



## Harold Donald Owens

June 12, 1939 - December 3, 2023

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Born in Julesberg Colorado, grew up in Loveland Colorado. Harold is preceded in death by his father, Harold Raymond Owens, his mother Irene Owens, and sister Suzanne Owens. Harold's sister Yvonne Anderson lives in Oregon. He has two sons, Raymond & Darren and 11 grandchildren and 8 great-grand children.

Harold served our country in the Air Force, repairing communications equipment at the start of the Vietnam War in Libya. He came home from that and raced super charged gassers with his childhood friends, Dean SeEVERS and Del Wiesner. During that time he married Linda Anderson who gave him two sons. Racing was put on hold while he raised a family. Harold and Linda divorced in 1980. After a short few years working for General dynamics in Pomona, Harold took a job at the Naval Weapons Center in Ridgecrest California.

It was there that the racing bug bit him again. Harold built a dragster for his sons to drive at the Inyokern Raceway. He became an integral part of the dust Devils Racing Club and, as the4y say, the rest is history. Harold and his sons raced several cars over the next thirty years, garnering plenty of race wins, championships and trophies along the way.

Harold worked at the NWC as a DoD employee until he retired. During all this time, he also worked at as many NHRA national events as he could. Usually

in the staging lanes. It was here that he fostered literally thousands of wonderful friends. He loved "his" racers, couldn't go anywhere at a racetrack without stopping for numerous hugs, handshakes, and kisses from ALL the pretty girls. Harold was crowned NHRA's "Person of The Year" an unheard of twice!

Harold will be missed by his family and his extended racing family.

# Previous Events

## Military Honors

DEC 15. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (PT)

Bakersfield National Cemetery  
30338 E Bear Mountain Blvd  
Arvin, CA 93203  
(661) 867-2250

# Tribute Wall

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“ Harold was a friend of mine for Life, I loved him like my Brother! All thru schools and our racing years traveling thru the country! Indy, Pomona,Bakersfield,Firebird, Green Valley, Bandimeres,Las Vegas, we had us quite a time,  
I will miss you terribly. See you on the other side!! Del & Kay Wiesner

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**Del Wiesner** - December 16, 2023 at 03:19 PM

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“ Harold your friendship will never be forgotten. I'm so happy I was able to visit you in Bakersfield during a Divisional race spending 90 mins chatting with you. You always brought a smile to me and the wife's face. Your lane master antics were mind boggling. You stood in the sun/cold for hours never asking for a thing. RIP my friend.  
Chuck & Linda Stubeck

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**Chuck Stubeck** - December 14, 2023 at 12:41 PM

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“ I have known Harold since I was a teenager. I met him through our wonderful experience of drag racing in the 1960's. The Seevers-Weisner-Owens racing team from Loveland, Colorado was nearly unbeatable with that red Willys coupe. The last time I saw Harold was at the Hot Rod Reunion in Bakersfield in 2014.  
Harry Lindsay  
Littleton, CO



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**Harry Lindsay** - December 09, 2023 at 08:53 AM