



## Allen Edward Angell

July 26, 1935 - April 3, 2022

On July 26, 1935, in Athens, Texas, Ruby Lee Evans & and Ollie Lee Angell welcomed a son, Allen Edward Angell. His older siblings were brother J.L. & sister Dicie. Younger sister Nelda and baby brother Billy arrived later.

Because his dad Ollie was a sharecropper, Allen attended schools all over Texas: Malakoff, Tell, Athens, Crossroads, Kemp, Warsaw, and then he graduated from Kaufman high school in 1955. He says he barely made it, graduating third from the bottom in a class of forty-two.

He remembers that his family didn't have a radio or kerosene burning stove until he was in fourth or fifth grade, and he was eleven or twelve when his family got their first car. Before that, they took their tractor and trailer to town for groceries.

As a child, his favorite thing to do was to go fishing in the Trinity River at the cutoff in Malakoff. At 19, he bought the car of his dreams: a bubble top, baby blue, deluxe 4 door, 6 cylinder standard Chevrolet Bel Air. He worked three jobs to pay \$30 a month for that car.

Allen married Evelyn Doniece Thomas on June 8, 1956, just a few days after she graduated from high school. They bought their first home on Grove Street in Kaufman, Texas, and joined First Baptist Church there. They welcomed son

Farron Lynn on June 10, 1958. On August 28, 1962, Allen and Doniece welcomed daughter Angela Gaylene by adoption. They completed their family, adopting Stephanie Je'Neen four days after her seventh birthday October 14, 1972.

During his life, Allen worked many jobs, including driving the Manor Bread truck and joining the Mesquite Fire Department in 1959. In November 1965, he joined the Dallas Fire Department and moved his family to Terrell. Allen was a firefighter, diver, & paramedic during his twenty years in stations 44 & 32 on the DFD. One of his best memories from the DFD is delivering twins on the ambulance. It is said that one of the babies was named after him.

He was also a Terrell Volunteer Fire fighter for twenty-nine years, serving the community and mentoring many future firefighters.

Allen retired from the DFD in November of 1985, but then worked for the City of Terrell for 14 years, serving as foreman of the Parks Dept. After he retired from the City of Terrell, he worked for the probation department, and then became partner with Gene Walters in a car wash on Hwy 34 in Terrell. When they sold the car wash (location of the new US post Office in Terrell) he really and truly retired.

If you knew Allen, you know that his passion and hobby was deer hunting. He joined his first deer lease in Glen Rose, Texas in 1976, with some of his fire fighter brothers at station 44. He loved hunting deer & turkey and preparing the meat for his family and friends. He also hunted in South Texas, Mississippi, and Colorado.

Besides hunting, Allen was an avid camper & boater who spent many weekends with his family and friends camping at the Terrell Volunteer Fire Department's lake lot on Lake Tawakoni. He loved refurbishing and driving

boats, pulling everyone on skis, the blue board, or inner tube. He and his family took annual vacations all over the US, with him at the wheel of their camper. His favorite vacation was a family trip to Mexico City and Acapulco.

Allen was a child of God, raising his family in Grace Temple Baptist Church in Terrell. Eventually, he became a deacon and served many years at First Missionary Baptist Church in Terrell. He was also a Gideon and a Mason. His greatest legacy has been to teach his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren to love Jesus, work hard, and be kind. He was kind to everyone he met, and he never met a stranger.

Recently he shared that his favorite food was pinto beans & corn bread, all covered in picante sauce. He loved a big glass of cornbread in buttermilk. And every Sunday night, popcorn was his favorite supper. His favorite drinks were Dr. Pepper and iced tea. And interestingly enough, the only food he disliked was avocado.

His favorite accomplishment was retirement, which allowed him to spend more time with his family, especially his grandkids and great-grandsons. He loved mowing lawns, which was one of his last pastimes to give up. He also loved sitting on his porch soaking in the sun. He was happiest surrounded by the peace of nature.

He was greeted by Jesus and his wife Doniece in Heaven on April, 3, 2022, at 9:15 am. He will be sorely missed by his family and friends. There will never be another dad or Poppaw who could measure up to him.

Allen's survivors include his three children, son Farron Angell of Terrell; daughter Angela & husband Wayne O'Haver of Terrell; and daughter Stephanie & husband Scott DeFord of Waxahachie; grandchildren Grant

Angell and fiancée Amanda Harper of McKinney, Blake Cech & fiancée Holly Brockway of Terrell, Melody Angell-Gonzalez & husband Jesus Gonzalez of College Station, and Richard DeFord of Waxahachie; great-grandchildren Dallen, Dayton, Parker, and Kaleb Cech, Scottie DeFord, and bonuses Mason Dyer & Brayden Brockway; sister Nelda Maykus & brother Billy Angell and their families of Terrell, and a host of other family members.

Allen's family wishes to thank their fire fighter family for supporting them during this time and for the beautiful memorial details honoring his service. We are grateful for Colonial Lodge, Magnolia Hospice, & the many sitters and friends who helped care for Allen over the last year.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Honor of Allen Angell to the Terrell Volunteer Fire Department, the Gideons, or First Missionary Baptist Church.

Funeral services are scheduled for Friday, April 8, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel. The family will receive friends on Thursday, April 7, 2022 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Campground Cemetery

County Road 326  
Terrell, TX 75160

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel  
642 N. Rockwall Ave.  
Terrell, TX 75160

## Funeral Service

APR 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Allen Edward Angell*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Amber Huff lit a candle in memory of Allen Edward Angell*



**Amber Huff** - May 30, 2022 at 10:57 PM



“ *Sharon Rush Collins lit a candle in memory of Allen Edward Angell*



**Sharon Rush Collins** - April 08, 2022 at 07:36 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you the family during this time. Your Dad was a quiet gentle soul and a man I greatly respected. What a joyous time in Heaven when He walked thru the gates and met The ONE he had served all these and your precious Mom. Prayers for you all!*

**Mimi Noeth** - April 07, 2022 at 02:35 PM



“ 89 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations** - April 07, 2022 at 01:12 PM

CE

“ *LITE A CANDLE FOR ALLEN EDWARD ANGELL. PRAYS FOR HIS FAMILY. HE,S ONE OF GOD,S BEST. !!!*



**Charlie E.Samples** - April 06, 2022 at 10:14 PM

TF

“ *SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT MR. ANGELL ,OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE FAMILY.*

**THE BOYD FAMILY** - April 06, 2022 at 06:11 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Allen Edward Angell.*



April 06, 2022 at 04:14 PM

BH

“ Bro Allen was a cherished friend, Deacon and an awesome godly man. Our lives were truly blessed by having know him and having him in our lives. Rest in God's arms. We love you and will miss you. We'll see you when we get home.

*Steve & Bonita Henson*

Bonita Hen - April 06, 2022 at 02:44 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Allen Edward Angell.



April 06, 2022 at 01:08 PM

JL

“ Martha Allen depended on, loved, and respected Allen. He was always a gentle soul with many talents he shared generously. A good man to all.

*Janet Lumpkin*

Janet Lumpkin - April 05, 2022 at 05:35 PM

SB

“ Samuel Boyd lit a candle in memory of Allen Edward Angell



samuel boyd - April 05, 2022 at 12:59 PM

JH

“ *John And Lori Harwell lit a candle in memory of Allen Edward Angell*



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**John and Lori Harwell** - April 05, 2022 at 12:43 PM

JB

“ *Janis Blair lit a candle in memory of Allen Edward Angell*



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**Janis Blair** - April 05, 2022 at 12:27 PM

KS

“ *Kay Squires lit a candle in memory of Allen Edward Angell*



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**Kay Squires** - April 05, 2022 at 12:08 PM

PB

“ *Phil & Debbie Bacon lit a candle in memory of Allen Edward Angell*



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**Phil & Debbie Bacon** - April 05, 2022 at 12:01 PM

JY

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to family and friends.*



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**Julie Young** - April 05, 2022 at 09:38 AM

TM

“ *Trey Moses lit a candle in memory of Allen Edward Angell*



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**Trey Moses** - April 04, 2022 at 08:06 PM

LB

“ *God bless the family.*



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**Lynn Baker** - April 04, 2022 at 06:54 PM

LB

“ *Mr and Mrs Angell were two of the finest people we ever knew.*

*Lynn & Debbie Baker*

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**Lynn Baker** - April 04, 2022 at 06:51 PM

BP

“ *Bill & Deborah Phillips lit a candle in memory of Allen Edward Angell*



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**Bill & Deborah Phillips** - April 04, 2022 at 06:39 PM