a Hospice volunteer for eleven years, and served on the boards of the Longview Chamber of Commerce and the Longview YMCA. Wanda was very interested in travel and always ready to go! She started her own travel agency, Welcome Aboard Travel, at age 50, describing herself as a "late bloomer". As a certified travel consultant, she enjoyed traveling throughout the world. An avid learner, Wanda received her Master's Degree in Liberal Arts from Southern



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Methodist University in her late 60's.

Wanda was a vivacious, outgoing lady who lit up a room and never met a stranger. She simply loved people. She leaves a host of us who will miss her greatly.

In addition to her beloved husband, Henry, she was an adoring mother to Anne McGrede Ashcroft and her daughter, Kaye Lynn McGrede who preceded her in death. She was the best "MeMommy" ever to her two granddaughters, Ashley Ashcroft and Alexandra Ashcroft Crawley. She was so proud of her son-in-law, Benjamin Franklin Ashcroft and grandsons-in-law, James Anthony Kingham and William Eiland Crawley. Wanda will also be fondly remembered and missed by other close family and many dear friends.

Wanda's family wishes to thank all of those who have supported us through this journey with a special Thank you to Dr. Julian Deese for his attentive and expert care along with the other amazing physicians, nurses, and support staff of Good Shepherd Medical Center for the compassionate, respectful, and quality care they provided. Heartfelt appreciation is also extended to First United Methodist church and Heartsway Hospice, who provided care in her last days.

The family request memorials in Wanda's memory be made to the First United Methodist of Longview, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, or to the charity of your choice.



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Uncle Henry and your family,I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Wanda. You were so sweet to greet me at the church after June and Neil's service. Wanda was a great hostess to us during our visit to your house. My chance to meet McGrede's. I am sorry that I was not there for the service. My prayers are with each of you as you travel through the days ahead. Kaye Lynn and her mother are rejoined. God hugs us tightly whenever we need it.With love to you all,Mary M. Martinez, California###imported-begin###Mary M. Martinez###imported-end##

September 19 at 6:32 AM



Anonymous posted:

Henry & Anne I am saddened by the loss of wife and mother. She was a delight to know and was always such supporter of others when in need. She a a great lady!James White###imported-begin###James White###imported-end##

September 19 at 6:32 AM



Anonymous posted:

Anne, I am so sorry to hear about your mother. She was a very special lady and a joy to be with. Love and prayers are with you and your family. Kennie Sparks Neal###imported-begin###Kennie Sparks Neal###imported-end##

September 19 at 6:32 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Henry and Anne,We were saddened to learn about Wanda. She was loved by all. So vibrant and fun to be with all the time. So our hearts go out to you in understanding sympathy and are praying that the Lord keep His loving arms tightly around you and yours at this difficult time. Wish we were in Texas right now to give you a big hug. Hopefully we will get to see you when we get home in Sept.Love and prayers, Sister and Bill Payne###imported-begin###Clara Payne###imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Lifting you and your family up in love and prayer. Even during your illness you could light up the room! It was a pleasure and honor to visit with you and your family. The room was always filled with such an obvious love and affection between all of you. Diana Brewer##imported-begin##Diana Brewer##imported-end##

September 19 at 6:32 AM



Anonymous posted:

The McCrede Family, I was so saddened to hear of your loss. It was my pleasure to have the opportunity to come to know you all and please know that my heart aches with you. It was a blessing to meet her and she will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Tanya Dumas##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Dr McCrede and family We were sad to hear about Mrs. McCrede. We love you all and we are keeping you in our prayers. God is so good and I know he is looking over you all and Blessing you all. Mrs. McCrede was such a special lady and we all loved her and all of you so much. Constantly in our prayers Erma Richardson and the kids##imported-begin##Erma Richardson##imported-end##

September 19 at 6:32 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dr. McCrede and family, So sad to see you have lost Wanda. She made great contributions to her community and the lake community....she was a great lady. I have very fond memories of meeting her for the first time at the old Reservation Club. Hold your memories close, she will always be with you in spirit. Fond memories and sympathy, Nell Raper Boren##imported-begin##Nell Raper Boren##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

What an amazing woman! We met Wanda at her granddaughter Alex's wedding and were struck by Wanda's sparkling and welcoming personality. While she will be greatly missed by her family and friends, her legacy will live on. Fondly, Lynne & John Williams parents of Elizabeth Crawley###imported-begin###Lynne & John Williams###imported-end###

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Anonymous posted:

Wanda was one of the sweetest and most interesting ladies I have ever met. I will miss her greatly. She was always full of life. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.Stacy Mayo Master Travel.###imported-begin###Stacy Mayo w/ Master Travel###imported-end###

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Anonymous posted:

A special person and distant relative, she will be missed.Ann and Pack Killingsworth###imported-begin###Pack Killingsworth###imported-end###

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Anonymous posted:

Dr. McGrede, Anne, and family,We were so sad to learn of Mrs. McGrede's passing. She was a beautiful lady with a beautiful heart. Longview has lost one of its' finest. Our prayers are with you all.Our love,Sherry Beall Molpus Richard Molpus###imported-begin###Sherry Beall Molpus###imported-end###

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Anonymous posted:

We were lucky to become friends with Â Memommy through her granddaughter, Alex. What an amazing person she was with her bubbly, outgoing personality. We can only hope to live our lives as fully as she has. It is evident from knowing her and reading about her how many lives she has touched. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this very difficult time. Love, Elizabeth and Rob Crawley###imported-begin###Elizabeth and Rob Crawley###imported-end###

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Anne, Gary and I were saddened to hear of your mother's death. Please know that you and yours are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Molly Mason Hering##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Dear Ones, What a wonderful lady and friend Wanda was to us. We treasure our times with her in Bible Study classes. Her love touched our lives as well as her knowledge and kindness. You are in our prayers!Brenda and Michael Liverman##imported-begin##Brenda and Michael Liverman##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Dr. McCrede and Family, my heart broke when I saw my beloved friend's obituary. I know God will comfort you and your family in your time of sorrow. Mrs. McCrede had one of the most beautiful and kind spirits I have ever known. She touched my life in so many ways. I will always love you both. Pearlina Bell##imported-begin##Pearlina Bell##imported-end##

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July 23 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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