



## Orby Gene Hollowell

October 29, 1935 - March 24, 2016

Funeral services for Orby Gene Hollowell, 80 of Thorndale will be 2:00 p.m. Monday, March 28, 2016 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Thorndale. Burial in the Salty Cemetery in the Salty Community. Rev. Aaron Kalbas of St. Paul Lutheran Church will officiate. Visitation is also Monday, March 28th at St. Paul Lutheran Church from 1:00 p.m. until service time at 2:00 p.m.

Orby Gene was born October 29, 1935 in Thorndale to Orby Dewey and Ruth Jennett (Locklin) Hollowell. He lived most of his life in Thorndale. On February 12, 1954, he and Bernice Moehnke were married in the Thorndale Methodist Church. Orby first worked in the Crazy Water Crystal Plant in Thorndale for four years. He then worked as a welder at I.G.C. Power Plant in Rockdale over 30 years, retiring October 1991. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Taylor Masonic Lodge #484, and a former member and made Legion of Honor with the Taylor Volunteer Fire Department and a former member of Thorndale Volunteer Fire Department. You could always find him working the token booth for the Thorndale Volunteer Fire Department Cook Off. He volunteered at the Thorndale schools for over 25 years and was a diehard Thorndale Bulldog fan. He enjoyed playing dominoes, dancing with his wife, picking up pecans, yardwork and his early morning CEFCO coffee group.

Orby passed away Thursday morning, March 24, 2016 at his home in Thorndale. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Bernice on

January 21, 2012; son, David Hollowell on July 31, 2012; brother, Harold Herbert Hollowell on April 11, 1999; sister, Joyce Gilbreath and granddaughter, Morgan Hollowell.

Surviving are son, Michael Hollowell and wife Nancy of Shiloh; three daughters, Carol Pitts and husband Richard of Shiloh, Brenda Hoffman and husband Shane of Thorndale and Karen Corona and husband Jose of Cameron; special child, King Hollowell; 8 grandchildren, Tina Pitts and fiancée Sean Grady of Shiloh, Daniel Pitts and fiancée Stephanie Kruse of Thorndale, James Hollowell and wife Melissa of Austin, Jarrod Hollowell of Thorndale, Lindsey Pouncey and husband Eric of Georgetown, Lauren Hollowell of Tomball, Megan Strmiska and husband Corey of Taylor and Kelsey Spillers. 5 great-grandchildren, Macy Hollowell and Kayla Pouncey, Sean Kruse and Bradlee Pitts and Jaxon Grady.

Pallbearers are Bradley Dickerson, Floyd Kruse, Tim Moehnke, Tucker Thomas, Heath Vasquez and Hunter Bartek

Memorials may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Build the Vision, P.O. Box 369, Thorndale, Texas 76577.

# Previous Events

## Church Service

MAR 28. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Paul Lutheran Church - Thorndale  
101 N. 3rd Street  
Thorndale, TX 76577

## Visitation

MAR 28. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JD

“ We are so sorry to hear of Tody's passing. He was a very unique and colorful man. Danny loved playing dominoes with him. He will be missed by so many.  
Danny and Julie Dunn  
Rockdale

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**Julie Dunn** - April 06, 2016 at 07:11 PM

LO

“ Tody was a high school classmate and we always enjoyed him attending our class reunions. We loved visiting with him & Berniece when they worked the gates at the high school football games and later with his daughter. They were a regular fixture. Such a shock to lose him so suddenly. Our condolences to the family and we know he's loving his new home.  
Leroy & Charlene Olbrich

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**Leroy & Charlene Olbrich** - March 28, 2016 at 04:17 PM

MM

“ WE sure loved him! Cliff and Mara

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**Mara McDowell** - March 28, 2016 at 11:27 AM

SL

“ Mr. Hollowell will be remembered as a kind and personable man. He was highly thought of by my family, especially my father, Rabbit Harris.  
Sending condolences to the family.

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**Suzanne Lenz** - March 28, 2016 at 10:33 AM

RH

“ *I have always thought so much of the Hollowell family! I used to work with Bernice and grew to love the whole family! So, so sorry for your loss! He was always so good to me and he sure will be missed! Love you all so much!*

*Rita Zimmerhanzel Huser*



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**Rita Huser** - March 27, 2016 at 08:02 PM