



Thomas Richard Appling

September 25, 1951 - December 10, 2021

Thomas Richard Appling, age 70, of Hartselle, died Friday, December 10, 2021 at Decatur Morgan Hospital. He was born September 25, 1951 to Marvin Appling Jr. and Virginia Hand in Atlanta, Georgia. He was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, Charles Appling.

He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Jan Appling of Hartselle; one son, David Appling of Hartselle; one daughter Racheal Appling; and one sister Cathy Todd (Mike) of Irving, Texas.

Mr. Appling was a member of Church Universal and Triumphant since 1977. He was a pocket knife collector. Mr. Appling was an avid athlete with a degree in exercise physiology. He was a good and faithful servant to his church.

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Cathy D. Wahl*



Shelton Funeral Home - January 14, 2022 at 03:35 PM

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“ *Cathy D. Wahl lit a candle in memory of Thomas Richard Appling*



Cathy D. Wahl - December 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Tommy and I spent our formative years in Sunday school class at Central Methodisst Church in Decatur. I got to know him as an easy-going bear of a guy, easily injecting a wicked funny remark or reaction. Last time I saw him, I was in our driveway when he rounded the corner on the way home from work at GE. I'd seen him go by before, and we had a great friendly chat. I'm so glad he stopped that day. Just wish he could have come to our last class reunion a few weeks ago. Lots of folks remember him fondly.*



Cathy D. Wahl - December 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ I got to know Tom while working at Academy in Decatur. We at Academy are saddened by his passing. There will be something missing at the front door of the store from now on. Rarely a day goes by without a customer asking about Tom. He is greatly missed by many people. This speaks volumes about the impact Tom had on others. Even though I only knew Tom about two years, we became good friends and I will miss seeing and talking with him. My prayers continue for his family.



Tommy Gray - December 14, 2021 at 12:00 AM