



## Hollis Dean "Big H" Owens

January 21, 1943 - September 7, 2025

Hollis Dean Owens, born January 21, 1943 in Bonham, Texas and passed peacefully at home on September 7, 2025 in Lancaster, Texas. Big H, as he was known, was raised in the farming communities around Leonard and Wolfe City. He attended Justin F. Kimball High School in Oak Cliff where he was a star basketball player known throughout Dallas for his athletic ability. Shortly after graduation, he met the love of his life, Yvonne "Evie," and they married on his birthday in 1962. Their son, Jeffrey, was born followed by their daughter, Michelle. He had a wide range of employment before starting his own trucking company, Owens Trucking, based in Lancaster. He retired in 2006.

Big H was a master storyteller and prankster and was known for his laugh and good time personality. Hollis was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed camping, hunting, and fishing throughout his life. He had a lifelong passion for horses and spent many fun hours in the saddle. He continued playing basketball in gyms throughout Dallas in his 20s and in his later years enjoyed watching the Dallas Mavericks. He loved music of all types and spent hours listening to songs and passing them on to his friends. He was a connoisseur of all food, was always willing to try something new, and enjoyed an annual Fletcher's Corn Dog at the State Fair. He loved spending time with his extended family during the holidays, inviting and hosting friends out at The Shop, riding his golf cart or 4 wheeler to visit neighbors, and was always and we mean always on

his phone.

Still, his greatest passion was friendship. He never met a stranger. His friend list increased with every new phase of his life. He is still close with childhood best friends. As part of the Kimball Class of 62, he was active in planning and attended every class reunion. His schoolmates are still some of his most loved. After moving to Lancaster, he set about making as many hometown friends as possible. In his 20s, he met a group of men at Southwestern Transportation that would become enduring friendships. With them, he worked side by side and then spent almost every weekend at Cedar Creek Lake living it up. When he started his company, he became close with a long list of people in the trucking industry in and around south Dallas. In retirement, he finally had time to spend with all these special people and spent the bulk of his retirement days calling, texting or visiting them. Big H was a big personality. While we feel his silence deeply, there is little doubt he is surrounded by many of the special friends gone before him and he is quickly giving them all the latest news.

He was preceded in death by his parents, E.P. and Irene Owens, and three sisters, Betty Maples, Mary Tiffie, and Gwen Carroll. He is survived by his precious wife of 63 years, Yvonne "Evie;" his son, Jeffrey of San Antonio; his daughter, Michelle of Red Oak; a host of special nieces and nephews; and more friends than anyone can count.

Family will receive friends on Thursday, September 11 from 5:00-7:00 pm at Byrum Funeral Home Chapel of Lancaster. Celebration of Life will be on Friday, September 12, at 10:00 am at First Baptist Church of Lancaster followed by interment at Edgewood Cemetery in Lancaster. Then, the family will host a celebration of his big life out at The Shop.

# Cemetery Details

## Edgewood Cemetery

695 Nokomis Road  
Lancaster, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DR

“ Hollis was always pulling something on somebody. He was a good friend of mine,he use to live up street from me. He would stop out front of my and have something in a cage, make it jump out and scare you, my momma had a fit. But I loved this ole man. He'll never be forgotten.

Debbie Honeycutt Ryan - September 13, 2025 at 04:37 PM

WE

“ I am so sad to not be there today. Big H was the source of much rational teenage advice; sometimes that advice came with a raised eyebrow which meant...this may not be just a suggestion! He was my voice of reason on many occasions and the source of some good ol' 'barn pranks'. The Owens family provided me a fabulous home away from home, full of laughter, love and acceptance. My life would not be the same without Big H and this family. Much love-WW

Wendie - September 12, 2025 at 10:45 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Hollis Dean "Big H" Owens.



September 12, 2025 at 09:07 AM

IH

“ Iris and Stan Harris purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Hollis Dean "Big H" Owens.



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**Iris and Stan Harris** - September 11, 2025 at 11:02 AM

IH

“ Iris and Stan Harris planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hollis Dean "Big H" Owens.

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**Iris and Stan Harris** - September 11, 2025 at 11:02 AM

SH

“ Big H was a larger than life long time friend who I worked with for many years at Sunset Transportation. For the last year or so we shared youtube videos back and forth and had a lot of fun doing that. Iris and I send our deepest sympathies to Evie, Michelle and Jeffery and the rest of his extended family !

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**Stanley and Iris Harris** - September 11, 2025 at 10:57 AM

CC

“ CA Carlin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hollis Dean "Big H" Owens.

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**CA Carlin** - September 11, 2025 at 10:55 AM

CC

“ CA Carlin purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Hollis Dean "Big H" Owens.



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CA Carlin - September 11, 2025 at 10:55 AM

NF

“ Nanette and Darrell Davis & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Hollis Dean "Big H" Owens.



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Nanette and Darrell Davis & Family - September 11, 2025 at 10:09 AM

CR

“ Cat Roberts purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Hollis Dean "Big H" Owens.



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Cat Roberts - September 10, 2025 at 07:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Hollis Dean "Big H" Owens.

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September 10, 2025 at 06:34 PM

TV

“ Tom and Vicki Villani planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hollis Dean "Big H" Owens.

Tom and Vicki Villani - September 10, 2025 at 06:14 PM

TV

“ Tom and Vicki Villani purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Hollis Dean "Big H" Owens.



Tom and Vicki Villani - September 10, 2025 at 06:14 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Hollis Dean "Big H" Owens.



September 10, 2025 at 05:16 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Hollis Dean "Big H" Owens.

September 10, 2025 at 05:16 PM

MB

“ Marlon, Kelton, Mike, Wendie and Brian purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Hollis Dean "Big H" Owens.



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**Marlon, Kelton, Mike, Wendie and Brian** - September 10, 2025 at 03:07 PM

LF

“ Love, Larry & Wanda and The Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hollis Dean Owens.

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**Love, Larry & Wanda and The Family** - September 10, 2025 at 12:48 PM

LF

“ Love, Larry & Wanda and The Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Hollis Dean "Big H" Owens.



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**Love, Larry & Wanda and The Family** - September 10, 2025 at 12:48 PM

CM

“ Christine Mejia lit a candle in memory of Hollis Owens



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**Christine Mejia** - September 10, 2025 at 11:46 AM

CM

“ Just a few words about Hollis, loved it when he would call and say, Lookie here I got something you and sister might like, could be pies, beans or pecans! Okie Doke would be another Hollis-isms, Green Acres will never be the same! One time as we were tearing down an old shed, what was left was the floor, he said girls yawl be careful on those turns on the dance floor...We had the biggest laugh. Hollis isn't in our past, he's actually in our future!

Christine Mejia - September 10, 2025 at 11:45 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Hollis Dean "Big H" Owens.



September 10, 2025 at 10:59 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Hollis Dean Owens.

September 10, 2025 at 10:59 AM

YT

“ Your PIM FDMV Teammates purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Hollis Dean "Big H" Owens.



Your PIM FDMV Teammates - September 10, 2025 at 10:04 AM

YT

“ Your PIM FDMV Teammates planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hollis Dean Owens.

Your PIM FDMV Teammates - September 10, 2025 at 10:04 AM

TF

“ The Eddie Roach Family purchased the Vivid Re collections for the family of Hollis Dean "Big H" Owens.



The Eddie Roach Family - September 10, 2025 at 12:15 AM

RL

“ Ray & Christie Lewis purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Hollis Dean "Big H" Owens.



Ray & Christie Lewis - September 09, 2025 at 11:24 PM

CS

“ Cindy and Greg Stroud purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Hollis Dean "Big H" Owens.



Cindy and Greg Stroud - September 09, 2025 at 08:57 PM

LR

“ Laura R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hollis Dean Owens.

Laura R. - September 09, 2025 at 04:21 PM

LR

“ Laura R. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Hollis Dean "Big H" Owens.



Laura R. - September 09, 2025 at 04:21 PM

ES

“ Elizabeth and Bobby Shelton purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Hollis Dean "Big H" Owens.



Elizabeth and Bobby Shelton - September 09, 2025 at 04:17 PM

UH

“ urbano Hernandez sent a virtual gift in memory of Hollis Owens



urbano Hernandez - September 09, 2025 at 03:38 PM

WL

“ Wesley, Tubby and LeeAnn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hollis Dean Owens.

Wesley, Tubby and LeeAnn - September 09, 2025 at 03:36 PM

WL

“ Wesley, Tubby and LeeAnn purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Hollis Dean "Big H" Owens.



Wesley, Tubby and LeeAnn - September 09, 2025 at 03:36 PM

TA

“ Tim and Mandy Allen purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Hollis Dean "Big H" Owens.



Tim and Mandy Allen - September 09, 2025 at 02:48 PM

AC

“ I've been thinking all day about his earlobe rubs as a kid! Uncle Hollis, you are missed!!!

Amber Crosby - September 09, 2025 at 02:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Hollis Dean "Big H" Owens.*



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September 09, 2025 at 02:21 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Ann Boyles** - September 09, 2025 at 02:11 PM



“ *As a young man. Hollis was a man to other men he was someone who I and others looked at to see what a man a dad a father was! Hollis I will miss you, thank you for all your encouragement and faith in me as a young boy it helped form me into who I am!*

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**Doyle Hawkins** - September 09, 2025 at 01:29 PM



“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Byrum Funeral Home** - September 09, 2025 at 11:59 AM