



## Steven Ray Holleman

June 15, 1954 - December 1, 2023

Steven Ray “Steve” Holleman was born June 15, 1954, in Dallas, Texas, to Marvin Ray and Betty Sue Holleman. He died Friday, December 1, 2023, in Owasso, Oklahoma, at the age of 69 years. Steve was reared and educated in Dallas where he graduated with the Sunset High School Class of 1972. He continued his education at Panola Junior College in Carthage, Texas, then finishing at American Christian College in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Steve was married December 28, 1974, in Carthage to Betty Gray. His professional career began in education at Roxton High School in Roxton, Texas, before coming to Owasso, Oklahoma, with Owasso Public Schools.

Steve had a decorated career as the longtime assistant baseball coach with the Owasso Rams Baseball team with his college roommate and head coach Larry Turner since 1981. He was a major part of 1,145 wins and a dozen State Championships for one of the most successful baseball dynasties ever at the high school level. His honors included VCA District 6 Assistant Coach of the Year in 2001, Bob Taylor Award for Dedication in 2007, Oklahoma Coaches Association All-State Coach in 2008, Oklahoma Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame 2013, Oklahoma Assistant Coach of the year in 2017.

Steve taught Strategies for Academic Success at the Owasso 8th Grade Center and was selected as Owasso Public Schools Teacher of the Year in 2021. He and Betty were honored by the Owasso Chamber of Commerce who selected them as Mr. and Mrs. Trail Days for 2020.

Steve was a strong man of faith and was a longtime member of First Baptist

Church in Owasso. He was known for serving the community of the Owasso Baptist Village, driving the “Beulah Babes” to church every Sunday morning and Wednesday night. He was a true servant always willing to do or help anyone

Steve enjoyed a variety of pastimes, but particularly spending time with family and friends. He liked listening to music and making CD’s for his friends. He enjoyed going to the bowling alley and was a talented bowler. He dearly loved his wife Betty, spending time with her, especially on Saturday’s going to lunch and a movie together. Steve will be cherished in the hearts of the countless friends he has made and influenced over the many years, and who dearly loved him.

His loving family members include:

His wife; Betty

Son; Ryan Douglas Holleman

Brother; Clint Holleman and wife Tish

Nephew; Brody Holleman

Niece; Lindsey Holleman

Sister-in-law; Kay Holleman

Niece; Amy Holleman Spann and husband Rick

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marvin and Betty Sue Holleman, and his brother, Johnny Roy Holleman.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday, December 8, 2023, at First Baptist Church in Owasso with a special time of sharing memories to begin at 7:00 p.m. Funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 9, 2023, at First Baptist Church with Pastor Chris Wall, Pastor Chad Balthrop, and Principal Deirdre Hodge officiating. Serving as casket bearers will be Larry Turner, Brent McConnell, Mike Campbell, Zach Duffield, Tom Austin, Dale Morris, John Cash, and Gary LaBass. Honorary casket bearers will be Brody Holleman, Jarrod Gray, Chris Tiller, Jim Tiller, Chad Edge, Rusty Wood, Drew Allen, and all the Owasso Ram Baseball Coaches and former Owasso Ram Baseball players. The funeral can be seen via livestream at

[theMission.net/17](http://theMission.net/17).

The family requests memorial contributions be made in Steve's memory to The Mission-FBCO, 13307 East 96th Street North, Owasso, Oklahoma, 74055, or at [themission.net/tmcgive](http://themission.net/tmcgive), or Owasso Baseball Booster Club, P.O. Box 1011, Owasso, Oklahoma, 74055. Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso.

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# Previous Events

## Memorial Fund

DEC 9 (CT)

The Mission- FBCO  
13307 East 96th Street North  
Owasso, OK 74055

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Betty,

*My memories of Steve are are tied to Hodson, of course. He valued and respected our veterans along with you and was an important part of the wonderful Veteran's Day programs you directed. I'm pretty sure I remember him tearing up off and on reading their stories and I know he cherished calling out each individual's name during the programs. His patriotism was very evident to me. And I witnessed him supporting YOU and being a loving husband to you. If it was important to you, it was important to Steve. That's the Steve I remember...a loving and devoted husband to you. That's a wonderful memory for me to remember Steve by. Lyle and I will be praying for you and Ryan. Your family is loved by many. With love and sympathy, Karla Price*

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**Karla Price** - December 08, 2023 at 10:26 PM



“ Words cannot express how important Mr Hallman was to the community to the baseball team he was kind friend to all and to all of the family we are thinking of you even though I'm in a different state I am still thinking of you tomorrow I am going to wear the baseball t-shirt that the baseball team gave me and so I am going to wear it thinking about Mr home to the to the family we are so sorry he was such a wonderful friend I know he always love love seeing what my mom did as she dressed up as a clown to the family or what how I wish I was there but I'm I'm in a different state and I'm going to relationship of 6 years and actually updated attention teachers of Owasso High School if you can believe this Chrissy is engaged to be married to her boyfriend of 6 years maybe some of the teachers should come down to meet this fiance you know you got to meet this fiance before the marriage a teachers don't worry Mr fiance cooks for me every Friday night tomorrow he's cooking tacos for me and a friend hey all the teachers that also high school that I've had and also both principal and former principle you all will be invited to this wedding in about 2 or 3 years hey Mr Roberts and all the other principles make sure you put this on your calendar to two and three years Chrissy and Daniel are getting married Chrissy and Daniel got engaged in October we're going to try to send a picture of us to the church in Owasso well we went to church as a family but teachers and staff that had me you should see us we are engaged just about when anniversary is Mr boyfriend decided to pop the big question and you know that question will you marry me well guess what he had to call Sarah cousin Sarah you'll know cousin Sarah and ask if it was okay well guess what she said it was so guess what I had no idea what was going on all I know is that I had to find an outfit or our anniversary date with a family anyways Mr Holman's family we love you forever keep in touch and Mr Holman was a wonderful friend hey Mr Turner you and your family might have to come to this wedding and two or three years you know you're the baseball coach and you know you're going to be invited I I talked to Pastor Jim already when we get wedding invites Pastor Jim and the church on the other pastors get one and the church gets one too so you just better get ready to meet this fiance

*of mine and keep them in line you know Mr Turner we got it you got to keep them in line you know that's what Mom would want hey baseball players so don't know yet Chrissy got asked a very important question in October will she marry Daniel well guess what I said yes so you also all be invited to this wedding put it in the back of your head two or three years Chrissy and Daniel are going to go to the chapel and they're going to get married I think that means the field trip baseball players field trip to South Dakota to meet this fiance you know you got to keep him in line baseball players keep them in line have a good day I hope a lot of the baseball players speak at the funeral he was a wonderful man and he will be missed oh by the way Mr Dawson and Mrs Dawson Chrissy got got pop the big question don't worry you're invited to this wedding too hey Mr and Mrs Dawson you're invited to this wedding don't worry*

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**Krissy Epp** - December 07, 2023 at 10:55 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Steven Ray Holleman.*



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December 07, 2023 at 08:15 PM

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“ Words cannot express the gratitude I have for Steve and his wife Betty Holleman. He was my teacher in middle school, colleague when I became a teacher and taught with Betty in Owasso, and friend as he supported my daughter for over 18 years ago.

*I learned I would be taking custody of my great niece (Olivia) when she was 3 months old in November of 2005. Olivia came to me with nothing. A few weeks passed when my doorbell rang. Steve brought a huge bag of Christmas presents for Olivia. He and Betty shopped for her as if she were their own. I eventually adopted Olivia. She took piano lessons from Steve's wife Betty from the age of 5 to age 17. Olivia graduated last year with honors due to the prayers and support of the Holleman family. Steve was there for every piano recital. My story is just one of several stories of Steve's generosity. He was a man of God who impacted generations. I've learned from his leadership, life and love.*

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**Sheila Armstrong** - December 07, 2023 at 04:08 PM

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“ Susan Shanks; Cliff Temple; Dallas purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Steven Ray Holleman.



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**Susan Shanks; Cliff Temple; Dallas** - December 06, 2023 at 11:05 AM