



Lanny "Hoss" Huggins

February 16, 1943 - December 11, 2022

Services for Lanny Lynn Huggins, 79, of Tyler will be held on Saturday, December 17, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel. A reception will follow the service in the Hospitality Room at the funeral home.

Lanny "Hoss" Huggins went to be with the Lord, Jesus Christ, Sunday, December 11, 2022. He was born February 16, 1943 in Paris, Texas, to James Byrum and Louise McCulloch Huggins.

Lanny "Hoss" Huggins was a career East Texas radio and TV broadcaster, working at KROZ (K-Rose) 92.1 FM as the morning show host in late 70's and 80's. He later changed to a career in TV and retired from KTYX CBS-19, as Senior Account Executive. He graduated from Paris Junior College and East Texas State University, now Texas A&M University – Commerce.

As a 1961 graduate of Paris High School, "Hoss" accepted a music scholarship at Paris Junior College, continuing on to East Texas State to receive his bachelor's degree in Radio/TV Communication and Psychology. He was an active student, becoming part of the stage band, dance combo, Dragon marching band, the Dixieland band and several campus organizations.

On November 9, 2013, "Hoss" was recognized for his accomplishments and

was inducted into the Paris Junior College Hall of Honor. The Hall of Honor was established to honor alumni of the college for the affects they have had on the vision and mission of the institution. He was very proud to receive this special honor.

In 1967, he moved to Tyler and started his career at KZAK under the air name "Hoss" Huggins. That name stuck and he became known to everyone simply as "Hoss". In 1978, he joined KROZ in Tyler as Program Director and morning show host. He was active with the Muscular Dystrophy Association, March of Dimes, Children's Miracle Network, Ladies Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars, United Way, Child Advocacy Center, Robert E. Lee Band Boosters, and many other charitable organizations throughout his long career in broadcasting.

On November 6, 2011, "Hoss" was inducted into the Texas Radio Hall of Fame, joining other notables such as Wolfman Jack, Willie Nelson, Walter Cronkite and others. He has been heard on the airwaves in the Tyler and Paris area since the late 50's, where he started out as a teenager hosting an afternoon teen show on KFTV in Paris.

"Hoss" played live music in The Huggins' Brothers band with his two brothers, Gary and Mickey, from the time he was big enough to hold a guitar. Playing live shows continued to be his passion throughout his life. He had several bands over the years, including The Cartwrights, Hoss Huggins and Sons, with his last band being Hoss Huggins and Ponderosa.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Byrum "Pete" Huggins, and mother, Louise McCulloch Huggins. He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Gail; son, Bret Huggins and wife Sondra; son, Blake Huggins and wife Lynn; four beautiful grandchildren, Hailey, Lindsey, Sydney and Cade; and two brothers, Gary Huggins and Mickey Huggins.

Honorary pallbearers will be Larry Howeth, and Mike Post.

Pallbearers will be Larry Bearden, John Gaston, J.B. Smith, Jim Holley, Joe Elliot and Tony Booth.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. Jude Children's Hospital at www.stjude.org.

Previous Events

Service

DEC 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Reception following service

DEC 17 (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home Hospitality Room
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler
Tyler, TX 75703
admin@stewartfamilyfuneral.com

Tribute Wall

DB

“ Gail and family, I was lucky to know the Huggins family for all of my 67 years. Our fathers operates full service ‘service stations’ in Paris, TX and my Mom did bookkeeping for both of them.
Through the years, I grew to know and love the Huggins Brothers music. I graduated from ETSU (radio-TV/Sociology) in 1977 and interviewed with Hoss for my first job but didn’t have the skill set he was looking for at that time.
Hoss is a legend on several levels to me and everyone who knew him.
Thanks for your impact on all fronts! I too will always treasure seeing Hoss honored at PJC.
My prayers and thoughts with you all.
Derald Bulls

Derald Bulls - December 15, 2022 at 06:42 PM

CK

“ Colleen Kelly lit a candle in memory of Lanny "Hoss" Huggins



Colleen Kelly - December 15, 2022 at 06:35 PM

CK

To Gail and family - we were sadden to see that Hoss passed away - he was a gentle giant and a friend to many. We send our prayers and love .
Colleen and Eddie Kelly

Colleen Kelly - December 15, 2022 at 06:38 PM

PH

“ To Gail, Bret, and Blake...Hoss worked for me for 27 years at two different TV stations. All 27 years, not one unkind word to me or another employee....always a positive individual....and yes, an outstanding salesman!! Lastly and the most important to me, Hoss was my Friend and I will miss him greatly....play and sing me a song in heaven when I get there!! Phil Hurley

Phil Hurley - December 15, 2022 at 10:12 AM

CN

“ When I was a little girl, I remember Hoss Huggins playing at the ET Fair. I always thought he was a famous celebrity! I guess he really was. He was an East Texas legend.

Cindy Nick - December 15, 2022 at 12:21 AM

TT

“ The CEC Tax and Treasury Team purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Lanny "Hoss" Huggins.



The CEC Tax and Treasury Team - December 14, 2022 at 05:47 PM

TB

“ The Lost Mule Band purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Lanny "Hoss" Huggins.



The Lost Mule Band - December 14, 2022 at 02:37 PM

BH

“ Dear Gail and family, I held Hoss in high esteem as more than just a friend and colleague. We greatly enjoyed visiting in person and online about our love of guitars and music...He was a great man and will be truly missed!! Barry and DeeDee Hanson

Barry & DeeDee Hanson - December 14, 2022 at 01:27 PM

LF

“ Love, The Boley Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Lanny "Hoss" Huggins.



Love, The Boley Family - December 13, 2022 at 06:01 PM

PG

“ Patsy Grimes lit a candle in memory of Lanny "Hoss" Huggins



Patsy Grimes - December 13, 2022 at 03:14 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Lanny "Hoss" Huggins.



December 13, 2022 at 12:37 PM

PW

“ *My deepest sympathy to Gail and the family for the loss of this lovely person who meant so much to them. My prayers are with all of you.*

Patsy Petty Wander

Patsy Wander - December 12, 2022 at 02:51 PM

MM

My prayers are with the family on the loss of such a loving and outstanding person. I am so thankful that God has allowed my path to cross with Hoss.

Mike McMeans - December 14, 2022 at 10:53 AM

SW

I worked with Hoss at KZAK. He always had a smile on his face and a positive attitude.

Stanley Waghalter - December 14, 2022 at 10:55 AM

TP

Gail, our thought and prayers are with you and the family. We were neighbors many, many years ago on Jones Street. Gayle, Amy and Charles Payne.

The Paynes - December 17, 2022 at 05:01 PM