



## Larry Ormand Holley

October 7, 1925 - April 7, 2022

A memorial service for Larry Ormand Holley, 96, of Lubbock, TX will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 13, in the chapel at Sander's Funeral Home with Bro. Bob Jackson officiating. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, April 12, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Sander's Funeral Home.

Larry Ormand Holley was born on October 7, 1925, in Lubbock, Texas, to Lawrence and Ella Holley. Larry was the eldest of their 4 children. Larry lived the majority of his life in Lubbock where he attended Lubbock High School.

Larry enlisted in the Marines during the year of 1944. He served as a Corporal in the Marine Corps during World War II. Larry was first stationed in the Pacific Arena, where he served as a forward observer for artillery in the 2nd Marine Division. He was later stationed in Nagasaki, Japan where he served as a Military Police Officer. Larry received his honorable discharge from the Marine Corps in July of 1946.

Larry met the love of his life, Joyce Maxine Graham, when he returned to Lubbock, and they married on April 24th, 1948. Together they shared 56 wonderful years, up until the passing of Maxine in 2004.

From a young age, Larry was devoted to his love for Jesus Christ his Lord and Savior. He received salvation at the age of 12. Larry had a love of Christ and

made sure to tell everyone he met how to receive salvation; with many lives being affected in his 96 years. Never knowing a stranger, Larry would talk to anyone he had an opportunity to visit with. He wanted to show the world how God's grace and forgiveness worked in his own life. Larry knew that God would want him to share his plan for salvation with as many people as he could reach. He was an active member and Sunday School teacher of Tabernacle Baptist Church, for most of his life, later moving his membership to Liberty Baptist Church. One of Larry's greatest desires would be for anyone to know the Lord and find salvation.

Larry was a talented musician and could play the guitar, violin, mandolin, banjo, harmonica, and keyboards. Larry could also sing quite well and enjoyed performing with his relatives. He was a great mentor to his youngest brother, Buddy Holly, and helped him to start his musical career. Larry also had the opportunity to teach his children and great-grandchildren his love of music.

Larry had a passion for being an extreme outdoorsman. During his lifetime he had the opportunity to own and fly many airplanes. He also shared a love of the great outdoors including fishing, dirt bike riding, and arrowhead hunting. Larry loved spending time with family at his cabin in the New Mexico mountains and also spending time on the motorcycle lease that he used just South of Post.

Larry was a smart businessman. He was a ceramic tile contractor and owned Holley Tile Company. Throughout his many working years, he had the opportunity to help build and remodel many different buildings in the Lubbock area and many that were even out of state. Larry continued working up into his 80's because he was a social person and enjoyed the work that he did. He also loved and helped many of his faithful employees throughout the years.

Larry was called home, by our Heavenly Father, on Thursday, April 7th at 1:10 a.m. He passed peacefully in his sleep. Larry was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce Maxine Holley, in 2004. Larry was also preceded in death by his younger brother, Charles Hardin (Buddy) Holley; parents, L.O. Holley, Ella Drake Holley; sister, Patricia Kaiter; brother, Travis Holley. Survivors include his daughter, Sherry Holley (Tommy Scales); son, Randy Holley; granddaughters, Susan Fleming (Jeremy), Jennifer Holley-Tello (Isacc), Rachel Cortinaz (Octavaino); great-grandchildren, Trent Fleming, Trevor Fleming, Kayleigh Cortinaz, & Ryleigh Cortinaz; nieces, Travetta Johnson, Cindy Graves, Gina York, and Ingrid Kaiter; nephew, Eddie Weir.

The Holley Family would like to express our sincerest gratitude for all of people that played an important role in the care of Larry throughout his life.

# Cemetery Details

## City of Lubbock Cemetery

2011 E 31st Street  
Lubbock, TX 79404

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **12**. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (CT)

Sanders Funeral Home  
1420 Main Street  
Lubbock, TX 79401  
(806) 763-6433  
director@sandersfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.sandersfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

APR **13**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sanders Memorial Chapel  
1420 Main Street  
Lubbock, TX 79401

# Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Larry Ormand Holley



Sanders Funeral Home - April 13, 2022 at 09:46 AM



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Larry Ormand Holley



Sanders Funeral Home - April 11, 2022 at 05:35 PM

AR

We would like send our love, condolences and deepest sympathy to Sherry, Randy, all the Holley family and extended family from your Friends Ana and Andrew Rodgers in Australia.

Andrew Rodgers - April 12, 2022 at 06:04 AM

TL

Deepest sympathy, Love and condolences from Anne & Trevor Lailey and family, from England....Larry was a good, kind friend. Rest in peace Larry...

Trevor Lailey - April 12, 2022 at 01:33 PM



*LIFE IS BUT A BREATH OF WIND GOD BLESS ENJOY YOUR NEXT CHAPTER*

**John Cumberland** - April 12, 2022 at 03:13 PM



*My deepest condolences to the Holley family. ❤️*

**Michael Bruccoleri** - April 13, 2022 at 02:15 AM



*“ Saepe Expertus, Semper Fidelis, Fratres Aeterni. Often Tested, Always Faithful, Brothers Forever. Thank you Larry for your service to this nation. U.S. Marine Corps, WWII.*



**Harry Simpson** - October 04, 2022 at 03:02 PM



*“ Larry was a tremendous influence in my life. I enjoyed working with he and Travis on many project. Larry always did perfect work in my eyes and was an example of a true craftsman. I still refer when he and Travis came to Paducah to install the ceramic tile in the school we were building. This was my first job as a Superintendent and he encouraged me about my work. They came in a motor home and parked it by our job trailer, in the evenings we would all gather and sing Gospei songs together. I really missed them when the finished and went back to aLubbock. They were a great example of Christ to many. Rest well Larry I know you are walking the streets of glory and our Lord greeted you with The Paul gave “ Well done good and faithful servant”. I say good bye for now how ever we will met again in Heaven.*

*Jack Taylor*

**Jack Taylor** - April 13, 2022 at 01:02 PM

LF

“ MY DEAR SWEET MR. HOLLEY... WAS SUCH A PLEASURE THAT YOU BECAME A PART OF OUR LIVES. YOUR STORES WERE AMAZING. YOU LOVE FOR GOD AND YOUR FAMILY AMAZE US. YOU ARE NOW REJOINED WITH YOUR BELOVED MAXINE AND YOUR MOMMA AND DADDY, YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTER. REST IN ETERNAL PEACE . WE WILL MEET AGAIN.... LOVE YOUR YOUR LOVED ONES LEFT HERE ON EARTH KEEP A WATCHFUL EYE ON THEM UNTIL THEY JOIN YOU IN HEAVEN. RANDY, SHERRY SUSAN, JENNIFER, RACHEL, TRENT, TREVOR, KAILEIGH, AND RYLIE OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY DURING THIS SAD TIME



LOVE, GREG AND LORRAINE FLEMING

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LORRAINE FLEMING - April 12, 2022 at 04:34 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Larry Ormand Holley.



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April 12, 2022 at 01:24 PM

AM

“ So sorry to hear about Mr. Holley. His family and friends are in my prayers.



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Angel Mosser - April 11, 2022 at 06:43 PM

LD

“ Love, Troy, Karen, Terri, Junior & Debbie purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Larry Ormand Holley.



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**Love, Troy, Karen, Terri, Junior & Debbie** - April 11, 2022 at 05:01 PM

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“ Chris Howe (England) purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Larry Ormand Holley.



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**Chris Howe (England)** - April 11, 2022 at 04:56 PM

CG

“ Chelsea Gardner lit a candle in memory of Larry Ormand Holley



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**Chelsea Gardner** - April 11, 2022 at 01:29 PM

LA

“ Had a lovely chat with Larry on the day we got engaged at the Buddy Holly Center, 09.07.15. He was so pleased for us and told us all about his life, made the day even more special. Lauren & Rob, UK

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**Lauren** - April 11, 2022 at 12:07 PM

PJ

“ *Sadly I never got the chance to meet this wonderful man but through my dear friend, Sherry Holley he sent me his CD and I was deeply touched by his generosity and I will treasure it forever. Peter Jones, Gisburn UK.*

Peter Jones - April 11, 2022 at 11:30 AM

Paula Green

“ *Paula Green lit a candle in memory of Larry Ormand Holley*



Paula Green - April 11, 2022 at 10:21 AM

CD

“ *Dear Sherry and family, please accept my sincere condolences in the loss of your father. I know he is reunited with his parents and siblings. --Cheryl DeShon*



Cheryl DeShon - April 11, 2022 at 10:01 AM

Jerry Wager

“ *Jerry Wager lit a candle in memory of Larry Ormand Holley*



Jerry Wager - April 11, 2022 at 09:56 AM



“ *Caroline Andricks lit a candle in memory of Larry Ormand Holley*



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**Caroline Andricks** - April 11, 2022 at 09:52 AM

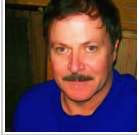


“ *So very sorry for your loss! Condolences to the Holley family members. I never knew him but knew of his brother, Buddy ,he will be missed always by me & thousands of others,I am sure. Prayers & love for your family,I am sure he was a fantastic man!*



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**Nina Priest from Michigan** - April 11, 2022 at 09:10 AM



“ I thank God for Dad leading me in the correct directions. It is hard to express how much Dad means and always has to me, and I think to myself, anyone in our family and anyone who knew him can get it about the kind of love Dad showed us, and for so many others he mentored too. I see now why Buddy loved him like a second Dad, and in a lot of ways even more, ever wanting to be near him, as Dad has such a interesting and caring soul that it is almost like a good addiction just getting any and all time with him. God has a true great Christian man's Christian man with him now. And he is never going to be away from me in my thoughts and memories, and my love for him and family. As I gave Dad a big piece of my heart that is now with the Lord, he also left a big piece of his heart in me too. I gave my all to try to keep him as well cared for and happy as I could, and I would do it all over again and again never giving up for him ever. I would have switched places with him if he could have had longer, and even told that to a good many including the medical people and loved ones, even though it isn't possible, but I fully would of, as he was that good of a man!! Thank you to Dad and I will always remember him in trying to be as one with following God as he was, and most importantly, he led many to the Lord, in loving and caring for others. Gods light shined brightly on Dad, and he was a great man...Thanks to all who loved and cared for him, as do I...From Randy, his Son!



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**Randy Holley** - April 10, 2022 at 08:43 PM

TL

“ I met Larry while in Lubbock covering a women's basketball games for the New Orleans Times=Picayune back in the late 1990s. I was a huge Buddy fan and was doing a story about the opening of the museum. Larry came out to the hotel where we talked for a long time and he shared many memories. One thing I recall was asking him about what would Buddy have eventually have done had he lived. Larry's guess was that he would have retired from touring but still write songs and probably live in Lubbock. RIP and Semper Fi, Mr. Larry. You lived a long, fruitful life and were a class act.

Ted Lewis - April 10, 2022 at 05:12 PM

MA

“ I just wanted to offer my condolences to the Holley family. Although I never had the chance to know Larry personally, I've had the pleasure of getting to know some of his family members including his son Randy, daughter Sherry, and his granddaughters. I first had the pleasure of exchanging some letters with Sherry and some emails with Randy and not long after connecting with both on social media and then Larry's granddaughters too (on social media). I know how loving, kind, and compassionate Larry must have been as those are all of the qualities that I've found in his family members.



Please know that the love of Larry will always be with you, through not only memories and through all the ways he touched your lives, but also through his soul and spirit. It's the body that dies, not the soul or spirit of a person. May knowing that bring you peace, comfort, and healing in the coming days and years. You will all be in my prayers and I thank you for your continued friendship. God bless each and every one of you. Hugs!

Mandy - April 10, 2022 at 01:15 PM

TJ

“ Thank you for your service in WW 2, and thank you for sharing the Gospel, of Jesus CHRIST to lost people. The whole world needs Jesus. God choosed you to be his servant. Help guided your great legendary brother Buddy Holly, to great success that opened door to many Bands, such as Beatles, Rolling Stones, Hollies and many other great s. Larry ran his race to serve God fought the good fight, won meet Jesus CHRIST home in heaven and Jesus says well done thy good and faithful servant.

Wont be long we meet and see Larry and Buddy Holly. Jesus CHRIST is coming soon

Fan  
Takis J Dikas

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Takis JDikas - April 10, 2022 at 07:52 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larry Ormand Holley.



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April 10, 2022 at 05:08 AM



“ 13 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Sanders Funeral Home** - April 09, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Larry Ormand Holley.



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April 09, 2022 at 02:04 PM



“ *He was and still is a blessing to me*

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**Troy Scott** - April 09, 2022 at 01:20 PM

GB

“ To the Holly Family: The loss of a love one can brings us sadness and joy. Sadness because we will miss their physical presence. But if we hold on to their memories, it will seem as if they are still with us. The joy at this time is knowing that the love one is now resting and free from all worries, pain and sickness. They have moved into the room with the Lord. They can now view those streets of gold, they can now view those walls of Jasper, and can sit down by the river of life, and view the tree that bare 12 manners of fruit. Most of all they can join hands with Jesus Christ and they can walk around heaven all day. I pray you look to Christ now and he will guide you through this dark time you are going through... God bless you all. Sherry My prayers are still with you and all your family

George Brown Odessa, Texas

George Brown - April 09, 2022 at 01:17 PM

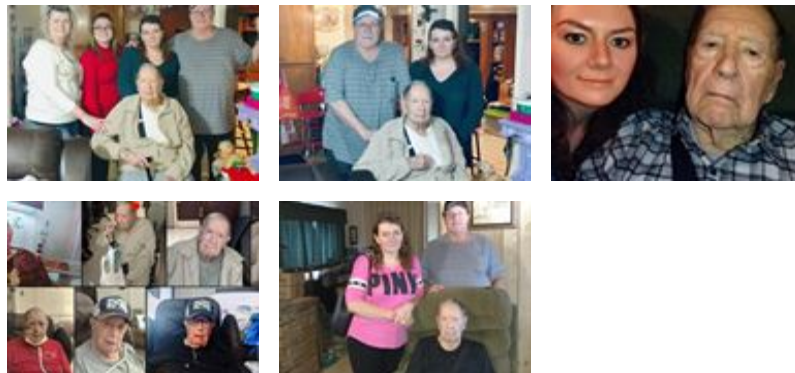
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“ The best father in law.Loved him so much.The best Granddaddy

Connie - April 09, 2022 at 12:21 PM



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Sanders Funeral Home - April 09, 2022 at 12:11 PM