



Mr. Sammy Charles Hughes

July 9, 1941 - December 13, 2025

Sammy Charles Hughes, 84, passed away peacefully on December 13, 2025. He was born on July 9, 1941, in Pittsburgh, Texas, to the late C.L. and Martha (Hobbs) Hughes. In 1947, his father accepted a position with Exxon, and the family relocated to Baytown, Texas, where Sammy later graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1959.

Shortly after graduation, Sammy began his career with Gulf Oil Corporation while simultaneously pursuing a degree in business and finance at the University of Houston. In 1963, he enlisted in the Texas Air National Guard, answering the call to serve his state and country. His military service reflected the same sense of duty, responsibility, perseverance, and integrity that guided every aspect of his life.

During his tenure at Gulf, Sammy met and fell in love with Judith Johnson. Two years later, they were married on September 24, 1966, beginning a marriage rooted in love, faith, devotion, and unwavering commitment that spanned 59 years. Sammy was a loving husband and devoted father to his two children, Kelli Nicole and Nicholas Brannon.

Sammy dedicated more than three decades to a distinguished career in finance with Gulf Oil Corporation and later Chevron U.S.A. He was widely respected for his professionalism, expertise, and reliability, as well as his keen

acumen for negotiating complex business deals. Following his retirement from Chevron, Sammy and Judy entered a new chapter together in 1996, when they opened and operated B.J. Taylor & Co. in downtown Henderson, Texas. Working side by side, they proudly served the community for 20 years, reflecting Sammy's entrepreneurial spirit and his enjoyment of building something meaningful alongside his wife.

Sammy was a faithful member of First Baptist Church for over 20 years, where he valued fellowship, faith, and service. He served on several church committees, including Hospitality, Decorating, and Volunteer Christian Builders, and he especially enjoyed participating in church building trips with the youth group.

Sammy had a deep love for the outdoors and life's simple pleasures. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, water skiing, traveling, music, dancing, and sports. In retirement, he spent his later years in Austin and San Antonio, surrounded by family.

He is survived by his wife, Judith Johnson Hughes; his daughter, Kelli, and her husband, Lawrence Carranco, of San Antonio; his son, Nicholas, and his wife, Jennifer (Bowen), of Austin; his granddaughters, Katelyn Nicole Wadley of Austin, and Kylie Elizabeth Wadley of Dallas; his grandson, Henry Charles Hughes of Austin; his niece, Karen Henderson of Florida; and his nephews, Chuck Lindsey and Mike Lindsey of Houston.

A graveside memorial service will be held at Lakewood Memorial Park at 10:00 AM on Saturday, December 20, 2025, with Dr. David Higgs officiating. Interment will follow under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Matt Ellis, Ryan Ellis, Rawson Ellis, Ronald Ellis, Lawrence Carranco, Quinn Carranco, Honorary Pallbearers will be Henry Hughes,

Katelyn Wadley, and Kylie Wadley.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 PM on Friday, December 19, at the funeral home.

Sammy Charles Hughes will be remembered as a man of quiet integrity—a dedicated husband, loving father, proud veteran, hardworking professional, and faithful servant whose life was marked by commitment, humility, grace, and a genuine care for others.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Memorial Park

1001 Van Buren St.
Henderson, TX 75652

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

Graveside

DEC **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Lakewood Memorial Park
1001 Van Buren St.
Henderson, TX 75652

Tribute Wall

CC

“ *Many good memories of working together through our church fellowship. Sam and Judy were such giving people. Our lives were blessed for sure.* ”

Connie Carter - December 19, 2025 at 04:47 PM

BB

“ *Barbara Bowman lit a candle in memory of Sammy Charles Hughes* ”



Barbara Bowman - December 19, 2025 at 12:29 AM

MG

“ *We were fortunate enough to meet Sam and Judy when they returned home after many years of working out of state. Nick and our daughter Megan were friends and then later we had businesses next door to each other. We all grew in grace and became friends over the years. We have been blessed with continued friendship via phone calls and text after the move to Austin. A beautiful couple and example of a life well lived honoring God.* ”

Mark & Nancy Gibson - December 18, 2025 at 11:51 PM

KF

“ *Kay Farley lit a candle in memory of Sammy Charles Hughes* ”



Kay Farley - December 18, 2025 at 11:28 PM

GW

“ Gary Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Sammy Charles Hughes



Gary Wilkerson - December 17, 2025 at 11:32 AM

CW

“ I am so sorry to hear of Sam's passing. I always enjoyed visiting with Sam and Judy when I was Main Street Coordinator and they were downtown merchants. He will be missed.

Cyndi Walker - December 17, 2025 at 10:50 AM

GH

“ Glenda Humphries lit a candle in memory of Sammy Charles Hughes



Glenda Humphries - December 17, 2025 at 08:49 AM

ED

“ Elaine Davis lit a candle in memory of Sammy Charles Hughes



Elaine Davis - December 17, 2025 at 08:11 AM

TC

“ *Tony and Anita Cavaliere lit a candle in memory of Sammy Charles Hughes*



Tony and Anita Cavaliere - December 17, 2025 at 08:08 AM