



Nancy Hardy Perry

November 13, 1935 - August 24, 2021

Nancy Hardy Perry, age 85, beloved mother, grandmother, sister, wife and friend passed away peacefully at home in Lexington, Texas on the morning of August 24, 2021 surrounded by her children, following a long illness.

Born to Rudolph “Jack” & Elsie (Hitchcock) Hardy on November 13, 1935 in Houston, Texas, Nancy’s family heritage is woven into the fabric of Lexington’s origins with ancestors who date back to the 1800s. The family, with the addition of a sister, Sondra, moved to Lexington in 1946, when Nancy was in 7th grade. Nancy graduated from Lexington High School, where she was a majorette. After graduation Nancy attended Tulsa Business College in Tulsa, OK. She began working in the clerical pool in July 1954 at Industrial Generating Company. She fervently enjoyed working with her many colleagues, retiring as Purchasing Manager after nearly 40 years with the company.

She married her highschool sweetheart, Alph E. Perry, August 27, 1956. They made their home three miles outside the city of Lexington on a stretch of string prairie referred to as “Perryville” where they were neighbored by generations of Perrys, and grazing livestock. In the early 1960s, their family was completed with a daughter, Lynne and a son, Rick, where they enjoyed life out in the country.

A consummate people-person, Nancy was always at the center of happenings in Lexington and at her church, First Baptist. A long-time volunteer and civic organizer twice awarded Citizen of the Year, as well as Best Community Volunteer, Nancy was a catalyst and central figure around town. She was a stalwart serving on numerous organizations throughout her lifetime, including the Lexington Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Committee, Lee County Historical Commission, Lexington Homecoming Committee, Lexington Park Association, Cemetery Association and for nearly 50 years as FBC church secretary, until very recently.

Following the death of her husband Alph in 1998, Nancy moved from string prairie to downtown Lexington where she has lived happily close to the center of town. She was active and cherished time with her friends in the Red Hats, at Senior Citizens, and her Sunday School class. She volunteered for special events like Vacation Bible School and fundraising for many Fourth of July fireworks displays in the park. She shared regular dinners, game nights, arts and travel excursions. An enthusiastic, life-long Lexington Eagle fan, Nancy adored cheering in the stands for hundreds of games. She was a bonafide sports fan and did her best to make it courtside as often as she could, even when her mobility became challenging.

Nancy had the great fortune to be surrounded by an amazing supportive circle of friends and neighbors who were like family to her. They often helped with errands, accompanied and lovingly supported her throughout the years.

The light of Nancy's life was her family, her children, and especially her grandchildren. She adored and celebrated them, helped cuddle them as babies, hollered in the bleachers at their sporting events, traveled often to share holidays and birthdays, treated them to countless scoops of Blue Bell, beamed with pride at their wedding, graduations, recitals and rock concerts. As their Nana, she was an everlasting source of encouragement, support and

love.

Nancy is preceded in death by her parents, Jack Hardy and Elsie Hardy, and her husband, Alph E. Perry.

She is survived by her daughter, Lynne Perry Kincaid of Austin, son, David Richard "Rick" Perry and daughter in-law, Christy (Buetow) Perry of Lexington, sister, Sondra (Hardy) Alley and husband Sherrill Alley of Austin, grandchildren, Brooke (Perry) Schulz and husband Lance Schulz of Huntsville, Peri Kincaid of Austin, Colton Kincaid of Austin, Sam Perry of Lexington, sisters-in-law, Anna Hodgkins, Annette Woodward of Lexington, and five nieces and nephews.

In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic, a viewing is not planned. An upcoming memorial celebration of life is being planned for the fall and will be published here when details are finalized.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorials be made to First Baptist Church of Lexington for Prospect Cemetery: 979.773.2633.

Tribute Wall

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Lynne Perry - June 06, 2022 at 08:22 PM

JH

“ We will miss Miss Nancy she always had a smile on her face and willing to help where needed. So sorry for your loss and ours. Jeff & Melody Hooper

Jeff and Melody Hooper - September 09, 2021 at 12:11 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Nancy Hardy Perry.



September 02, 2021 at 09:48 AM

Fay
Birnbaum

“ Sweet miss Nancy; I so enjoyed her insight and enthusiasm! She truly loved Lexington and the every person in it! She will be sincerely missed! God bless the family as they have lost their beautiful matriarch!

Fay Birnbaum - August 27, 2021 at 10:38 PM

TF

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Perry family.*

tammy (pierce) franklin - August 27, 2021 at 09:50 PM

NJ

Condolences to the family.

Nancy (Clopton) Japhet - September 01, 2021 at 11:40 AM

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Lynne - August 27, 2021 at 01:12 AM

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Lynne Perry - August 27, 2021 at 01:06 AM

CY

“ *Sincere condolences to family and friends. A beautiful lady inside and out who lived life to the fullest. She will be missed.*

Love, Cheryl Friedrich Iselt Sanders

Cheryl Sanders y - August 26, 2021 at 08:06 PM





“ Nancy was an outstanding professional and a great lady. I was blessed to have her as a friend and co-worker.

Gregg

Gregg Burdette - August 26, 2021 at 07:18 PM

ST

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Nancy's passing. I will always think of her beautiful smile.

Our sympathy is with her family and her many friends.

Owen and Samye Reat Turner

Samye Turner - August 26, 2021 at 05:07 PM

EL

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Nancy's passing. She and my Mom, Eleanor Luckey, we're great friends. They worked together at IGC for many years. I remember Mom talking about Nancy throughout my adult and childhood. My Mom passed a few years back. Now they can visit again in heaven.

Ellen Luckey - August 26, 2021 at 01:44 PM

SU

So sorry to hear of Nancy going to be with our Lord. She was a special lady and I remember her being there for everyone. May God rest her soul and may peace and joy be with her family.

Susie Urban - August 27, 2021 at 12:23 PM

CH

Nancy was my Primary and Intermediate Sunday School teacher at Lexington Baptist Church when I was a pre-teen and teenager. She was always such a warm and cheerful person and even when serious there was a bit of a twinkle of humor in her eyes. When I returned to Lexington for visits with family and ran into Nancy she always recognized me and wanted to hear about my life. I often joked with her that her shade of 'Orange Flip' lipstick was the first lipstick I ever bought. Since I moved back to Lexington at the beginning of Covid, she is one of the people I was looking forward to seeing and renewing my acquaintance with, but as we sheltered in place, I failed to reach out. I will regret that more than I can say. She was a bright light in my memories of Lexington. I will miss her.

Claire Hart-Palumbo - August 28, 2021 at 08:56 AM