

In Memory of Sammy Tucker Owens July 1, 1942 - July 30, 2024



Sammy Tucker Owens, 82, of Kerrville, TX, passed away on July 30, 2024. He passed away comfortably on hospice after being diagnosed with bladder cancer one year ago. He was born and raised in Waco, TX to Sam Mode Owens and Clariece Tucker on July 1, 1942. Sammy married Charlene Lynette Landfried on January 24, 1964, in Waco, TX.

Sammy graduated from Waco High School, class of 1960. He played shortstop for the Tigers Baseball along with participating in pole vault and high jump. Sammy received a business degree from Sam Houston State University.

Sammy joined the Army National Guard of Texas in April 1966 until honorable discharge in December 1971. He continued his support of veterans through different endeavors throughout the years, most recently as a member of The American Legion Post #208 in Kerrville.

Sam had a 35-year career with Baxter Healthcare serving in many capacities. He started as a sales representative in San Antonio, TX in 1971; promoted to Regional Manager in Virginia; promoted to Area Vice President out of Dallas serving the Southwest U.S. and later the Western half of the U.S. He was a key member of the sales force to convert I.V. fluids from glass to plastic. He was awarded many incentive trips all over the world which he and Charlene enjoyed. His greatest accomplishment was the many people he promoted, enhancing them and their family's lives. He considered Baxter personnel as family and treated them as such. He was loved and respected by many and will be truly missed.

Sam started playing golf in his 30s and never looked back. His golf interest and talent lead him to some of the most beautiful and challenging golf courses across the country in tournaments with friends, 3 hole-in-ones, lifelong friendships and stories to share.

Sam was a member of Great Southwest Golf Club in Grand Prairie in his early years while also joining friends at Colonial Country Club in Ft. Worth for uncountable times and tournaments. Then he enjoyed the remainder of his golfing ability locally at Comanche Trace Golf Club until back issues supported him to hang up the club and enjoy the golf channel from his recliner. He was grateful for the travel experiences of being a spectator during the US Open, PGA Championship and The Masters Tournament on a few occasions.

Sam and Charlene lived in Arlington, TX for 35 years. They faithfully supported the Texas Rangers and Dallas Cowboys and continued to do so when they moved to Kerrville in 2011 to be closer to their grandsons. Sam was an active grandfather with many memories made supporting their athletics and school activities, driving golf carts, golfing, swimming and building fires.

Sammy was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Charlene, who he shared 61 years together. Sammy is survived by his only child, daughter, Michelle Karon Chancellor and husband Jon of Kerrville, TX; grandsons, Ian and Adam Chancellor of Kerrville, TX; brother, Bobby Owens (Kitty) of

Burleson, TX; cousin, Ann Hawkins of Dallas, TX; sisters-in-law, Karon Sullivant (Larry) of Gainesville, TX and Celia Kramer (Ronnie) of New Braunfels, TX; nephews, Marshall Owens (Jennifer) of Mansfield, TX and John Owens (Audrey) of Burleson, TX, Burke Sullivant (Toni) of Gainesville, TX, Christopher Thompson (Lindsey) of San Antonio, TX, Mark Thompson (Marissa) of San Antonio, TX; and many great-nephews and great-nieces.

Memorial donations may be sent to the local Tivy High School Golf Team via the Booster Club organization <https://tivygolf.boosterhub.com/store/7941/14804> or checks payable to Tivy Athletic Booster Club: Sammy Owens Memorial, 1100 Main Street, Kerrville, TX 78028.

The family wishes to extend our sincere thanks to Juniper Village at Guadalupe Riverfront Assisted Living in Kerrville and New Century Hospice in Kerrville. Condolences may be sent at www.grimesfuneralchapels.com.