



Anna G Lemaire

October 18, 1948 - January 5, 2026

Lafayette -

Anna Louise Guidry Lemaire, 77, passed away peacefully at home on January 5, 2026, in Lafayette, Louisiana.

Born on October 18, 1948, in Church Point, Louisiana, Anna lived a life shaped by family, music, and service to others. A graduate of Sunset High School, she devoted much of her professional life to education, teaching at Opelousas Catholic School and serving as Director of Religious Education at St. Landry Catholic Church in Opelousas. She also worked in sales and marketing for the Catholic Library Association, Liguorian Magazine, and the church bulletin publisher J. S. Paluch. In all her roles, she was known for her warmth, patience, and dedication to nurturing young people and building community.

Music was the great joy of Anna's life and the gift by which many knew her best. She possessed a beautiful voice and was a gifted flutist, talents she cultivated from an early age. As a young musician, she sang and played nearly every instrument in her school band before choosing the flute, which became her lifelong companion. Her passion for music opened doors to extraordinary experiences and lasting friendships.

Anna was a member of the Yamettes, an all-girl singing ensemble that toured from Opelousas to Niagara Falls, promoting the Yambilee in Opelousas and celebrating Louisiana's sweet potato industry. She sang alto with Chorale Acadienne for more than a decade, performing throughout Acadiana and Louisiana and as far away as the Kennedy Center for the Arts in Washington, D.C. She also shared her love of music as a member of the choirs at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Lafayette, St. Landry Catholic Church in Opelousas, and her home parish, St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Grand Coteau.

She is survived by her partner, Rhonda Beaugh; her four children and their spouses: Denise Louise Stell and Murray Stell; Renée Marie Lemaire-Adkins and Kenneth Adkins; James Roderick Lemaire II and Gregory Bodin; and John Robert Lemaire and Robin Hargroder Lemaire; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; her three sisters, Rochelle Guidry Brasseaux, Paula Sue Guidry Aymond, and Eleanor Claire Guidry Cowart; and her former spouse, James Roderick Lemaire, the father of her four children.

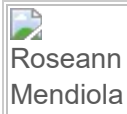
She was preceded in death by her parents, Lucy Benoit Whitley and Murphy John Guidry.

Her remains will be interred in the columbarium at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church Cemetery in Grand Coteau, Louisiana.

Anna will be remembered for her generous spirit, her love of music, and the joy she brought to those around her.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory, 206 W. Lafayette St., Maurice, LA 70555.

Tribute Wall



“ *Missing beautiful Anna. Having never met her but we worked together for the Church Bulletin. I've known Anna for years, through FB, text, email.*
She was a great friend and truly missed. My condolences to her family and friends.

Roseann Mendiola - March 18 at 08:18 PM

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“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Remember many summers visiting with the Lemaire family and the shenanigans that we enjoyed.*

Lori Kliment - January 22 at 05:50 PM

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“ *I have wonderful memories of her playing cards with us and laughing so hard!! She was a beautiful person!!*

Jennifer Newman - January 21 at 10:17 AM

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“ *My Sincere Condolences to All of you . Although I never had the opportunity to meet many of you , I must say “Roddie “ , you have had a Special place in my Heart . I haven't seen or heard from you in 40 years . It was a magical time for Jay Otay and many of us from Opelousas. You were dear , from Sunset of course . Anyway , I'm so sorry for the loss of your Mom . I'm always here if you need a friend ! I'm on Facebook. Love you- Cindy Curley Bollich 🙏🌻❤️*

cindy Curley Bollich - January 19 at 06:55 PM

LB

“ *Much love and prayers for Anna and family.*
Lauri Brinkhaus

Lauri Brinkhaus - January 17 at 01:50 PM

FJ

“ *John: I offer my sincerest condolences and prayers for your mom, siblings, and family.*
She was a sweet lady with a beautiful smile.
I have fond memories of her from our time at Opelousas Catholic.
F. Shane Johnson
OC '93

F. Shane Johnson - January 15 at 09:50 PM

TF

John sincerest condolences to you and your family on the passing of your mother. Everyone loved Mrs. Lamaire at OC. Please know you and your siblings are in the thoughts and prayers of many.

Theresa Fontenot - January 16 at 09:35 AM

MR

“ *Ana was such a nice person and always so nice and funny when I would visit with Rod. She even roped me in to Chorale Acadienne for a couple of Messiahs. To this day I hold all seafood gumbos against her's. Love and strength to her family and friends. You will be missed sweet Anna* ❤️❤️❤️

Matthew Reynolds - January 15 at 08:43 PM

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“ *I remember when thr door was always open and the tea always sweet*

Claire - January 15 at 08:37 PM