



Daniel Dotson Hodges

November 10, 1952 - October 3, 2024

Daniel Dotson Hodges, beloved husband, father, Papa, brother, "birdman", and friend to many, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on October 3, 2024 after a brief illness. Daniel loved quietly, but deeply, making all who knew him feel seen, valued, and included. He will be profoundly missed by all who had the privilege to know him.

Daniel was born on November 10, 1952 in Lampasas, Texas to John Mitchell and Lottie (Schick) Hodges, graduating from Lampasas High School in 1971. After working parttime at Terry Pharmacy in Lampasas beginning at age 16, Daniel decided to make pharmacy his profession. He earned his pharmacy degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1976, and was an active pharmacist until 2023. Daniel, along with Jimbo Sargent, owned and operated Hodges and Sargent Pharmacy in Lampasas until it was sold in 2013, providing professional, caring, and dependable service to the community of Lampasas.

He married his high school sweetheart, Dianna (Wear), on May 30, 1975. They were married for 49 wonderful, adventure-filled years, moving back to Lampasas to raise their family and settle into the community. Two daughters were born from this union, Annah Danielle Hodges and Karen Elizabeth (Hodges) Limmer. Daniel's family meant everything to him.

Daniel, along with his wife Dianna, was intricately involved in the community of Lampasas, always ready to lend a hand, make a donation, or just be there in times of need. Daniel served on the Cooper Spring Nature Park Foundation Board since its inception in 2014. He was an active member of Vision Lampasas; a long-time, active member of the Lions Club; and was voted Masonic Lodge Businessman of the Year. Daniel served as a deacon at the First Street Church of Christ and was an active Benevolence Committee member there.

Fondly known as "Birdman" to friends and family alike, Daniel was a lifelong birder. He was quite involved with local ornithological societies, serving as President of the Texas Ornithological Society, and an active member of the Williamson County Audubon group. He and Dianna took great pleasure traveling the world over in pursuit of birds to add to his Life List. He carried his binoculars wherever he went!

Baseball was another of Daniel's lifelong passions. From attending games around the country, to collecting memorabilia, and sharing his enormous mental file of obscure baseball stats with those around him, Daniel's love of the sport was never in question.

Daniel is survived by his wife, Dianna of Lampasas; daughters Annah Hodges of San Marcos and Karen (Andrew) Limmer of Anchorage, Alaska; brother John E Hodges (Shanea Davis) of Austin; sisters Lucia Hodges of Pflugerville, Christine Hodges of Round Rock, and Rebecca Hodges Turner (Tom) of Newcastle, WA; grandchildren Isabella Tess Lopez, Olivia Lottie Lopez, Henry Hodges Limmer, and William Daniel Limmer; numerous in laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, and more friends than one can count in a lifetime.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be held Monday, October 7, 2024 at 11:00am at the First Street Church of Christ in Lampasas, with minister Kevin Haynes officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery. Pall bearers will be John E Hodges (brother), Andrew Limmer (son-in-law), Tom Turner (brother-in-law), Bernie Koepsel (brother-in-law), Brent Golden, and Greg Smith. David Wear (brother-in-law) will serve as honorary pall bearer.

Memorials may be given to The Cooper Springs Nature Park Foundation or the First Street Church of Christ Benevolence Ministry.

The family deeply appreciates the many prayers, visits, kind words, acts of kindness, and food provided as we process Daniel's untimely death. Your friendship and support mean more than we can express. His passing leaves a Birdman-sized hole in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. We will miss his quick and quirky wit, his kindness, his loyalty, his intelligence, and his quiet but deep love for all of God's creatures.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

First Street Church of Christ

Tribute Wall

DM

“ *In loving memory of Daniel Hodges, a man so dear,
Whose presence touched hearts, brought comfort, and near.
Beloved husband, father, Papa, and friend,
His spirit lives on, though his journey must end.*



*Quietly he loved, with depths unknown,
Making all feel valued, not one felt alone.
From Lampasas, his roots ran deep,
A kind soul, now in eternal sleep.*

*Pharmacist by trade, caring and wise,
Serving the community with compassion that lies.
Driven by love for all of mankind,
Leaving precious memories, forever intertwined.*

*High school romance blossomed true,
With Dianna by his side, his love ever grew.
His daughters brought joy, his family his light,
In his heart, they shone forever bright.*

*"Birdman" they called him, his passion clear,
For feathered friends, he held dear.
Traveling the world, binoculars in hand,
Seeking out birds in every land.*

*Baseball enthusiast, with stats in tow,
Sharing his passion, his love did show.
A man of many talents, gentle and kind,
Leaving his legacy, for all to find.*

*His absence leaves a void, a hole so deep,
Yet memories of him we forever keep.
In our hearts, his spirit will forever reside,
A cherished soul, now soaring wide.*

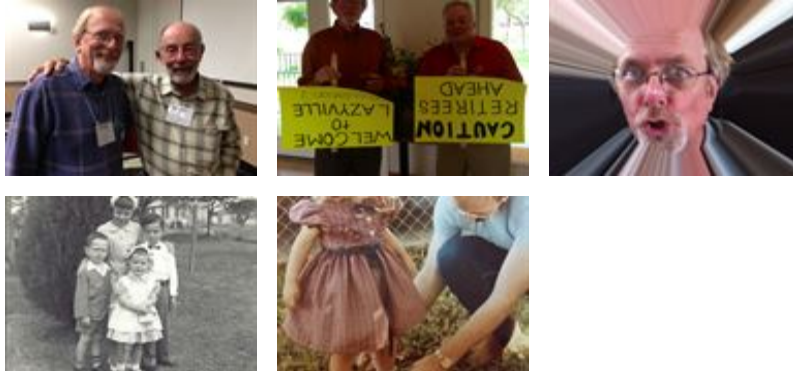
*To the family he cherished, his love multiplied,
May memories of him be a comforting guide.
In the heavens above, he'll watch and wait,
For the ones he loved, his eternal gate.*

*Daniel Hodges, a soul so dear,
In our hearts, forever near.
Rest in peace, dear friend, in God's embrace,
Your memory and love, time can never erase.
-Dr James Mercer*

Dr James Mercer - October 07, 2024 at 12:25 AM



“ 68 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fulton Family Funeral Home - October 06, 2024 at 09:35 PM

JM

“ *Jessie Mercer sent a virtual gift in memory of
Daniel Dotson Hodges*



Jessie Mercer - October 05, 2024 at 10:17 PM

JM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Dianna and the girls. Mr. Hodges was the kindest man with a gentle soul. I pray for peace and comfort for his family and friends.



Jessie Mercer - October 05, 2024 at 10:16 PM

PW

“ Daniel was a great guy. He was always so kind and funny and we are so grateful to have known him all these years. He will be greatly missed by all. Sending love, prayers, and condolences to Dianna and family.

Love, Pam & Robert Willis

Pam Willis - October 05, 2024 at 06:59 PM

LT

“ I'm so very sorry for the great loss of Daniel for us all, and of course particularly for Dianna and the Hodges family. Much love and prayers to you all.

Lori Triba - October 05, 2024 at 05:28 PM

BG

“ Love and prayers to your family.
Barbara Goodwin

Barbara Goodwin - October 05, 2024 at 05:11 PM

TD

“ Tracy Brian and Jack Davis purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Daniel Dotson Hodges.



Tracy Brian and Jack Davis - October 05, 2024 at 12:38 PM

CH

“ Very sorry for your loss. Many thoughts and prayers to your family.

Cara Haynie-Peña - October 05, 2024 at 01:09 AM

SA

“ Daniel was one of the first people I met when I moved here in 1984. He was always such a kind and patient man. I am honored to have known him. My prayers go out to Dianna and the entire family.

SALLY - October 04, 2024 at 08:46 PM

BB

“ So sorry to hear this sad news of friend and former business partner of Jim Sargent . What a wonderful human being for all his customers and friends and the Lampasas community . Thoughts and prayers for Diana and girls and all his friends 🙏🙏 Becky Brown

becky Brown - October 04, 2024 at 08:46 PM

AG

“ "Words can't wipe away your tears. Hugs won't ease the pain, but hold on to your memories. Forever they'll remain" I am so sorry for your loss, he will be greatly missed

Amy Groves-Kirkpatrick - October 04, 2024 at 03:31 PM

JA

*R.I.P. Lifelong friend and co-worker from the early 1970s. You will always be remembered.
John & Shirley Abney*

John & Shirley Abney - October 04, 2024 at 08:21 PM

BS

“ *Bobby Starr purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Daniel Dotson Hodges.*



Bobby Starr - October 04, 2024 at 02:56 PM

JG

“ *My Deepest Condolences To The Hodges Family!*



Joanna Guptill - October 04, 2024 at 02:43 PM