



Patti Lynn Hodges

June 3, 1957 - June 26, 2025

Patti Lynn Hodges, cherished wife, mother, daughter, grandmother, sister, and friend, peacefully returned to God on June 26, 2025. Born on June 3, 1957, in El Campo, Texas, Patti was a lifelong resident of the community she loved. Her life reflected deep love, faithful service, and unwavering devotion to her family, friends, and students.

Patti was the daughter of Willard & LaVonne Bergstrom. She graduated from El Campo High School in 1975, where she was a Derby Doll on the Dance Team. After high school, Patti went on to earn a Bachelor of Science from The University of Houston and a Master of Education from Prairie View A&M University.

On July 31, 1976, she married the love of her life, Billy Hodges, and together they built a family and a life filled with love and joy. Patti was the proud mother of Tara Hodges of El Campo, Texas, and Heather Hodges Dybala (Jared) of Frisco, Texas, and the loving grandmother of Scarlett & Vivienne Dybala. Patti's family was everything to her, and she cherished every moment spent with them.

Patti dedicated many years of her life to serving others through her work as a high school biology and chemistry teacher and guidance counselor. Known for her boundless energy and unwavering support, she touched the lives of

countless students, whom she mentored through both academic challenges and personal growth. To her students and co-workers, Patti was simply “the best teacher ever.”

Her love for helping others extended beyond the classroom, as she volunteered in the Methodist Youth Fellowship and served as secretary for Patriots and Heroes Outdoors. Patti grew up in and raised her children in the Methodist Church in El Campo, where she was actively involved in many church activities including the Emmaus community and spent time chaperoning church camps and events for MYF. Most recently, she attended First Baptist Church of El Campo.

Known for her signature smile, sweet voice, kindness, and unwavering positivity, Patti was a fiery redhead who was affectionately known as “Red” by her husband, Billy. Together, they were lovingly referred to as “Billy and Red.” Her grandchildren also called her “MeMe Red.” Patti’s servant’s heart and desire to make everyone feel welcome and cared for was evident in everything she did. Her generosity, warmth, and genuine care for others made her a beacon of light to all who knew her.

Patti was also an avid traveler, taking multiple trips to Europe and enjoying Alaskan cruises with friends. She loved spending time with her family, often going on road trips to places like Florida, Colorado, and the Gulf Coast where she enjoyed fishing with Billy. She cherished her time spent with friends, whether on shopping excursions or enjoying Zumba classes and long walks together. Holidays were a special time for Patti. Growing up she spent this time with her parents, sisters and many cousins whom she loved so much. She was known for her festive spirit and dedication to making Christmas and birthdays unforgettable for her loved ones. Her girls remember their “magical” childhood memories as nonstop slumber parties, swimming and their mom’s endless supply of snacks, which brought comfort and joy to everyone who

gathered in their home.

She is survived by her husband, Billy Hodges; her children, Tara Hodges and Heather Hodges Dybala (Jared); her granddaughters, Scarlett & Vivienne Dybala; her father, Willard Bergstrom; her sisters, Vanessa Kunefke (Leonard) and Bonnie Walker (Mike); her brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, David & DeAnne Hodges, Barry & Sherry Hodges, and Greg Hodges; and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family members who loved her dearly.

Patti was preceded in death by her beloved mother, LaVonne Nygard Bergstrom.

A service celebrating Patti's life will be held at First Methodist Church in El Campo, on Tuesday, July 01, 2025 at 2:00 PM. The family will hold a visitation one hour prior to the funeral at 1:00 PM at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Patti's honor to the Alzheimer's Association, Houston Hospice or Patriots and Heroes Outdoors, three causes that were near and dear to her heart.

Honorary Pallbearers are her nieces and nephews: Brent Kunefke, Kristin Irish, Dylan Walker, Mallory Walker, Matt Hodges, Lori Hodges, Blake Hodges, Brian Hodges, Blair Fletcher, Jes Stautzenberger, and Tammy Gonzales, along with their spouses and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

Patti's legacy of love, kindness, and service to others will live on in the countless lives she touched. She will be deeply missed, but her memory will be cherished forever.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Methodist Church
1001 Avenue I
El Campo, TX 77437

Celebration of Life Memorial Service

JUL 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Methodist Church
1001 Avenue I
El Campo, TX 77437

Tribute Wall

LM

“ I have many fond memories of Patti over the years....birthday parties, church events spending time with the cousins and in our adult years, working on church projects together. Patti 's faith was evident throughout her life. Her bubbly personality and bright smile brought joy to everyone around her.
May you find peace and comfort through God 's word in your time of sorrow 🙏
Lora Shult Mount

Lora Mount - July 07, 2025 at 10:57 PM

LM

“ Lit a candle in memory of Patti Hodges. Lora and Glenn Mount



Lora Mount - July 07, 2025 at 10:45 PM

RM

“ Richard M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patti Lynn Hodges.

Richard M. - July 03, 2025 at 02:51 AM



“ A grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patti Lynn Hodges.

July 02, 2025 at 10:02 AM

AL

“ I was blessed to have known Patti 😔
The sweetest, soft spoken, kindest friend I had ever worked with.
Heaven is blessed to have you now 🙏

Anna M. Lopez - July 01, 2025 at 05:48 PM

VQ

“ So sorry for your loss! Please know Billy your family are in my thoughts & prayers! God bless you & your loved ones! RIP Patti ☐! She will be dearly missed by everyone who knew & loved her! Vicky Blair Ustynik Quijas



Vicky Quijas - July 01, 2025 at 04:46 PM

VQ

“ Vicky Quijas lit a candle in memory of Patti Lynn Hodges



Vicky Quijas - July 01, 2025 at 04:17 PM

RF

“ Prayers for the family. Such a caring and great councilor for so many students.

Ray Janak family - July 01, 2025 at 09:25 AM

JS

“ Julie Strnadel sent a virtual gift in memory of Patti Lynn Hodges



Julie Strnadel - June 30, 2025 at 11:41 PM

DP

“ Forever in my heart sweet friend!



Diana Prihoda - June 30, 2025 at 07:54 PM

LF

“ Love, The ABC Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Patti Lynn Hodges.



Love, The ABC Family - June 30, 2025 at 03:02 PM

GM

“ Ginger McMasters lit a candle in memory of Patti Lynn Hodges



Ginger McMasters - June 30, 2025 at 12:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Patti Lynn Hodges.*



June 30, 2025 at 09:22 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patti Lynn Hodges.

June 30, 2025 at 09:22 AM



“ *Thoughts and prayers to the Hodges family*



James & Shirley McMahan - June 29, 2025 at 08:09 PM



“ *Kathy Biskup lit a candle in memory of Patti Lynn Hodges*



Kathy Biskup - June 29, 2025 at 07:58 PM



Very great teacher and friend. I remember her in high school and she always had a smile and friendly. Let her rest in peace!!! 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Kathy Biskup - June 29, 2025 at 08:00 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Patti Lynn Hodges.



June 29, 2025 at 07:40 PM



“ So many wonderful memories of Patti—her sweet nature and beautiful smile. I enjoyed the times we worked together at Patriots and Heroes events as well as fire department functions. Rest in Peace sweet friend.

Kathleen Appling - June 29, 2025 at 07:27 PM



“ What a wonderful life Patty had and shared with so many. I was blessed to call her my friend. She has left a lasting beautiful legacy for her family and friends to remember. The angels are singing as Patty arrives thru Heaven's gate. I wish and pray for the family peace and comfort this day.
Toodie Brady

Maureen Brady - June 29, 2025 at 01:17 PM



“ Kevin Harvey & Tim Harvey purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Patti Lynn Hodges.



Kevin Harvey & Tim Harvey - June 29, 2025 at 10:46 AM

KH

“ Kevin Harvey & Tim Harvey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patti Lynn Hodges.

Kevin Harvey & Tim Harvey - June 29, 2025 at 10:46 AM

LM

“ Lu Clair Matzke lit a candle in memory of Patti Lynn Hodges



Lu Clair Matzke - June 28, 2025 at 10:35 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Patti Lynn Hodges.



June 28, 2025 at 07:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patti Lynn Hodges.

June 28, 2025 at 07:49 PM

JW

“ Sending love and strength to Patti's family. She was such a vibrant, positive and sweet person. Her obituary was a beautiful tribute to a special woman. Warm regards, Janie Wilson and Paul Smith

Janie L Wilson - June 28, 2025 at 07:43 PM

AB

“ Dear family of Patti, our prayers are with your family. Patti's faith was strong and her belief in our Lord Jesus Christ was infectious. Treasure your memories of your beloved Patti, she will always live in those memories edged deep in your hearts. Enjoy life in her honor as she did in life. May she rest in peace and may the perpetual light shine upon her. In Christ Jesus Augie & Terri Beltran



Augie & Terri Beltran - June 28, 2025 at 06:32 PM

EC

“ I have so many great memories with Billy and Patti. Patti had the biggest heart and most beautiful personality. My deepest condolences for all her family and friends. Sending lots of hugs and prayers for peace.



Elaine Concklin - June 28, 2025 at 02:59 PM

HD

“ Helen Dolezal lit a candle in memory of Patti Lynn Hodges



Helen Dolezal - June 28, 2025 at 11:46 AM

PM

“ We’re so sorry to hear about Patti. We know how much her smile brightened everyone’s day. Our thoughts and prayers 🙏 are with you all . Pat & Terry Martin

Pat Martin - June 28, 2025 at 10:59 AM

MS

“ Martin Strarup lit a candle in memory of Patti Lynn Hodges



Martin Strarup - June 28, 2025 at 09:04 AM

DP

“ Diana Prihoda lit a candle in memory of Patti Lynn Hodges



Diana Prihoda - June 28, 2025 at 02:34 AM

JK

“ Patti was the always so sweet and cheerful! Never at loss for words! Words of caring and kindness. And a big smile to match!



Janice Korenek - June 27, 2025 at 09:35 PM

FB

“ *FRANK & BILLIE BECAK lit a candle in memory of Patti Lynn Hodges*



FRANK & BILLIE BECAK - June 27, 2025 at 08:53 PM

KA

“ *Miss you patti
Thinking about the family*



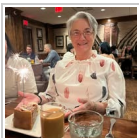
kari - June 27, 2025 at 08:08 PM

NR

“ *Norma Robinson lit a candle in memory of Patti Lynn Hodges*



Norma Robinson - June 27, 2025 at 06:54 PM



“ *Leslie Schroder lit a candle in memory of Patti Lynn Hodges*



Leslie Schroder - June 27, 2025 at 06:16 PM

AM

“ *My condolences to the family at this difficult time.*



Andrea McCann - June 27, 2025 at 05:20 PM

SD

“ *Sandra Diehl lit a candle in memory of Patti Lynn Hodges*



Sandra Diehl - June 27, 2025 at 04:56 PM

DS

“ *David & Charlene Linhart Smith lit a candle in memory of Patti Lynn Hodges*



David & Charlene Linhart Smith - June 27, 2025 at 04:37 PM

SC

“ *Billy, Tara, Heather and all the family, you have my heartfelt sympathy at this difficult time. Patti and I were classmates and in Derby Dolls together. She was a dear, sweet person and a joy to be around. I hope memories of happier times will be with you always. I pray the Lord will grant you His loving comfort. Rest in peace, sweet Patti.*



Sandra Cranek - June 27, 2025 at 04:29 PM

CB

“ *Charlene Kulcak Borak lit a candle in memory of Patti Lynn Hodges*



Charlene Kulcak Borak - June 27, 2025 at 04:05 PM

KH

“ *Our deepest sympathy. Prayers for comfort and peace.*
Kathy & Larry HLAVATY



Kathy and Larry Hlavaty - June 27, 2025 at 04:02 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patti Lynn Hodges.*



June 27, 2025 at 03:45 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patti Lynn Hodges.*

June 27, 2025 at 03:45 PM

EC

“ *Elaine And Chuck Cook lit a candle in memory of Patti Lynn Hodges*



Elaine and Chuck Cook - June 27, 2025 at 03:42 PM

LS

“ *Liz Staff lit a candle in memory of Patti Lynn Hodges*



Liz Staff - June 27, 2025 at 03:00 PM

RJ

“ *Prayers for Patti's family. RIP sweet Patti.*



Rae Ann Johnson - June 27, 2025 at 02:49 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Patti, David and their family.*

Darrell Keller - June 27, 2025 at 02:41 PM

PD

“ *Patricia DYBALA lit a candle in memory of Patti Lynn Hodges*



Patricia DYBALA - June 27, 2025 at 02:03 PM

JD

Our condolences to the families .Patti was a sweet nice person inside and out

Joe & Rose Davila - June 27, 2025 at 03:03 PM

AA

Rest in peace Patti and my prayers and condolences to her family 🙏. She was such a beautiful sweet person always with that smile on her face. God give comfort , love and peace to her family. I will miss you ❤️

Angie Arismendez - June 28, 2025 at 12:20 PM