

## Robert H. (Robby) Palmer

March 18, 1953 - November 11, 2024

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Robby's heart for others was seen even as a young man and he was a friend to all at school as well as to all in the (then) small town of Terrell. During his school years, he was voted Class Favorite several times by the other students as well as voted Best All Around in recognition of Robby's ability to be the friendliest, the most helpful and the kindest, attributes that he would keep his whole life. Before graduating from THS in 1971, he was involved in many high school civic organizations, was an accomplished athlete, playing football all four years, a talented welder and was also very involved in FFA, showing and taking care of livestock. Robby had the enviable skill of being everyone's friend by being very approachable and so helpful. He met the love of his life

and best friend, Joy Lyon, when she was fourteen and, every day since then, Robby and she were inseparable. On July 20, 1973, they were married at First Baptist Church in Terrell and while building their lives together, they welcomed their three children: Aaron, Leslea and Kylie.

Robby was a dedicated employee with every position at every job and his dedication reflected the scripture of 1 Corinthians 10:31 "...whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God". He worked at Rabal Metal Fabricators, Seco Overhead Cranes, helped build barges with his dad and worked alongside his dad and brother at LTV in Greenville. Robby also joined the Terrell VFD and, ultimately, joined the Dallas Fire Department as a Driver Engineer until his retirement in 2012. After retiring from DFD, he remained active in the Retired Dallas Fire Fighters Association Honor Guard where he and many of his colleagues would travel near and far to render final honors to other retirees and active firefighters. He was also an appointed board member of Poetry Water Supply Company where his knowledge of all things made his ideas indispensable to a growing community.

Robby's devotion to serving others was exceeded only by his devotion to his Lord and his family. He was a loving husband and father and then became the best grandfather to the grandkids. Staying involved with his children, while they grew up, enabled Robby to be there for them and he was beyond proud of them for each of their accomplishments. He was also a pillar of support when a disappointment came their way. He was even tempered with each of them, helping them see opportunities as well as challenges with wisdom, understanding and humor. He celebrated their victories and grieved with them when they failed, all the while making sure each of them knew his love was never ending and unconditional. In Joy's words, "Each one of them was his favorite." Spending time with family was always a priority in Robby's life and he and Joy would spend Sunday 'date nights' riding around the backroads, looking for deer and ending up at Dairy Queen for a dipped cone. He loved

playing with the grandkids: games of hide and seek, basketball in the shop, riding bikes and anything else they wanted to do!

Robby was also a longtime and vital member of First Baptist Church in Terrell where he served as Deacon, youth leader, Sunday School leader, RA leader, every committee at least once, and was an integral part of establishing Celebrate Recovery where he served as CR Ministry Leader. He was also a proud Gideon and he loved passing out Bibles, especially alongside his dear friend, Sandy Cowart. Among the many groups that Robby served on, he was always a helper. He helped with driving the bus for church excursions, fixing EVERYTHING on the church campus, greeting visitors and members, and connecting them with the best person, group or activity. He helped with vehicle maintenance, landscaping and presentation as well as just being a constant, welcome, lively sight in the church halls. Over the years, he met and made an incredible contribution to every person who he came into contact with and he will be missed greatly by so many.

Robby is survived by his beautiful wife of 51 years, Joy Palmer, of Terrell; treasured children: Aaron Palmer of Terrell, Leslea Evans and husband, Chris, of Canton, Kylie Palos and husband, Manuel, of Terrell; cherished grandchildren: Blakely and Brennan Evans, Isabella and Rosielea Palos; brothers: Ray Palmer and wife, Janet, Randy Palmer and wife, Janet; sister, Rhonda Dyess; mother-in-law, Rutheline Lyon as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family, church family and countless friends, each of whom loved Robby dearly.

Funeral service will be at 11:00am, Saturday, November 16, 2024 at First Baptist Church in Terrell with interment to follow at Weaver Cemetery where honors will be rendered by Dallas Retired Fire Fighters Association. His family

will receive friends 5:00pm to 7:00pm, Friday, November 15, at Max Slayton Funeral Home.

Robby's family suggests that memorials in honor of his tireless service to others be made to the Vehicle Replacement Fund or the Children's Ministry at [www.fbcterrell.org/give](http://www.fbcterrell.org/give)

# Cemetery Details

## Weaver Cemetery

CR 344  
Terrell, TX 75161

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

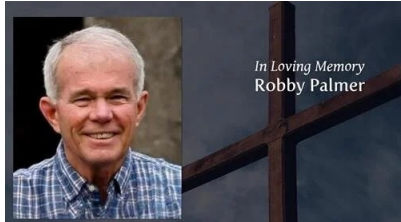
NOV **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Webcast in memory of Robert H. (Robby) Palmer*

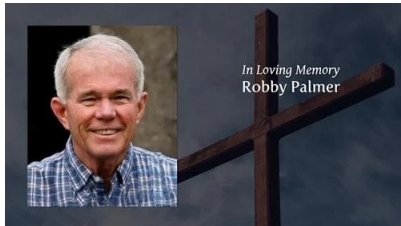


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**Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations** - November 16, 2024 at 04:28 PM



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert H. (Robby) Palmer*



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**Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations** - November 16, 2024 at 01:56 PM



“ *No one loved FBC like Robby. The work he put in to everything was evidence of his passion. Sometimes he kept things working or going almost by magic! The old bus (before the red bus) was a great example. I can't believe how long he kept it going. We took it to the RA congress and had to park it in a hill so we could push it when his magic ran out on that old thing. If we all over our church and family like Robby, the world would be a way better place.*

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**John & Lynn** - November 18, 2024 at 01:16 PM

JB

“ There is no finer man, husband, grandfather or friend than Robby Palmer! A hero of the faith, Robby served his church, community and his Lord Jesus Christ with every fiber of his being. Matthew 25:23 "His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord." epitomizes my friend Robby. There is no doubt in my mind that he is now in the presence of Jesus!! Praying for Joy, Aaron, Leslea, Kylie and the entire family. I borrow this statement: When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.

Jerry Burr - November 18, 2024 at 09:11 AM



“ 100 files added to the album Memories Album



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - November 16, 2024 at 05:06 PM

SO

“ I am so proud of the life my cousin, Robby, lived on earth. It's like he lived an amazing life for both he and his brother, Ricky, since Ricky transformed over to the higher realms as a teen. I've endeavored to do the same for our other cousin, Debbie, who left right after Ricky. Now those three cousins of mine are surely having a good time catching up on what each has been doing. I love them all.

Sharon Oakley - November 16, 2024 at 01:16 PM

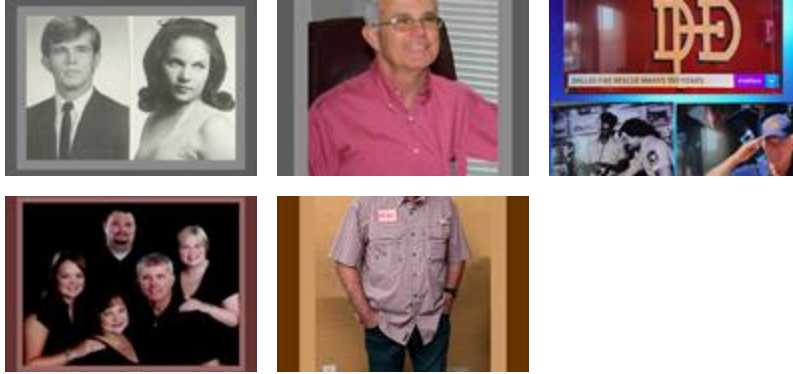
BD

*They were all people great character..... heavens gain tho*

**Beverly Dudley** - November 16, 2024 at 03:17 PM

SO

“ 8 files added to the album Robby Palmer Family



**Sharon Oakley** - November 16, 2024 at 12:52 PM

SB

“ *Robert was always great to work with.  
My condolences go out to this family that has suffered a  
tremendous loss.*

**Sandy Bell** - November 15, 2024 at 11:12 PM

PF

“ *In my thoughts and prayers..*

**Paula Pierson Frideley** - November 15, 2024 at 07:22 PM

TF

“ *The Morgan Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert H. (Robby) Palmer.*



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**The Morgan Family** - November 15, 2024 at 04:56 PM

TF

“ *The Morgan Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert H. (Robby) Palmer.*

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**The Morgan Family** - November 15, 2024 at 04:56 PM

LV

“ *Robby always had such a beautiful, caring heart for others. He often chose to go above and beyond in serving in his job and community. Robby and my husband Chuck were connected by the firefighter brotherhood and hearts of service. Praying for God's strength and peace for Robby's family as they continue their earthly Journeys without him.*

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**Lynn Vaughan** - November 15, 2024 at 04:54 PM

SO

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Sharon Annette Oakley** - November 15, 2024 at 03:06 PM

SO

*Robby is busy learning advanced spirituality with his BFF, "J.C." I am so proud of the earth life my cousin lived with so much love, honor and respect. Wait until we find out about his advanced life in the heavenly realms. Robby just graduated!*

**Sharon Annette Oakley** - November 15, 2024 at 03:10 PM

BH

“ *Becca Hamm Hood lit a candle in memory of Robert H. (Robby) Palmer*



**Becca Hamm Hood** - November 15, 2024 at 11:27 AM

JP

“ *Robert was a great co worker friend , and pal. He had a tendency to get things done the right way and in a timely matter. Robert will be missed and my prayers go out to the family. Jim Patton*

**Jim Patton** - November 15, 2024 at 09:10 AM

KS

“ *Karo & Wilson Stewart lit a candle in memory of Robert H. (Robby) Palmer*



**Karo & Wilson Stewart** - November 14, 2024 at 10:15 PM

BM

“ *Joy and family, i'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. 🙏*

**Beth Maley** - November 14, 2024 at 08:04 PM

BM

“ *Beth Maley lit a candle in memory of Robert H. (Robby) Palmer*



**Beth Maley** - November 14, 2024 at 08:00 PM

JN

“ *Praying for family, he was a good man that I enjoyed working with.*

*John Nimmo*

**JOHN NIMMO** - November 14, 2024 at 06:34 PM

AA

“ *Audrey Moss Appleton lit a candle in memory of Robert H. (Robby) Palmer*



**Audrey Moss Appleton** - November 14, 2024 at 06:16 PM

BP

“ *Blane/Linda Parrish&Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Robert H. (Robby) Palmer.*



**Blane/Linda Parrish&Family** - November 14, 2024 at 05:45 PM

BP

“ *Blane/Linda Parrish&Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert H. (Robby) Palmer.*

Blane/Linda Parrish&Family - November 14, 2024 at 05:45 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robert H. (Robby) Palmer.*



November 14, 2024 at 03:41 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert H. (Robby) Palmer.*



November 14, 2024 at 11:08 AM

RD

“ *Rhonda Dyess purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Robert H. (Robby) Palmer.*



Rhonda Dyess - November 14, 2024 at 05:13 AM

TA

“ Had the honor to work with him at DFD Station 25 and then serve along side him with the Dallas Retired Firefighter Honor Guard. A true Christian man who backed up his faith with actions. We should all strive to exemplify the life Robbie Palmer led. God Bless the Palmer family.

Tim Atkins - November 13, 2024 at 11:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert H. (Robby) Palmer.

November 13, 2024 at 07:12 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert H. (Robby) Palmer.



November 13, 2024 at 07:12 PM

SM

“ Went to school with him and he was a great friend. He will surely be missed. Prayers for the family.

Sue Murphy Morrison - November 13, 2024 at 06:08 PM

DM

Robbie was always so nice anytime I saw him. I pray for his family.  
Diane morton

Diane Morton - November 13, 2024 at 10:53 PM

DM

*He was a great parent to Aaron when I taught him in 2nd grade ❤️*

**Diane Morton** - November 13, 2024 at 10:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert H. (Robby) Palmer.*



November 13, 2024 at 05:24 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert H. (Robby) Palmer.*



November 13, 2024 at 02:21 PM

CP

“ *Chief Phillips purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert H. (Robby) Palmer.*



**Chief Phillips** - November 13, 2024 at 01:33 PM

DM

“ *Denita, Stephen, Kevin and Dustin Martin purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Robert H. (Robby) Palmer.*



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**Denita, Stephen, Kevin and Dustin Martin** - November 13, 2024 at 12:34 PM

SC

“ *Sharon Rush Collins lit a candle in memory of Robert H. (Robby) Palmer*



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**Sharon Rush Collins** - November 13, 2024 at 10:48 AM

RM

“ *Ruth A Marical lit a candle in memory of Robert H. (Robby) Palmer*



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**ruth A marical** - November 13, 2024 at 09:04 AM

MD

“ *Mary Darst-Yarbrough purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert H. (Robby) Palmer.*



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**Mary Darst-Yarbrough** - November 13, 2024 at 08:51 AM

KK

“ Robby will be greatly missed. Loved much.  
Aunt Kay



Kay Krebs - November 13, 2024 at 12:12 AM

NT

“ Northview Church of Christ, Rockwall TX  
purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family  
of Robert H. (Robby) Palmer.



Northview Church of Christ, Rockwall TX - November 12,  
2024 at 03:12 PM

BG

“ Beverly & Randy Goff lit a candle in memory  
of Robert H. (Robby) Palmer



Beverly & Randy Goff - November 12, 2024 at 01:40 PM

SP

“ Susan & Ray Pinson lit a candle in memory of  
Robert H. (Robby) Palmer



Susan & Ray Pinson - November 12, 2024 at 01:12 PM

TM

“ *Trey Moses lit a candle in memory of Robert H. (Robby) Palmer*



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**Trey Moses** - November 12, 2024 at 12:29 PM

EK

“ *Elaine Kasper lit a candle in memory of Robert H. (Robby) Palmer*



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**Elaine Kasper** - November 12, 2024 at 12:16 PM

KB

“ *Kimberly Brown lit a candle in memory of Robert H. (Robby) Palmer*



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**Kimberly Brown** - November 12, 2024 at 11:41 AM

BF

“ *Brad McGinnis and family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Robert H. (Robby) Palmer.*



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**Brad McGinnis and family** - November 12, 2024 at 11:38 AM

KG

“ KENO girls purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert H. (Robby) Palmer.



KENO girls - November 12, 2024 at 09:55 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert H. (Robby) Palmer.



November 12, 2024 at 09:08 AM

SB

“ Sharon Boyd lit a candle in memory of Robert H. (Robby) Palmer



Sharon Boyd - November 12, 2024 at 08:51 AM

RW

“ Raythetta Williams lit a candle in memory of Robert H. (Robby) Palmer



Raythetta Williams - November 11, 2024 at 07:55 PM