



John Paul Appling

January 25, 1938 - January 1, 2023

John Paul Appling lived a wonderful life. With Jayne Gay by his side, he was promoted to Heaven's Roster on January 1, 2023. John Paul was 84 years old.

He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Jayne Gay Reed Appling; son, J. Paul Appling, Jr. and wife Laura; son, Mark Appling and wife Phyllis; grandchildren, Blake Appling, Meagen Appling Post, Dustin Appling and fiancée Bailey Sevcik, Tyler Appling and wife Jamie, Landon Appling, Caitlin Appling, and his two great-grandchildren, Savannah and Sullivan Post. Additionally, he is survived by his sister, Nancy Kennedy, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his father and mother (George and Louella Appling) and his brothers (George Appling, Jr. and James Michael Appling, Sr.). John Paul was a self-employed business owner, and he was a member of Christ Lutheran Church.

John Paul graduated from El Campo High School in 1956. After graduation he began his college career at Rice University where he received a scholarship to play basketball. He then transferred to Texas Lutheran College where he continued his basketball career. After TLC, he completed his college education at the University of Texas where he graduated with a degree in business.

He had the ability to make everyone around him happy. His charismatic personality drew people to him, and he was certain to entertain all. The responsibility and love he felt for his family was admired by so many. He was a positive role-model for his sons, grandchildren, and many of their friends. Through the years, John Paul and Jayne Gay supported their sons, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends in sporting competitions and cheerleading events. John Paul's passion for life and all things sports was apparent in the number of events he and Jayne Gay attended all over the United States.

John Paul was dedicated to the El Campo community and displayed this by generously supporting many organizations, most that involved young people and first responders. He volunteered his time as a Little League coach, a timer for the Ricebird Relays, and he was a long term member of the El Campo Ricebird Booster Club. Additionally, he was a lifelong member of the Elks Lodge. John Paul and Jayne Gay were loyal Ricebird fans for over sixty-four years.

John Paul enjoyed going to the bay and fishing, working cattle, going to the office, and most of all – spending time with his family. He was an inspiration to all, a true gift from God who will be sorely missed.

Pallbearers will be his grandsons - Dustin Appling, Landon Appling, and Tyler Appling; and his nephews - George Appling, Mike Appling, Jr., and Clay Reed.

Honorary pallbearers are his grandchildren - Blake Appling, Caitlin Appling, and Meagen Appling Post; Melvin Rasmussen (family friend); and Jack Reed (brother-in-law).

The family will receive friends from 5-7 pm Friday, January 6 at Triska Funeral Home. The funeral service is scheduled for 2:00 pm Saturday, January 7 at Christ Lutheran Church with Rev. Wayne Clement officiating. Burial will follow

at Garden of Memories Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions may be made to El Campo EMS (1011 West Loop – El Campo, Texas 77437), El Campo Volunteer Fire Department (1011 West Loop – El Campo, Texas 77437), or Christ Lutheran Church (1401 Avenue I – El Campo, Texas 77437).

Cemetery Details

Garden of Memories

US Business 59 and CR 358
El Campo, TX 77437

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Triska Funeral Home
612 Merchant Street
El Campo, TX 77437-3440
(979) 543-3681
triskafh@sbcglobal.net

Funeral Service

JAN 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

Christ Lutheran Church
1401 Ave I
El Campo, TX 77437

Tribute Wall

MP

“ *Michael S. Perry lit a candle in memory of John Paul Appling*



Michael S. Perry - January 18, 2023 at 07:03 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of John Paul Appling.*



January 07, 2023 at 09:33 AM

MK

“ *Dear Jayne Gay & Family, John Paul & Hubert played baseball throughout their EC school years. In the 8th grade their team won the Southwest Zone Championship, & they went by train to Trenton, New Jersey where the Little Bigger World Series was played. They returned home with a Third Place Trophy. They continued playing baseball throughout their ECHS years. Many, many great memories. Jayne Gay & Family, please accept our prayers & heartfelt sympathy. Love,
Hubert & Mary Jane*

Mary Jane Kaiser - January 06, 2023 at 04:36 PM

KK

“ Kathryn Krpec lit a candle in memory of John Paul Appling



kathryn krpec - January 06, 2023 at 06:41 AM

JS

“ Julie Strnadel lit a candle in memory of John Paul Appling



Julie Strnadel - January 05, 2023 at 10:47 AM

MB

“ Melaney And Bobby Bullard lit a candle in memory of John Paul Appling



Melaney and Bobby Bullard - January 05, 2023 at 08:45 AM

LS

“ Linda & John Merck, Sr. lit a candle in memory of John Paul Appling



Linda & John Merck, Sr. - January 04, 2023 at 10:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Paul Appling.*



January 04, 2023 at 09:51 PM



“ *John Paul was a gentleman. Always kind and helpful and a great Fantasy Football player. He will be missed. Denise & Scott*

Denise - January 04, 2023 at 07:07 PM



“ *Pam L Vesely lit a candle in memory of John Paul Appling*



Pam L Vesely - January 04, 2023 at 05:42 PM



“ *Jean Henderson lit a candle in memory of John Paul Appling*



Jean Henderson - January 04, 2023 at 05:05 PM

PM

“ Patrick Marek lit a candle in memory of John Paul Appling



Patrick Marek - January 04, 2023 at 03:36 PM

MS

“ Martin Strarup lit a candle in memory of John Paul Appling



Martin Strarup - January 04, 2023 at 01:52 PM

YD

“ Your Family at Del Papa Distributing purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of John Paul Appling.



Your Family at Del Papa Distributing - January 04, 2023 at 11:21 AM

KT

“ Kenny & Karen Trochta lit a candle in memory of John Paul Appling



Kenny & Karen Trochta - January 04, 2023 at 11:04 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Paul Appling.



January 04, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ Attending baseball games when our grandson, Zach, was playing, Mr. Appling was ALWAYS in the stands cheering the team. We enjoyed all the conversations we had during those two years. May he rest in peace. Nancy Brooks and the Entire Brooks Family.

Nancy Brooks - January 03, 2023 at 06:46 PM



“ Mack And Mary Anderson lit a candle in memory of John Paul Appling



Mack and Mary Anderson - January 03, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ My wife and I first met John Paul when we purchased our land from the Appling siblings, John Paul, Mike and Nancy. On that day, John Paul became a friend who had a welcoming smile and greeting anytime we met. He made us feel welcomed in El Campo. He will be missed by us and many others in the El Campo community.

Mack and Mary Anderson - January 03, 2023 at 06:25 PM

DS

“ *David & Charlene Linhart Smith lit a candle in memory of John Paul Appling*



David & Charlene Linhart Smith - January 03, 2023 at 05:49 PM

KU

“ *KULP lit a candle in memory of John Paul Appling*



KULP - January 03, 2023 at 05:32 PM

LS

“ *Lali Saucedo lit a candle in memory of John Paul Appling*



Lali Saucedo - January 03, 2023 at 05:04 PM

RF

“ *Rose Ann Fuechec lit a candle in memory of John Paul Appling*



Rose Ann Fuechec - January 03, 2023 at 04:14 PM

SS

“ *Sandra Stary lit a candle in memory of John Paul Appling*



Sandra Stary - January 03, 2023 at 04:00 PM

SC

“ *Scott, Kendra & Kambree Charbula lit a candle in memory of John Paul Appling*



Scott, Kendra & Kambree Charbula - January 03, 2023 at 03:28 PM

KK

“ *Kathy Rod Koudela lit a candle in memory of John Paul Appling*



Kathy Rod Koudela - January 03, 2023 at 02:13 PM

LS

“ *Liz Staff lit a candle in memory of John Paul Appling*



Liz Staff - January 03, 2023 at 01:29 PM