



## C. Priscilla Romans Hexter

May 30, 2026

It is with a heavy heart that we share that our dear mother, Priscilla Hexter, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, May 30, 2026, after a long illness. There will be a service at St John's Episcopal Church in West Hartford on Saturday, June 13, at 2 pm with a reception to follow.

Priscilla loved pink. If you would like to honor Priscilla by wearing something pink, feel free.

Yours warmly, Melissa & Madeleine

C. Priscilla Romans Hexter, 95, of West Hartford, Connecticut, passed away peacefully at her home on May 30, 2026.

Priscilla was born in Danbury, Connecticut, on July 24, 1930, the second of three children of Squire Bernard and Bertha Romans. Priscilla spent her early childhood in Danbury and, at age eight, moved to Baker, Oregon, with her family. Her fondness for Connecticut led her to return to West Hartford later in life to be near her daughter, Madeleine, and her family.

Priscilla attended Lewis and Clark College in Portland, where she met her future husband, George Hexter. They married on June 10, 1951, and eventually settled in Palo Alto, California, where Dr. Hexter practiced medicine and taught at Stanford University. There, they raised two daughters, Madeleine and Melissa. While in Palo Alto, Priscilla continued her education, earning B.A. and M.A. degrees in Art History from San Jose State University. She was employed by Stanford University as an art curator, working closely

with many artists and academics.

Priscilla curated at the intersection of art and academia; she was best known for her ability to understand and interpret an artist's work and persona, bringing art to life with thoughtful insight. Along the way, Priscilla was a brilliant teacher and mentor in her field, helping people understand and appreciate art. Priscilla was active in her local community, teaching English to non-native speakers, serving on her church's altar guild for many years, and working with numerous art organizations.

She was an avid map collector and published several articles on the subject. Upon returning to Connecticut, she was an active researcher at the Connecticut Historical Society (now the Connecticut Museum of Culture and History) and was instrumental in curating an exhibit of Bernard Romans's 18th-century maps.

Priscilla was preceded in death by her husband, George Hexter, in 2007, and her brother, Peter Romans, in 2021. She is survived by her brother, Paul Romans, of Mt. Hood, Oregon; her daughters Madeleine & Melissa Hexter and their respective husbands Andrew Greenhalgh and Warren Bidmead. She is also survived by her two beloved grandchildren, Alex Greenhalgh and M. Isabella Bidmead. Interment will take place at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco in late 2026.

# Upcoming Events

## Funeral Service

JUN 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. John's Episcopal Church  
679 Farmington Ave.  
West Hartford, CT