

Laura Ellen Bell, our beloved mother, loving grandmother, award winning singer, passed away in San Antonio, Texas, on March 23, 2021. Mom was born July 14, 1954 in San Antonio, Texas. She went to Douglas MacArthur High School and was in the band, played the flute and Piccolo, sang in the choir and was a baton twirler.



After high school mom moved to San Diego, California, where she got married and had her daughter, Melissa Rainbow.

We moved to Portland, Oregon, where Mom helped start a Battered Women's Shelter, which is still active today.



Mom was involved in theatre, which led to a female quartet that performed locally in Portland. Later, she had her son, Nathan Daniel.



In 1981 we moved to Baltimore, Maryland, where mom became a part of a jazz band, which performed on Tuesday nights at Bertha's Mussels in Fells Point. This was the beginning of her singing career.



Mom then started several bands, the first of which was called "Laura Bell & The Blue Glass Band". She then started a trio called "Laura Bell Band" and they travelled to local beaches singing in cafe's.

Mom was determined to be a professional musician and she worked with many well-known artists. We moved back to San Antonio, Texas, where mom started a band called "Laura Bell & The Blue Aces". During this time mom and her husband, Bique Ramirez and friend, Larry Hunt founded the San Antonio Blues Society, who were the original founding members in 1990.

In 1994 mom was nominated for Action Magazines "Female Vocalist of the Year", and won. She continued to perform locally and throughout the states. In 2012 she released a CD, titled "Laura Bell and the Blue Aces".



Mom had a strong passion for animals. Which led to her having a Border Collie rescue in Bulverde, Texas.



Mom, you were an amazing mother to us. We lost you too soon. You made us strong individuals and we are forever grateful. Your memory will continue to live within us. I know you are in heaven with Jesus. We love you and will miss you every single day. You will be missed by numerous friends and loved ones.

A Memorial Service will be held at RCCG Salvation Center, 5711 Mobud St. in San Antonio, at Bandera & 410 outside the loop, on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 3PM. Flowers and donations can be sent to RCCG Salvation Center in Laura Bell's name.