



## George Alan Chappell

February 4, 1949 - October 14, 2021

George Alan Chappell was born in Kaufman, Tx on February 4, 1949 to Robert and Frances Chappell and passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on October 14, 2021. George grew up in Kaufman on Star Brand Ranch until moving to Forney where he graduated in 1967.

George's success with horses started early, when he won a trophy at the first state 4H show in 1963 while a student at Kaufman High School. One of his most successful stints came in the late 1970s, thanks in part to a horse named Wonder Trouble. In 1977, he set a national record for most points by a calf-roping horse in a single year. That same season, he also won the prestigious All-American Quarter Horse Congress trophy at the largest horse show in the United States. The following year, Chappell sold Wonder Trouble for \$15,000, which was a record at the time. George won three AQHA world championships, in 1978, 1983 and 1993. Those came during the years when his ranch was abuzz with activity, sometimes with more than 50 horses at a time. George sold more than 35 world champions including cutting horses, pleasure horses and halter horses. He was a judge at AQHA shows for over 30 years and was considered an appraisal expert in the industry.

Throughout the years George was a mentor to so many. He would watch the runs and then their phone would be ringing-either with advice on how to make it better or it was "good run." The stories are unending about his advice, his

travels and the horses he has shown and sold. If you wanted a good horse, you knew he would find it. He was known as "princess" when traveling because he would get the back seat..no wonder he liked to travel at night. He knew every good restaurant, where the best chicken fried steak was, the best salad bars, and hands down knew where to go for pie. Just a few quotes from his friends: "he liked a calf horse that would jerk one over backwards;" loved his Kansas City Chiefs; could tell a story like no other; never cheated anyone on a horse deal-if you felt that way, it's because he just out-traded you; he loved his Cowboy channel, Andy Griffith, Three Stooges, Gunsmoke, Rodeos and anything by Aretha Franklin put a smile on his face.

George married Paulette March 2, 1987, (according to George's family-the best decision he ever made). When the family first met her, they all thought, "How did he get her?" They lived in Terrell until moving to Collinsville in 2018. "Red" as he called her was by his side through it all. We all got a little jealous when they got to travel to Italy for him to judge a show. Can you imagine George in Italy? While in the hospital he would tell her to go take a break, but not 20 minutes after she was gone, we heard "where's Red?"

George is survived by his wife of 34 years, Paulette; son Alan Chappell and wife Allison; daughter Kristin Stooksberry and husband Spencer; sister Beverly Osborn and husband Norb; sister in law Janet Patterson and husband Jerry; sister in law Charlotte Fruge and husband Danny; grandsons Jackson and Jonah Stooksberry; granddaughter Dylann Chappell; nephew Sam Gillispie and wife Mandy; niece Jennifer Gillispie; niece Mary Nibbelin, husband Will and their children Lewis and Wylie; niece Jessica Christy and husband Ross; niece Jennifer Brown and husband Grant; niece Terri and Jerry Albanese; brother in law Phil Schaefer and his wife Jan; great niece Annie Gillispie; great niece Berkeley Brown; and numerous friends who he considered family. If you were George's friend, then he would do anything in

the world for you and he was always real with you-whether you liked it or not. He is preceded in death by his parents Robert and Frances Chappell, nephew R.D. Gillispie, and brother in law Don Gillispie.

Funeral service will be at 1:00pm, Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at Jeff Smith's Arena, 11300 N. FM 148, Terrell, TX, with interment to follow at Hillcrest Cemetery in Forney, TX.

George will lie in state, 5:00pm to 8:00pm, Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2021 at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, George's family is strongly suggesting that memorials be made to Jake E's Riding Round Up, 10626 FM 429, Kaufman, TX 75142 or at [www.jakeesrr.org](http://www.jakeesrr.org) or to St. Jude Children's Hospital at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Cemetery

401 W Broad St.  
Forney, TX 75126

# Previous Events

## In State

OCT **19**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

OCT **20**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Jeff Smith's Arena  
11300 N. F.M. 148  
Terrell, TX 75160

# Tribute Wall



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of George Alan Chappell*



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**Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations** - October 19, 2021 at 04:31 PM



“ *George Alan Chappell*

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October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Our hearts are very saddened to hear the passing of George. We enjoyed him coming to the store everyday and eating his crackers and drinking his juice. We send his family our love and prayers and will keep them in our thoughts through this difficult time.*



*Rest high Georgie you will be greatly missed  
From  
The Pritchett Oil & Grocery staff  
Chiann, Megan & Bethanie*

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**Chiann Long** - October 20, 2021 at 12:22 PM



“ Donna Segraves & Shaunta Grimes purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of George Alan Chappell.



Donna Segraves & Shaunta Grimes - October 19, 2021 at 04:37 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of George Alan Chappell.



October 19, 2021 at 04:22 PM



“ 121 files added to the album LifeTributes



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - October 19, 2021 at 03:12 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of George Alan Chappell.*



October 18, 2021 at 10:44 PM



“ *Marvin and Paula Johnson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of George Alan Chappell.*



**Marvin and Paula Johnson** - October 18, 2021 at 06:06 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of George Alan Chappell.*



October 18, 2021 at 06:06 PM



“ *Jennifer's Dream Team purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of George Alan Chappell.*



**Jennifer's Dream Team** - October 18, 2021 at 02:22 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of George Alan Chappell.*



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October 18, 2021 at 12:24 PM



“ *The Hollar's purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of George Alan Chappell.*



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**The Hollar's** - October 18, 2021 at 10:53 AM



“ *I grew up down the road from George in Terrell I used to mow there lawn, he was a great guy. He will be missed*

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**Brad Scott** - October 18, 2021 at 03:25 AM

DU

“ Dear Alan & Family - I spent time at your folks' place in Terrell during the early 1980s; it was the era of 'Docs Melody First'. You were a little boy and had just gotten a cute white pony; I think its name may have been 'Snowball'. I left there hauling a nice roan mare and a brahman calf. George was an excellent horseman, a good friend, and shared countless awesome stories. I am sorry and deeply saddened by your family's tremendous loss of your dear father. He will be sorely missed by all of the friends he made along the way over the years. Please know each of you is being held close in thought and prayer during this painfully difficult time. Sending my heartfelt condolences and many hugs for all. 🥺💔🙏🕊️🙏💔🥺



Debra Jo Endres-Ard | Lizton, IN USA - October 17, 2021 at 10:59 PM

GH

“ George was one of a kind and talking to him was entertaining to say the least. He knew more about horses than anyone I know. He was the most honest man and fair when buying or selling a horse. We will miss his wit and his generosity. Sincere condolences to Paulette and his family and friends.

Gene Hood - October 17, 2021 at 09:49 PM

LG

“ So sorry to hear of George's passing. Many good time in past years and him and Paulette. Two stellar people. Prayers for peace and comfort to Paulette and the family.

Lanora Garner - October 17, 2021 at 08:30 PM

LT

“ Love HARPER & TAMARA purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of George Alan Chappell.



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Love HARPER & TAMARA - October 17, 2021 at 12:36 AM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of George Alan Chappell.



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October 16, 2021 at 10:10 PM

JO

“ George, you was one of the great ones. You will be missed by many. It was a pleasure knowing you. RIP



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Jim Osborne - October 16, 2021 at 09:03 PM

GT

“ Always enjoyed having a horse George was interested in. He came to our ranch many times and left with several horses. We will miss seeing him and talking to him. Our condolences to his family. He will surely be missed.

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George and Rhonda Tidwell - October 16, 2021 at 08:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of George Alan Chappell.*



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October 16, 2021 at 05:37 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of George Alan Chappell.*



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October 16, 2021 at 04:58 PM



“ *Great memories working horse auctions with him and Paulette. He was certainly a good friend. We will miss him. David & Carol Shaw*

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**carol shaw** - October 15, 2021 at 04:32 PM



*sorry to hear about George. Great memories of many good times with him years ago. Rest in peace my friend and prayers for the entire family*

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**David Freeman** - October 16, 2021 at 02:47 PM



*Beverly, it is obvious your brother was a beautiful person who had an amazing life. We are so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our hearts and prayers.*

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**IU Health Family** - October 17, 2021 at 09:04 AM

JD

*It was surely fun growing up with the whole Chappell family. Being at their house, going to rodeos and just hanging out at the barn. I always admired George. My sympathy for the family and celebrating George's place in heaven.*

*Ricky and Judy Townsend Day*

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**Judy Day** - October 17, 2021 at 08:44 PM

MM

*We always enjoyed being around George & Paulette. Good times. So sad to hear of George's passing. Prayers & love to Paulette & family. Joe & Margaret Matura*

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**Margaret Matura** - October 20, 2021 at 07:22 PM