



## Ray Appleton

October 29, 1936 - June 20, 2021

\*\*\*Mr. Appleton's service will be LiveStreamed on our website\*\*\*

Ray Appleton, formerly of Terrell, passed away peacefully on June 20, 2021. Ray was born October 29, 1936 in Dallas to R.S. and Margaret (Armstrong) Appleton, both of whom preceded him in death along with his son, Ray Appleton, Jr., daughters, Marquita Bensler and Pamela Kay Appleton, brother, Stan Appleton, sister, Rowena Taylor, his wife, Jill Roscoe Appleton, and brother-in-law Gary Moss.

A hard working man with a dedicated work ethic, Ray worked for the Texas Dept of Public Safety as a highway patrolman from 1962 to 1974. He later drove an 18-wheeler for Owens Country Sausage, delivering to warehouses to several states in the south and southwest. Never shying away from a new opportunity, Ray started his own business, Ray's Vending Service, that he operated for over 25 years with machines in municipal buildings, banks, apartment complexes, and nursing homes located throughout the Terrell and Garland areas. After selling his vending business, Ray worked at the Home Depot in Terrell where he was a valued sales associate for 16 years. Ray's smile and willingness to help became a welcome sight to fellow employees and customers at the store where he was known as "Mr. Encyclopedia" because of his vast knowledge. Ray's commitment to work was second only to his commitment to his family. He was a devoted husband to his wife, Jill, until her passing in 1998. He found love again with Audrey, and they were married

on Sept. 3, 1999, in Las Vegas. They were wonderful parents and grandparents to their new blended family, all of whom they loved like each was their own. He spent a lifetime enjoying the outdoors, especially fishing with his family, and was known among many for his "Appleton Fish Fry" events. He was also a member of the Tyler Lodge No. 1233 in Tyler. A wonderful man who never met a stranger and made everyone feel like family, Ray will be missed by all who knew him.

Ray leaves his memory to be cherished by his wife, Audrey Moss Appleton of Canton; children: Richard Appleton and wife, Sherri, of Alvarado, Kim Townsend and husband, Keith, of Garland, Kyle Marscola and wife, Shona, of South Bend, IN and Kelli Patton and husband, Randy, of Terrell; grandchildren: Cody Patton and wife, Savannah and their daughter, Whitley, Jennifer Jones, Bailey Patton, Lauren Jones, Jacob Marscola, Alexis Marscola, Kristina Appleton, Jeremy Appleton, Jennifer Littlejohn, Pete Bensler, Jr., Alex Butler, and Amber Bastible; several great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; brother, Ronald Appleton and wife, Brenda, of Midlothian, TX; sister, Sue Poston of Acworth, GA; sister-in-law, Serretta Appleton of Canton; brothers-in-law: Lonnie Moss and wife. Rebecca, David Roscoe and wife. Cathy, Michael Roscoe and wife. Jerri, Joe LaRoe and wife. Beverly and sister-in-law Lindy Savage as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and a host of friends, all of whom loved Ray dearly. Ray's family would like to extend a special thank you to his Terrell Home Depot family for their love and respect for him throughout his years and for caring for his family during his illness, and to VNA Hospice of Kaufman, especially to Emily, Stephanie, Shirley, Paula and Monica for their care of Ray.

Funeral service will be at 10:00am, Thursday, June 24, 2021 at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel with interment to follow at Sardis Cemetery in Waxahachie, TX. His family will receive friends from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to VNA Hospice at [www.vnatexas.org](http://www.vnatexas.org).



# Cemetery Details

## Sardis Cemetery

6101 Honeysuckle Rd  
Midlothian, TX 76065

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **23**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

JUN **24**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Ray Appleton*



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**Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations** - June 23, 2021 at 01:00 PM



“ *Ray Appleton*

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October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *I met Ray in 1986 while working with Jill at American National Bank, He kept the vending machines well stocked and was such a pleasure to know. God blessed us when he placed Ray in Terrell! To Audrey and the rest of the family, I am so sorry for your loss. He has left you with his legacy of hard work, kindness and his willingness to help others. I'm sure God has put him to work at an important task. Rest in peace my friend!*

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**Jarrold Burr** - July 14, 2021 at 11:30 AM

PL

“ I am soo truly sorryto hear about Ray. We worked together at HD for over 5 yrs.  
I could always count on him to help me even after I left there. I always enjoyed his sweet smile and big bear hugs. He was one in a million. Pam Lowder

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**pam Lowder** - July 11, 2021 at 04:38 PM

BS

“ What a beautiful service—a tribute to a man who lived a great and impactful life. I worked with Ray Ray at The Home Depot and looked forward to his bear hugs every day. (I thought they were just for me, but learned at today’s service that they were for everyone, so the joy was widespread!) Ray Ray was a “Ray” of sunshine each and every day, and I truly will miss him. To the family, thank you for sharing your Ray stories. My condolences to you all. ~Beth

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**Beth Schmidt** - June 24, 2021 at 05:52 PM

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“ Ray's smile was as wide as he was tall and ever so kind.  
I've been with Home Depot less than a year and when I needed guidance, Ray would point me in the right direction, but he did that for everyone.

Ray had a servants heart.

What a celebration it must be - together with most of your family.  
I'll miss you my friend and the stories you would share with me about your Grandpa.

My condolences to the Appleton Family.

Tonyia Dotson



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**Tonyia Dotson** - June 23, 2021 at 03:03 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Ray Appleton.*



June 23, 2021 at 02:41 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Ray Appleton.*



June 23, 2021 at 01:44 PM



“ *Ray made me smile every time we met. He was always there for his family and I loved being around him. Kelli always spoke so highly of him and he will be surely missed. He made a positive and lasting impression on so many people throughout his life. God gave us a good one!!*  
*Kay and Kenneth Stutts*

**Kay Stutts** - June 23, 2021 at 12:07 PM



“ *From Your Friends at Wealth Management Trust purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ray Appleton.*



**From Your Friends at Wealth Management Trust** - June 23, 2021 at 11:09 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ray Appleton.*



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June 23, 2021 at 10:25 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ray Appleton.*



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June 23, 2021 at 09:56 AM



“ *Ray was much loved and will be greatly missed by the Lovell and Swift families. Our love and condolences to the family, especially Kim, Jennifer and Lauren ❤️*



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**Yvonne Lovell** - June 23, 2021 at 09:13 AM



“ *Ray was a very wonderful person who always had a smile on his face and time to listen to you. He will certainly be missed and we will miss seeing him at Terrell Home Depot. His family will be in our thoughts and prayers  
Loren and Sandra Rigglin*

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**Sandra Rigglin** - June 22, 2021 at 05:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ray Appleton.*



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June 22, 2021 at 01:45 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ray Appleton.*



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June 22, 2021 at 12:06 PM



“ *Jim Yvonne Wynne sent a virtual gift in memory of Ray Appleton*



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**Jim Yvonne Wynne** - June 22, 2021 at 12:05 PM



“ *You were my RAY of sunshine as my coworker and friend! I will miss you dearly but know your with the Lord now and rest peacefully my friend.*

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**Suzanne Farfan** - June 22, 2021 at 09:06 AM

DF

“ Rest in heavenly peace, Ray. Your family at the Terrell Home Depot will miss your presence, your infectious smile and your exceptional wit. Spread your wings and fly high with the angels!



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**Dawn Floyd** - June 22, 2021 at 07:52 AM

JC

“ Kim, Keith, Jennifer & Lauren, my heart breaks for all of you. He is not suffering any more, & he is happy. Be happy for him. R.I.P Ray.

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**Jerry Crow** - June 21, 2021 at 09:47 PM

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“ My Condolences, I will miss seeing him at home depot.

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**Troy Drollinger** - June 21, 2021 at 09:11 PM