

ANDY HOLLOWAY

After a long and successful career in the car business, Andy's journey in the trucking industry began in 2003 at Truck Central alongside his longtime friend, Jeff Bloss. Jeff and Andy had been friends for many years before Andy made the career change, and once he joined Truck Central, he hit the ground running and never looked back.

After a few years of learning the business and enjoying his new career path, Jeff and Andy became partners. As they looked to grow the company, they struck gold when they hired Michelle Wray as Office Manager. Michelle quickly became—and remains—the backbone of the office.

Andy valued the fleet relationships he built and the dealer connections he made through countless trips across the country, not to mention attending every UTA event he possibly could. To Andy, though, those relationships were about much more than business. Many of them became lifelong friendships.

Over the years, Andy and Jeff were fortunate to assemble what Andy considered their dream team: Michelle Wray, Mark Thomas, Katy Devero, Peter Szmerdt, Lance Holloway, and Kyle Toth. Andy was incredibly proud of the team and loved nothing more than sharing in their successes. The people of Truck Central, along with their spouses and partners, became an extended family—one that Andy cherished deeply.

In 2020, after plenty of discussion and planning, Jeff and Andy expanded the business by launching their retail operation, Truck Valley. With his background in the retail car business, Andy had always seen a path forward in retailing trucks. Slowly but surely, Truck Valley grew from its infancy into the successful business it is today. He would be immensely proud to see what it has become.

As everyone in this industry knows, things change—and the trucking business is no exception. But for Andy, one constant was always the UTA.

Andy attended his first UTA convention in Savannah, Georgia, in 2004. He and his wife, Nancy, had so much fun—maybe a little too much fun—that they never missed another one. Andy loved telling stories about the friends he made and the lifelong connections that came from those gatherings. The UTA gave Andy and Nancy the opportunity to build friendships that extended far beyond the used truck business, and those relationships meant the world to him.

Andy spent more than 20 years in the used truck industry, and he truly enjoyed the life he built within it. He felt incredibly fortunate to do something he loved alongside people he genuinely cared about. As Andy liked to say, he had “hit the jackpot.”

He was awarded the UTA's “Dealer Member of the Year” in 2011. He hung that plaque proudly!

Andy was always the “talker” at Truck Central events. He was quick to hand out compliments, celebrate someone else's success, or tell a story, but we rarely had the opportunity to tell him just how proud we were of him. The people who had the privilege of working closely with Andy are better for having known him. He leaves behind a lasting reputation for hard work, generosity, loyalty, and a genuine love for the people around him. Andy was a loving soul who made an impact on everyone he worked with.

If Andy were with us today, there is no doubt he would be here with a big smile on his face, decked out in one of his signature Tommy Bahama shirts, surrounded by the people he loved.

He is deeply missed by everyone who knew him, but we know just how much it would mean to him to be nominated for the Used Truck Association's Lifetime Achievement Award. For someone who found so much joy in this industry, in this organization, and most of all in its people, we can think of no more meaningful way to honor the career—and the life—he was so proud to have built.

