



Annette Dickinson

April 10, 1943 - January 15, 2025

Annette Dickinson (Sherrod) passed away peacefully on Jan. 15 at Region's Hospital in St. Paul, MN after a short illness.

Annette was born April 10, 1943 and grew up in Lubbock, Texas, where she reported she had great fun with her parents and her 2 brothers. As a young adult she took an adventurous leap and moved to Washington DC, where she lived until her retirement in 2005. Annette had a Doctorate in Food Science and Nutrition and worked for many years for the Council for Responsible Nutrition, retiring in 2005 from her then role as CEO. Annette loved Washington DC, and it was there that she met the love of her life, Charlie. They lived a great life together in Washington DC until their retirement when they moved to Minnesota to be closer to family. Annette and Charlie had many great friends and travel adventures together. Sadly, Charlie passed away in 2020 after 51 years of marriage. Annette's devotion to Charlie was evident as she assumed the role of caregiver to Charlie for the last several years of his life.

Annette LOVED books and was in 3 book clubs at the time of her passing, and she loved everything French. She and Charlie enjoyed their trips to Paris and Annette took conversational French for many years at Alliance Francaise. Most important of all to Annette was her family and her friends, of which there were many. Though she lived far from Texas she enjoyed very close

relationships with her brothers and their families in Texas, and they stayed well-connected through writing and with frequent long telephone conversations.

Annette is preceded in death by her parents, Frances and Herman, brothers Robert and Greg, brother-in-law and sister-in-law Tom and Mary Monahan, brother-in-law Stephen, and husband Charlie.

Annette is survived by sisters-in-law Karen Sherrod, Cheri Sherrod, nieces Leah Jenkins (Nate), Rachel Laxson (Jerad), Jennifer Burns (Alan), Jordan Rodriguez (Thomas), Kathy Monahan-Rial (Mark), nephews Josh Sherrod (Lindy), Tom Monahan (Carmen), Mike Monahan (Barb), Tim Monahan (Donna), Dan Monahan (Lisa). And many great nieces and nephews as well as wonderful friends.

Annette will be remembered for her intelligence, her zest for life, her thoughtfulness and generosity, her compassion for those less fortunate than her, and especially her love and devotion to family. She will be sorely missed.

Annette's family would like to thank the staff at Regions Hospital and Capital View Transitional Care Center where Annette received excellent compassionate care over the last 4 difficult weeks of her life. There are no words to express our gratitude.

Funeral Service 10am Friday January 31st with visitation beginning at 9am at Lakewood Cemetery Chapel, 3600 Hennepin Avenue South, Minneapolis. Interment Lakewood Cemetery.

To attend the funeral virtually please go to

<https://youtube.com/live/UNGEhCEQ0MQ>

Memorials to Neighborhood House or the charity of your choice.

www.washburn-mcreavy.com

Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Cemetery (Minneapolis)

3600 Hennepin Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Lakewood Memorial Chapel
3600 Hennepin Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Funeral Service

JAN 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AD

“ *Angela D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Annette Dickinson.*

Angela D. - February 10 at 04:06 PM

AA

“ *Annette and I have known each other since childhood when we were compulsory members of the same church. We became close friends while studying at Texas Tech. She helped me with my French, which was dismal and I helped her with her art projects, which were better than my French. We kept in touch over the decades and visited each other: when she and Charlie married and later when they were in Mount Airy. They occasionally came to Lubbock, but my husband and I got the better end of the deal. She showed us the many glories of D.C. with the National Cathedral the highlight for me and the National Gallery for my husband who is an accomplished painter. Annette was a good cook and Charlie made a mean martini which made for some great meals together. Annette had intelligence, drive, determination and a delightful laugh. Adieu, chere amie.*
Angela Adams

Angela Adams - February 08 at 06:40 PM

BM

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Annette's passing. We worked together on many early dietary supplement issues and I knew I could always count on Annette to get directly to the core of an issue when I called her for input. She was a great scientist and even greater friend and person!*

Bernadette P Marriott - February 01, 2025 at 03:45 PM

LF

“ Lubbock Texas family purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Annette Dickinson.



Lubbock Texas family - January 31, 2025 at 10:32 AM

JS

“ We didn't get to see my aunt much.. but we felt her love here in Texas.. my father would talk to his sister almost daily and tell me of their conversations and how much he loved his sister... I got the privilege before her passing to tell her how thankful my family is for the blessing she has been to us.. she was always there for my parents, and helped my momma out so much when daddy passed away .. We are forever grateful for the love and compassion that she had within her heart! And we know the Lord has welcomed her with open arms into His Kingdom! She's made a huge impact on our world with her accomplishments and heart of gold, but I'm happy to know that she's finally getting to reunite with my grandma, uncle, dad, and her husband that she's waited a very long time to see again.. we love you Aunt Annette and will miss you! And we will be praying for our extended family for healing!

Jordan Sherrod - January 31, 2025 at 10:12 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Annette Dickinson.



January 27, 2025 at 12:05 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Annette Dickinson.*



January 24, 2025 at 02:59 PM



“ *Annette’s husband, Charlie, my wife, Linda and I all did our graduate research in the laboratories of Professor James Mc Donald Stewart at the University of Maryland. Annette and Charlie later became our next-door neighbors in Silver Spring, Maryland. It was a beautiful neighborhood full of azaleas, two story tall trees, small winding lanes and friendly neighbors. Of all the neighborhoods we have lived in it was our favorite and in no small part because the Dickenson’s were next door. We shared many meals; Annette was an excellent cook. We went hiking together. We attended Univ. of Maryland football games together. We shared garden tools and tips. We lived our lives together. Annette was a dear and valued friend for 60 years and we miss her deeply.*
Hal Plastas

HalPlastas - January 23, 2025 at 06:01 PM



I visited Charlie and Annette in that neighborhood, and loved it. Especially loved sitting on the porch and watching the bird feeders. It was very special to have a chance to visit and even more special when they came to Minnesota post-retirement. And they then adopted the MN Gophers for football. Oh to say I miss Annette is a gross understatement. Kathy, niece

Kathy Monahan-Rial - January 23, 2025 at 10:02 PM

BS

“ I have known Dr Dickinson since the 90's and always saw her as the face of the CRN. Her professionalism, knowledge and insight was instrumental to usher the VMS industry to what it has become today.

bruce skop - January 23, 2025 at 04:05 PM

DS

“ I am so sorry to learn of Annette's passing. In the Washington association world, she was always so gracious and caring, and took time to listen. She will be missed.

David Spangler - January 22, 2025 at 01:54 PM