



## Tommy Emery 'Red' Hollowell

July 5, 1935 - February 3, 2019

Mr. Tommy Emery 'Red' Hollowell, peacefully departed this life on February 3, 2019, a Sunday. How appropriate. To the very end his great desire was to be able to go back to church. He loved it so and was loved and respected for his Christian integrity by his church, his family, co-workers, the cattle industry and the many other special friends made during his lifetime.

Born July 5, 1935, to Alma Williams and Tom Hollowell in Forrest City, Red spent his entire 83 years in this area wearing many hats. From newspaper boy to All-State basketball player in high school to mayor of Madison. As mayor, he built and fully equipped the city hall building, fire department and jail, installed city sewage systems with a treatment plant, paved streets, etc. He reactivated and was very active in the East Arkansas Cattlemen's Association and was a lifetime member of Beefmaster Breeders Universal. He was so proud of his prize-winning Beefmaster cattle and hated to give them up when he became unable to care for them.

No one could have loved his family more. The void left by the death of son, Glenn, in 1980, was filled with son Mike's four children and eight grandchildren; great nieces and nephew, and three godchildren. Red cherished the time spent with them all. Affectionately called Poppy and Uncle Red, their bond with him was extremely strong and beautiful to behold.

Red never met a stranger and talking with people was a passion. He loved it. His joy was to seek out people with a need and help them incognito. To this day, only those people and God know who they are. Travel was another passion. Red and Viola, his wife of 64 years, were blessed to be able to travel extensively throughout Mexico, the U.S., Canada and Alaska in their motorhome. He never missed an opportunity to meet and talk to people.

Much living can be done in 83 years. Thanks to God for Red's happy, blessed and productive life. The family requests memorials be made to the Madison First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 89, Madison, Ar. 72359. Alzheimer's Association, 1712 Pioneer Ave., Suite 201, Cheyenne, WY 82001 or the Arkansas Children's Hospital, 1 Children's Place, Little Rock, Ar. 72202. The families wishes were for Red to be cremated. Stevens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. You may log on to [stevensfuneralhome.net](http://stevensfuneralhome.net) for the online registry.

# Tribute Wall

EH

“ *Eva Hollowell lit a candle in memory of Tommy Emery 'Red' Hollowell*



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**Eva Hollowell** - February 14, 2019 at 08:09 PM

SB

“ *We were so sorry to hear of Bro. Red's passing. We are praying for the family in their time of loss. We love you Mrs. Viola.*

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**Susan Brown** - February 10, 2019 at 12:20 AM

GH

“ *We are saddened by the loss of your loved one Bro. Red, for those we love are part of us and leave their trace and memories which are treasures time cannot erase. May God's grace, our thoughts and prayers and your special memories comfort you at this time and in the days ahead. We shall miss Bro. Red, his warm smile, gentle kindness and playful humor. But take comfort in knowing he's heard our Master say, "Welcome home, my child." Love, Gene and Rae Hall*

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**Gene and Rae Hall** - February 08, 2019 at 12:04 PM

FD

“ Looking back over the years I can remember the men who poured into my life, encouraging me, and equipping me for the work of the ministry; Red was one of those men. I will forever be grateful to God for Red and Viola's love for the Lord; love demonstrated by their loyalty to the church, and leadership in the church. Who I am today can be traced back to their spiritual guidance and personal investment. Red may have departed earth, but the evidence of his existence continues through the lives of those he touched; I am one.

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**Ferrel Duffel** - February 07, 2019 at 03:24 PM

BP

*Viola, Words cannot express how sorry I am over your loss of your soul mate, Red! It was very obviously how much you two loved each other! I pray that God will give you peace and comfort in the days to come! Love you! Bonita Harrell Poe*

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**Bonita Poe** - February 11, 2019 at 04:30 PM

LB

“ I am so sorry to hear about this. I remember him as always having a smile and something nice to say. I am sorry about your loss but it is heaven's gain. I will remember him as being a very good and nice man. Linda Bokker

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**Linda Bokker** - February 07, 2019 at 08:32 AM

CC

“ Thinking about you and praying for peace and comfort in the days ahead.

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**Carolyn Colvert** - February 06, 2019 at 11:33 PM