



Melica/Mellissa McKibbens

January 4, 1965 - February 21, 2026

Melica McKibbens, 61, transitioned from this earthly life into eternity on Saturday, February 21, 2026. She was born on January 4, 1965, in Rome, Georgia.

A devoted mother and cherished grandmother, she will always be remembered for her kind heart, gentle spirit, and unwavering love for her family. She had a special way of making everyone feel welcome, offering warmth, wisdom, and comfort to those around her. Her greatest joy in life was caring for her children and grandchildren, filling their lives with laughter, guidance, and unconditional love. Her legacy lives on in the family she nurtured, the kindness she shared, and the countless memories that will forever be held close in the hearts of those who loved her.

Melica leaves to cherish her memories her sons, Timothy McKibbens and Julius Nichols; daughter, Hadassah McKinney; her parents Curtis and Ruby Nichols; and 4 grandchildren.

Melica will lie-in-state on Sunday, March 8, 2026, at 10 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 12:00 noon in the Chapel. Burial on Monday, March 9, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in Highland Memorial Gardens.

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

MAR 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

Funeral Service

MAR 8. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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3417 Wilcox Boulevard
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Burial

MAR 9. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Highland Memorial Gardens Cemetery
2116-2124 Shepherd Road
Chattanooga, TN 37421

Tribute Wall



“ Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the passing of Melissa. I had the honor of working with her, and she will truly be remembered. My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this very difficult time. I am praying that God surrounds you all with His comfort, strength, and peace. May the love and memories you shared with Melissa bring you comfort in the days ahead. 🙏

Shwanna Heard - March 11 at 11:05 PM



“ Lit a candle in memory of Melissa McKibbens. I have fond memories of working with Melissa at TN Department of Human Services.

Phyllis Fleming - March 10 at 08:03 PM



“ I love you 💜💜💜💜💜💜 auntie neicy you will truly be missed down here with us tell Uncle Tim hello and big mama as well to we meet again go ahead and get your rest now I'm going really miss talking to you on the phone 😞

Christina Mack - March 08 at 09:55 PM

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“ *Starlyn M Howard lit a candle in memory of Melica/Mellissa McKibbens*



Starlyn M Howard - March 05 at 07:15 PM



“ *So sorry to hear this!!!! Until we meet again classmate!!!*

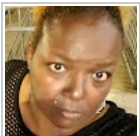
Wynetta McLean - March 03 at 11:46 PM

Ira Edmonds

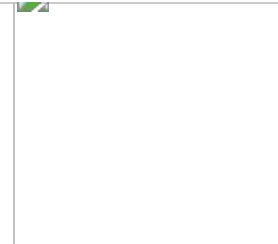
“ *I will always love you and miss you auntie so very much.*



Ira Edmonds - March 03 at 04:39 PM



“ *Melissa I'm just lost for words. This hurts so bad. She's my sister from another mother. I'm going to miss her so much. Truly gone to soon*



Lovely P - February 25 at 07:17 PM

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“ In ninth grade, Melisa and I sang together in the chorus and were scheduled to perform in the talent show. However, she was absent on the day of the event, and I performed the song solo. When she returned to school, she mentioned her anxiety about the situation. I told her that informing me beforehand would have been beneficial. We maintained a lighthearted perspective on the incident and would joke about it whenever we saw each other. Melisa was a kind and soft-spoken individual who will be remembered fondly. My condolences go out to her family, friends, and classmates.

Lous Luster - February 24 at 05:25 PM



“ Melicia Was the sweetest and most fun Loving co-worker to have we shared so many moments and had some very rewarding conversations. The last time I heard your voice you told me you would be alright and now I understand what you really meant rest well sweetheart.

Angela Fletcher - February 24 at 09:39 AM