



## Howard Jack Holliday

June 23, 1943 - August 30, 2019

Howard Jack Holliday passed away peacefully in his sleep, at the age of 76, on August 30, 2019. He was born on June 23, 1943 in Tyler. He met and married his wife, Marsha Ray Hinds of Tyler, in 1962. They were married nearly 57 years and she was the love of his life. They loved to travel together, especially in Italy, and find new destinations in Europe to begin adventures that would typically include a cross-Atlantic cruise, their favorite way to travel.

Jack, or “Jackie”, as he was known by many, was the owner and president of Holliday Sheet Metal, Co., which was opened in 1948 by his father H. C. Holliday. This was Jack’s second career. He earned Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from the University of Texas at Austin, and a PhD in English from Texas Christian University. Prior to moving back to Tyler in 1985, he lived in McAllen with his family and taught at Pan American University in Edinburg, for 15 years, where he was a tenured professor and head of the English Department. He was known to his students and faculty friends as “Doc” Holliday.

Jack had a passion for reading, especially poetry and anything by D.H. Lawrence, and loved to travel with his wife, exploring other countries and their art and cuisine. He loved the outdoors, especially camping at Big Bend National Park, and playing golf, managing two aces in his life. Mostly, he had a passion for people, especially his family. He was generous with his money,

time, and talents to so many that were in need and was an inspiration to many.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hubert and Sarah Holliday; and his brother, Phil Holliday. He is survived by his loving wife, Marsha Holliday; son, Sean Holliday and wife Stacey of Tyler; daughter, Alison McGinnis and husband Michael of Whitehouse; sister, Patricia Mankin and husband Johnny of Waco; sister, Sally Evans of Austin; brother, Duke Holliday and wife Jenny of Phoenix, AZ, sister-in-law, Gay Holliday of Whitehouse; and grandchildren, Caitlin Holliday, Taylor Holliday, Joe Townend, Hannah McGinnis, and Abby McGinnis; 11 nieces and nephews, and numerous great nieces and nephews.

Jack was a member of Christ Episcopal Church, where a memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 13. All are welcome. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to PATH, 402 W. Front St., Tyler, TX 75702 .

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP **13.** 3:00 PM (CT)

Christ Episcopal Church  
118 South Bois d' Arc  
Tyler, TX 75702

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Howard Jack Holliday*



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**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - September 09, 2019 at 03:36 PM



“ *I have many memories from Hogg Jr. High, Robert E Lee and TCU of Jack. He was a friend to many and he will be missed.*

*Tommy Ashcraft*

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**Tommy Ashcraft** - September 10, 2019 at 03:55 PM



“ *92 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - September 09, 2019 at 03:22 PM

LM

“ *Loretta Martinez lit a candle in memory of Howard Jack Holliday*



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**Loretta Martinez** - September 07, 2019 at 02:23 AM

FM

“ *My sweet boss of 18 1/2 years. You have no idea what an empty spot you have left in my heart. I will never forget you. You were the best boss and friend anyone could ever ask for. Always there to help me or to do anything I would ask of you. You were a kind and gentle man. I will miss my golf buddy and my lunch partner. I'm so happy we shared so many laughs and happy times together. We would tell so many funny stories and they would most always make us laugh to the point of tears rolling down our faces. I'm going to miss those weeks so much but most of all I'm going to miss you. Until we meet again RIP my BFF.*



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**Frances Morrison** - September 06, 2019 at 10:52 AM

TT

“ *Jack was a good friend. I am very sorry and surprised to hear about his passing ! I first met Jack in the seventh grade at Hogg Jr. High ! Not too long back, I was in Tyler and stopped by his office and visited with him ! My sincere condolences to his family. Tommy Tunnell*

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**Tommy Tunnell** - September 05, 2019 at 04:12 PM

JP

“ So sorry to hear of Jack's passing. I have a lot of good memories of Jack, especially when we were at Hogg Jr. High together.

*May God bless his family and friends forever.*

*Jim L Patterson*

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**Jim Patterson** - September 02, 2019 at 07:59 PM

CP

*Praying for the family. Jack was such a good and trusted friend. Lots of memories from high school. Rest In Peace.*

*Carol Dumas Parker*

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**Carol Dumas Parker** - September 04, 2019 at 11:04 AM

PG

*Marsha, Tricia and family, so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. Prayers for your family. I lived across from the Holiday family growing up and enjoyed knowing each of them. My thoughts be with you.*

*Pat Towles Gilbert*

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**Pat Towles Gilbert** - September 04, 2019 at 12:10 PM

BS

*Prayers for the family and friends, I never knew Jack but I attended high school with his son, Sean. Many fun memories from then while working on our school plays. Jack must have been an awesome person to raise kids like Sean.*

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**Betty Serviere** - September 08, 2019 at 02:58 PM

 Maria Wood

*Thanks to Doc, Marsha, and Allison for taking Jennifer on so many of their trips when the girls were younger. God bless the family and may he rest in peace.*

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**Maria Wood** - September 08, 2019 at 05:10 PM

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*Thank you to "Doc" Holliday for teaching and leadership at Pan American University in Edinburg, Texas.*

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**Amy Cummins** - September 09, 2019 at 01:37 PM