



Ray Covington

August 16, 1940 - August 2, 2024

Jessie Ray Covington, cherished husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend, passed away on Aug. 2, 2024. Ray was born Aug. 16, 1940 in a log cabin to George Wade and Katie Lillian (Nolley) Covington, both of whom welcomed him into Heaven along with sisters, Pauline Owens, Sarah Liles, as well as an infant sister, Mary Nell Covington.

Ray was born and raised in Alto, Texas on a farm where he learned how to work hard but also learned to hunt and fish. He once caught an alligator in the Angelina River. He graduated from Alto High School in 1959 where he played basketball and was a member of FFA. After high school he moved to Dallas where he met the love of his life, Donna Rumbo, through a mutual friend. Ray and Donna were married on June 29, 1963 at Gaston Avenue Baptist Church. Ray began his 31 year career working as a bookkeeper with Baylor College of Dentistry where he was promoted to accountant, controller, CFO and vice president. He enjoyed painting houses as a second job. In June of 1974, Ray and Donna moved their young family to Terrell, Texas where they joined First Baptist Church. At church, Ray immediately became active in several ministries, committees, outreaches, and served as a deacon over the years. After retirement Ray continued working for 19 more years at the Baylor Oral Health Foundation while at the same time traveling the globe with his lovely wife and friends. His quiet temperament was the first thing people noticed about him. Ray was also an avid gardener and loved planting in his yard as well as at his farm. His close friend Tom Sullivan was always by his side

working at the farm or hunting and fishing. Ray's neighbors and family were the recipients of the bounty of his vegetables each summer providing "tomatoes for all!" His smile and his ever-present willingness to help will always be hallmarks of Ray's legacy that his family will be proud to carry on into future generations.

Ray is survived by his wife, Donna Covington; daughter and son-in-law, Renee and Roy Henry; daughter, Dana Covington; grandchildren: Carsen Henry and wife, Lauren, Marisa Henry, Katie Thornton, and Andrew Thornton; brother, George Covington and wife, Patsy as well as several cherished nieces, nephews, extended family, church family, coworkers and countless friends, each of whom will greatly miss him.

Funeral service will be at 10:00am, Saturday, Aug 10, 2024 at First Baptist Church in Terrell with interment to be at 2:30pm at Old Palestine Cemetery in Alto, Texas.

His family will receive friends beginning at 5:00pm to 7:00pm, Friday, Aug. 9, 2024 at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel. In lieu of flowers, Ray's family is asking that memorials be made to the FBC Bereavement Committee at <http://www.fbcterrell.org/give> or Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children at <https://scottishriteforchildren.org/get-involved>

Cemetery Details

Old Palestine Cemetery

290 County Rd 2609
Alto, TX 75925

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 9. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

AUG 10. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Terrell
403 N. Catherine
Terrell, TX 75160
<http://www.fbcterrell.org>

Committal Service

AUG 10. 2:30 PM (CT)

Old Palestine Cemetery
290 County Rd 2609
Alto, TX 75925

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album tribute wall



Katie - August 15, 2024 at 01:09 PM



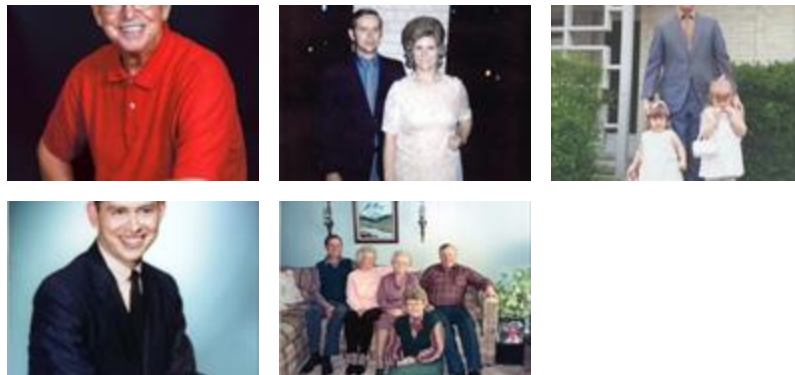
“ Gourmet Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Ray Covington.



August 13, 2024 at 04:14 PM



“ 11 files added to the album Memories Album



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - August 12, 2024 at 02:35 PM

CC

“ I agree with Bro Ernie, it’s always been Ray and Donna. We’ve had the pleasure of having Ray and Donna in our home many times, often to play 42! Ray was always fun and had that great smile, even when he was in pain. We will miss him. David and Charlotte Cox

Charlotte Cox - August 11, 2024 at 08:15 PM

RH

“ 14 files added to the album tribute wall



Renee Henry - August 11, 2024 at 07:41 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Ray Covington.



August 08, 2024 at 05:37 PM

BH

“ Mr. Covington was a true gentleman. His kindness was an inspiration.

Brent Hutson - August 07, 2024 at 08:40 PM

SM

“ Ray & Donna spent years helping with our youth department at FBC Terrell. We spent countless hours at their house having Bible studies, watching movies and playing games. They truly “fed into” us in our youth to help shape who we are in Christ today as adults. Ray always had a smile and a hug for each of us when we needed it. Watching their respect & love for each other as a married couple was such a blessing!

Stephanie Mowery - August 06, 2024 at 02:15 AM

GG

“ Our family can not adequately express what Ray & Donna’s support meant to us during my dad’s illness & subsequent death. Then, although she had moved to Tyler, they continued to support my mom up until her ultimate death. There’s no better way to demonstrate their faith & friendship. He was always smiling.

Gough Grubbs - August 05, 2024 at 09:06 PM

BW

Donna I am so sorry to hear about Ray. Please know that you and your family are in our prayers.

Barbara French Wells - August 06, 2024 at 12:49 AM

HS

“ Donna, Homer & I are so sorry for your loss. We always considered Ray family as we do you. He was such a sweet & kind person. Our deepest condolences to the family. Sending our love & prayers. 🙏❤️🙏



Homer & Pamela Sarty - August 05, 2024 at 06:06 PM

EK

“ Donna we are praying for you and the girls. Enjoyed visiting with Ray at Windsor. Love you 😊😊.



Elaine Kasper - August 04, 2024 at 11:15 AM

WR

“ Wauneta R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ray Covington.

Wauneta R. - August 03, 2024 at 09:05 PM



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



August 03, 2024 at 06:26 PM

LW

“ Lanelle Watkins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ray Covington.

Lanelle Watkins - August 03, 2024 at 06:26 PM

KA

“ Our hearts are sad for Ray’s family, but we’re rejoicing for Ray for he’s at his reward. A more humble, kind man would be impossible to find, for Ray truly lived OUT his faith in our LORD JESUS CHRIST. MAY GOD provide all the comfort & love for each of his family members as they experience the vacume his absence leaves. We truly loved this great man. Perry, Kathryn, Laryn & Kendall & our families

kathryn - August 03, 2024 at 05:29 PM