



## Gary Holliman

June 16, 1945 - November 24, 2022

Gary Holliman, of Terrell, passed away on November 24, 2022. He was born June 16, 1945, in Wellington, TX to Alton D. and Elery Loys (Williamson) Holliman, both of whom preceded him in death.

Gary grew up in Wellington and attended Wellington High School where he was a stand out athlete while playing football. He was offered a full scholarship to continue playing football at University of Houston where his talent continued to be evident on the field. Gary graduated from UT Arlington and then went on to law school at Baylor University. After completing law school, he opened his own private practice in Waco for several years. Gary then moved to Abilene where he worked at several firms bringing his keen insight and skilled knowledge and became a valued asset with each group of attorneys he worked alongside. In 1992, he moved to Dallas where he worked at Lawyers Title Insurance Company for many years until his retirement in 2009. In 1998, he and his wife, Carol, co-founded PrideRock Wildlife Refuge and he truly found happiness in helping the ones that needed the most help. Gary took great pride in the daily operations as well as raising awareness about the endangered and precious animals that came into PrideRock's care. Gary's smile and friendly personality made him an instantly likeable person and he had the natural ability that, upon meeting people for the first time, make them feel instantly at ease and then, a friend for always. After retirement and between helping at PrideRock, Gary also worked at Home Depot where, again, his knowledge and helpfulness made him a sought after resource in the

store, both by the customers and the coworkers, many of whom became lifetime friends. He enjoyed watching football especially college teams and the Dallas Cowboys, THE team that he never missed watching. He also had a daily routine of having breakfast with his many friends at the Ables Springs Café, where he was sure to share a new story of daily life with PrideRock, his family, whom he loved unreservedly, and his work family, each of whom he had become very close to. A wonderful man who placed the highest value on helping others and showing love and appreciation, Gary will be greatly missed and never forgotten as his family, and extended family, carry on his legacy of unconditional love and service to all, no matter the circumstances.

He is survived by his cherished wife, Carol Holliman; children: Paige Hale and Paula Perez; treasured grandchildren: Ern Hale and Josh Hale; a niece Niki Holliman and a nephew Mike Holliman, along with his 'just like' family members at PrideRock, Home Depot and Ables Springs Café as well as the countless others lives Gary impacted with his ability to always be a help and encourager to them.

A celebration of Gary's life is being planned for a later date with the many memories, accomplishments and, most importantly, friendships will be celebrated and remembered.

In lieu of flowers, Gary would've wanted others to help the organization that was so close to his heart by donating to PrideRock Wildlife Refuge at [www.priderock.org](http://www.priderock.org).

# Tribute Wall



“ Gary Holliman

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ A good man

**Bill Estes** - December 09, 2022 at 08:56 AM



“ My name is Raymond Sanders, from Wellington, Texas, Gary and I graduated together and played football together. I am sorry I never got to see Pride Rock, though, I know how important it was to Gary. I am so sorry to hear about his passing, our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.

**Raymond Sanders** - December 02, 2022 at 11:02 AM



“ Carol, I am so sad for you. I seldom check Facebook, and just happened to see your post. I'm so sorry. Shirley Baber

**Shirley Baber** - December 01, 2022 at 05:20 PM



“ Tiger man I will miss you dearly started my day off with you every morning past few years could always count on you for a smile and a laugh our gang will will never be the same without you lion king see you on the other side

**Ron Jones** - November 27, 2022 at 10:10 PM

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“ Gary was not only a loyal customer but he was a very good friend. Gary was always in the store 2 or 3 times a day and very welcome. Had lots of laughs with him. He left lots of enjoyable memories. Gary will be missed by many.

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**Mary Boughton** - November 27, 2022 at 05:27 PM

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“ Always enjoyed talking with Gary had coffee at Ablespring cafe I know he'll be missed RIP Gary

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**gary elliott** - November 26, 2022 at 05:53 PM