



Annyce Irene Rhodes

July 24, 1946 - April 17, 2026

In the early hours of April 17, 2026, Annyce Rhodes, age 79, went from sleeping beside the man she loved for over 65 years to opening her eyes, taking the hand of Jesus and entering the gates of heaven.

Annyce Irene Burnam was born on July 24, 1946 in Lubbock, Texas to Wade and Rubye (Arnold) Burnam, weighing a whopping 6lbs 1oz and 18 inches long. She may have been small but her voice was fierce! Annyce attended McWhorter Elementary and Matthews Junior High before graduating from Lubbock High School in 1964.

Annyce met Robby Rhodes, the love of her life, when they were both children at Pioneer Park Church of Christ in Lubbock. The story goes that one Sunday, 12 year old Annyce and her friends seated themselves in a pew in front of Robby and his friends. Robby said he saw her and heard a voice say, "You're going to marry her someday!" They married on July 30th, 1965, at Pioneer Park and spent over 60 happy years together.

In 1966, Annyce graduated from Lubbock Christian College with an Associates Degree in the Applied Arts. She went on to earn a B.S. in Accounting from Texas Tech University, graduating Summa Cum Laude in 1972. After spending time as a stay-at-home mom, Annyce earned her teaching certificate from LCC. She taught English and sponsored

cheerleading at Lubbock Christian High School before becoming a librarian at Lubbock Christian University. She retired from LCU in 2011.

Annyce loved singing and was gifted with a beautiful soprano voice. She sang in the LCC Meistersinger Chorus under the direction of Brother Charles Cox, in the Hallelujah Chorus under the direction of Dr. Wayne Hinds, and for a countless number of weddings and funerals. She also loved baking, decorating cakes, and sewing. Annyce was an avid sports fan. She loved the Red Raiders, Dallas Cowboys, and Texas Rangers. The Rangers could have won every world series if they had only listened to Annyce and her advice she offered from her recliner!

Preceding her in death were her parents, Wade and Rubye Burnam; her in-laws, Hubert and Ima Dee Rhodes; and many other family members and friends.

Those left to cherish her memory are her adoring husband of over 60 years, Robby; her favorite 4 legged child, Honey; daughter Mondie Williams (Kevin); sons Doug Rhodes (Becky) and Clint Rhodes (Stephanie); 7 grandchildren: Markayla Howell (Caleb), Marlyssa Boucher, Dawson Rhodes, Kellin Rhodes, Hannah Rhodes, Brennon Rhodes and Rylan Rhodes; great-grandchildren Jace, Erin, and Micah Howell; her brother, Marc Burnam; and many additional family members and countless friends.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, April 23rd from 5:30 - 7pm at Sanders Funeral Home, 1420 Main Street.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to the Haven Animal Care Shelter or a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Resthaven Memorial Park

5740 West 19th Street
Lubbock, TX 79416

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **23**. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sanders Funeral Home
1420 Main Street
Lubbock, TX 79401
(806) 763-6433
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<https://www.sandersfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

APR **24**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Greenlawn Church of Christ
5701 19th Street
Lubbock, TX 79407

Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Annyce Irene Rhodes



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Such a gorgeous and beautiful tribute to your sweet mother " Mrs. Rhodes " Absolutely lovely

Irene Duarte - April 28 at 12:15 PM



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“ Several years back I led a table discussion during a portion of the Spring quarter of our regular Tuesday morning ladies' Bible study. I had the great privilege of having my Sweet Purple Lady (that's how I put Annyce's name in my contacts when I first met her 😊) as a member at my table. Since the theme of the discussion was over a book regarding the storms of life, Annyce brought us all a copy of the song, "Eye of the Storm", and we gladly sang it. After that, whenever I heard that song I would send her a "💕" as well as a "🎵" and she always responded. ☐ Now, I'm guessing she will send a sign of some sorts whenever we both hear it. I'm so very grateful and blessed to have been her Christ-blood sibling. 🙌

Kara Fulcher - April 21 at 07:09 PM



I just love her and Robby and family. She was a faithful Christian who prayed faithfully for her family. She was kind but also let you know if you were out of line. Her love for the Lord was enormous. Her laugh I loved and I love her family but most of all her faith in the Lord. You've gone home but we will miss you down here. Hugs till I see you someday with the Father. We will take care of your Robby.

Wendy Kerr - April 23 at 03:03 PM