

Omer Isaac Adams

December 26, 1934 - February 7, 2025

Omer Adams, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend, passed away peacefully on February 7, 2025, at the age of 90. He was born in Allen, Texas, during the Great Depression, in 1934, and grew up on his grandfather's farm in Garland. From a young age, Omer learned the value of hard work, an ethic that would shape his entire life.

Omer met the love of his life, Sue, in 9th grade, and they became high school sweethearts. Their relationship continued to grow through the years, and they were married when Omer was a sophomore at North Texas State University. Omer was deeply committed to Sue, and they shared a remarkable 69 years of marriage.

A dedicated student at Garland public schools, Omer's dreams of playing football were dashed when he encountered a foot problem that ended his career on the field. But even in the face of this setback, Omer's resilience and determination led him to new paths. Realizing that farming was no longer a viable career option for him, Omer made the brave decision to pursue a college education. With no one in his family having attended college, he sought advice on how to achieve his goal of securing a "desk job." His good eye for numbers led him to accounting, and he graduated with a B.B.A. in Accounting from North Texas State University in 1957.

Omer's professional journey began when he was recruited by Atlantic Refining Company (later known as ARCO) out of college. Over the next 36 years, he held various roles across the company, including accounting manager of the

Alaska Pipeline, Controller of ARCO Oil & Gas, CFO of ARCO Coal, and his final position as VP & CFO of ARCO International. His career took him and Sue around the globe, where they enjoyed both work and leisure together. Omer was proud of his work and his many contributions to the accounting profession, including his leadership roles with the Institute of Internal Auditors, the Petroleum Accountants Society, and the Council of Petroleum Accountants Societies.

In addition to his professional life, Omer was a passionate supporter of education, serving on numerous advisory boards, including those at the University of North Texas, Texas A&M University, and the University of Texas at Austin. His commitment to the community was evident through his involvement with several organizations, such as the Plano Child Guidance Clinic, the Dallas Crime Commission, and the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. Omer's love of real estate and land development was another important part of his life. During both his working and retirement years, he invested in farm and ranch properties in Texas, as well as golf course properties in Colorado and Tyler, Texas. In retirement, Omer and Sue settled at Hideaway Lake, where they had enjoyed a weekend home for many years. There, he purchased a ranch just outside the community and worked tirelessly to develop it into a retreat for his family and friends. The property became a beloved gathering place, hosting family events and raising money for local nonprofits.

Omer is survived by his wife, Sue, with whom he shared a lifetime of love and memories; daughters Lori Hamilton and her husband Scott, of Larkspur, Colorado, and Amy Piorkowski of Allen, Texas; and four grandchildren: Jeff Hamilton and his wife Lauren, Rachael Mynatt and her husband Nolan, Eric Hamilton and his wife Courtney, and Alexis Piorkowski. He was also proud to have eight great-grandchildren spread across Texas, Colorado, and Kansas. Omer often spoke of his deep gratitude for his life—his health, his family, and the incredible friendships he had formed along the way. He viewed his life as a celebration, and his family and friends are honored to remember him with the

same spirit. Though he is no longer with us, Omer's legacy of love, hard work, and dedication will live on in the hearts of those who knew him.

The family requests that donations be made in lieu of flowers to the charities that were closest to Omer's heart:

Hideaway Lake Community Church: <https://www.hideawaychurch.com/give/>

The Hospice of East Texas: <https://hospiceofeasttexas.org/giving/memory/>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB **10**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Hideaway Lake Community Church
1115 Lake Cross Road
Hideaway, TX

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Omer was truly a special man, he genuinely cared for everyone he met. He and Sue touched the lives of any people. I especially enjoyed our visits as he relayed stories of his travels and the people he met throughout his time with ARCO.

Jeff Baker - February 11, 2025 at 01:45 PM



“ I remember my first day at ARCO, on Friday, March 14, 1975, and I went to the HR office to report for duty. Omer walked up and greeted me, and HE KNEW MY NAME! I, of course, had no idea who he was, but I learned quickly. He was easily the most impressive executive I have ever met. A man of STERLING CHARACTER. What an awesome LEADER.

Art Hughes - February 09, 2025 at 05:30 PM

MD

“ What a wonderful gentleman Omer always was! So friendly and so helpful to anyone in need !! My son Gregg an I were recipients of this when it was icy and we needed help getting Gregg to dialysis! He drove him back and forth several times! I'm so glad my son had that time with Omer! We were so blessed and will never forget !! I love you sweet Sue and you are in my prayers!

Marguerite Downs - February 09, 2025 at 03:00 PM

WS

“ Omer was a man of great wisdom with a heart to serve. He was a dear friend who was always available to his friends and community.

Sue, we send love and prayers to you and your the family.

Wanda and Herschel

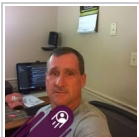
Wanda and Herschel Sanders - February 09, 2025 at 09:54 AM

DG

“ Such a blessing to have known such a special Godly man! He was so kind and gracious to Don and I whenever we saw him! Such wonderful memories of such a wonderful man!

He will always be remembered with love ❤️ Don & Barbara Gustovich

don and Barbara Gustovich - February 09, 2025 at 01:07 AM



“ Omer Adams was my inspiration and taught me how to be a better man. He was called to heaven and is greatly missed and loved. 🙏🙏



Jim Wall - February 08, 2025 at 10:03 PM

JM

“ Omer was a friend to all. Always a smile and made you feel good about life. I pray for Sue and family comfort and peace. God loves you all ❤️🙏. Joan Mullen

Joan Margaret Mullen - February 08, 2025 at 11:12 AM