



## Thomas E. Craven

August 20, 1930 - May 11, 2018

Thomas Eartis Craven, longtime resident of Ables Spring, passed peacefully into the presence of his Savior on the morning of May 11, 2018. He was met in Heaven by his beloved wife, Iva, his parents, James and Ida Craven, sister, Geneva Louise Craven and three brothers: James Edward, Donald Ray and J. R. Craven.

Thomas was born August 20, 1930 in Randolph County, Alabama and he grew up in a time that sculpted the perseverance and hardiness of America's "Greatest Generation". A time that also instilled in Thomas an inherent work ethic as well as a trustworthy and honorable personality. Initiative was a hallmark of Thomas' character and his work in the construction industry for over 40 years enabled him to build a reputation of dedication and honesty and many of his projects are still enjoyed by the community such as the Gazebo at historic Ben Gill park. Thomas frequently visited Emmanuel Baptist Church where worshipping with his family brought such great joy. His devotion to his beloved wife whom he happily married July 17, 1950 is still a legacy his children and grandchildren cherish and they take comfort in knowing that Thomas and Iva are reunited again at each other's side.

Thomas is survived by his sons: Tommy Craven, Jimmy Craven, Billy Craven and wife, Abbie, all of Terrell; daughter, Patricia Martinson and husband David of Quinlan; grandchildren: Thomas, William, James, Robert, and Jammie Craven, Candace McCoy, Brandon and Casey Craven, Daniel and Sarah Hoover, Kyle Hammond, Jessica Farnham, Tiffany Almurshidi; 37 great

grandchildren; sister, Darlene Mosley; brother in law, Glenn Holcomb as well as extended family members Rita Sue Craven and Jackie Beesley, along with extended grandchildren: Kailie, Cody, Harlee and a treasured friend, Dr. Priti Vyas and a host of so many other friends who will miss him greatly.

Funeral service will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel with interment to follow at Campground Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, May 14, 2018 at Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations. For those wishing, memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org).

# Cemetery Details

## Campground Cemetery

County Road 326  
Terrell, TX 75160

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 14. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

MAY 15. 4:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas E. Craven*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Tommy, sorry to hear about your Dad. Our thoughts are with you now and in the trying days ahead.*  
*Rick and Cindy Hunter*

**Cindy Hunter** - May 14, 2018 at 11:33 PM



“ *Bruce & Mary Yarbrough lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Craven*



**Bruce & Mary Yarbrough** - May 14, 2018 at 08:37 AM



“ *Audrey Moss Appleton lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Craven*



**Audrey Moss Appleton** - May 12, 2018 at 11:43 PM

MK

“ Mike & d Donna Kelly purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Thomas E. Craven.



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**Mike & d Donna Kelly** - May 12, 2018 at 06:16 PM



“ Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Thomas E. Craven.



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May 12, 2018 at 03:44 PM

GL

“ George And Lisa Leach lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Craven



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**George and Lisa Leach** - May 12, 2018 at 02:30 PM

DB

“ DAVID AND STEVEN BROWN purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Thomas E. Craven.



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**DAVID AND STEVEN BROWN** - May 12, 2018 at 02:25 PM

OW

“ So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

*Pam and Orban Winton*

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**Orban Winton** - May 12, 2018 at 10:27 AM

BM

“ *Barbara Edwards Massey lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Craven*



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**Barbara Edwards Massey** - May 12, 2018 at 08:49 AM

DT

“ *Donna Tapp lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Craven*



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**Donna Tapp** - May 12, 2018 at 08:42 AM

DM

*Our Hearts and Prayers are with you all. God Bless <3*

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**David and Sandy Mahaffey** - May 12, 2018 at 10:55 AM

MK

*Remembering our days sharing a jackhammer together and off loading two truckloads of sheetrock. GOD BLESS you brother. You will always be loved and missed. Mike*

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**Mike Kelly** - May 12, 2018 at 06:36 PM

KB

*Worked with Tom some back in the '70's on different houses !*

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**Kenneth Boyd** - May 13, 2018 at 04:43 AM

TV

*so sorry to hear of Thomas's passing my heart and prayers are with you all!*

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**Thomas Valentine** - May 15, 2018 at 02:09 PM