



Anna Elizabeth Hodgkins

January 7, 1941 - August 14, 2025

Anna Elizabeth (Perry) Hodgkins passed peacefully from this world on Thursday, August 14, 2025, after a short bout with cancer. The family will hold a private memorial service on Saturday, September 13, 2025, at the Lexington Cemetery in Lexington, Texas.

Born on January 7, 1941, to I. Alph Perry and Inda (Bownds) Perry, Anna grew up near Lexington, Texas, in the close-knit community of extended family dubbed Perryville. After graduating from Lexington High School in 1959, she moved to Austin, Texas, where she graduated from Durham Business College and worked at the State Capitol.

In Austin, she met Richard “Dick” Chandler Hodgkins, Sr. and married him in August 1965, joining his family that included daughter Valerie and son Rick. In 1972, Anna delivered their youngest son, Christopher.

Anna was an excellent cook who never shied away from the complicated recipes she found in “Mastering the Art of French Cooking,” “The Joy of Cooking,” or any of the other cookbooks in her expansive collection. She was a music lover, an avid reader, and an accomplished seamstress, who also enjoyed handwork including crewel, needlepoint and knitting. She and Dick embraced Austin’s unique 1970s culture, attending concerts including the early Willie Nelson Picnics, making wine in their home, and even building a plane that they piloted at the fly-in in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Later in life, Anna rejoined the workforce, becoming a medical records specialist at the Austin Diagnostics Clinic. Upon her retirement, she returned to Lexington, where she joined First United Methodist Church, the church of her childhood, the Lexington Garden Club, and the Lexington Lions Club.

She is survived by her son Christopher "Chris" Harold Hodgkins and his children Arawn Shae Hodgkins, Gwydleon Ronain Hodgkins, Anna Maureen Hodgkins, and Braeden Darius Hodgkins, and step-daughters Geneva Paris Abbott and Phoenix Elizabeth Taylor, all of Iowa; her daughter-by-choice Valerie Austyn Patrick and her children Allison Joanna Austyn Patrick and Tom Patrick and wife Carmen Alonso Patrick, all of Austin, as well as her sister Annette (Perry) Woodward of Lexington and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her brother Alph E. Perry and his wife Nancy (Hardy) Perry, her brother-in-law R.J. "Jamie" Woodward, her in-laws Harold "Red" Horace and Eleanor Chandler Hodgkins, her son-by-choice Richard "Rick" Chandler Hodgkins, Jr., daughter-in-law Sarra Elisabeth Abbott, and her son-in-law-by-choice Allen Dwight Patrick.

The family expresses its heartfelt gratitude to the compassionate professionals at Copperas Hollow Assisted Living, Brenham Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, and Hospice Brazos Valley who cared for Anna during her last days.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent to Hospice Brazos Valley or the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Lexington Cemetery

5900 County Road 326
Lexington, TX 78947

Previous Events

memorial Graveside

SEP **13** (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *She also had two grandchildren from Rick, Nikki and Brittany, and a great granddaughter, Lagan...but I guess it was too much for this family to recognize us in death as much as it was in life.*

Nikki Blackburn - January 08 at 12:06 PM