



## Howard George Appelt, Jr.

*July 18, 1948 - June 1, 2009*

Howard George Appelt, Jr. was born on July 18, 1948 in Hallettsville, Texas to Howard Appelt, Sr. and Dorothy Irene Fitch. Howard passed away unexpectedly on June 1, 2009, at Seton Medical Center in Austin, Texas. On October 17, 1968, he married Sandra Smith in Houston, Texas. Howard adored his children and grandchildren, and was excited about the prospect of meeting a new grandson in September. Though he never was able to meet this new grandson there is no doubt that he will be watching over this new addition, as well as the others. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Sandra; daughters and sons-in-law, Kelly and Harvey Holmes of Burnet, Texas and Kimberly and Jeff Wolff of Austin, Texas; grandchildren, Camille L. Holmes and Ethan T. Holmes of Burnet, Texas; father and step-mother, Howard Appelt Sr. and Bonnie of Hallettsville, Texas; brothers, Kenneth Appelt and wife, Edith of Port Lavaca, Texas, Calvin Appelt of Miami, Florida; and sister, Joyce Gray of Tomball, Texas. He is also survived by his brother-in-law whom he thought of as a brother, Rex Smith; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister, Carol Richards, brother, Donnie Appelt, and his mother, Dorothy Irene Appelt. Howard took great pleasure in his family. He was a man of conviction and wasn't afraid to voice his opinion on the government, or the best way to fish for catfish. He had a sense of humor that will be missed by anyone that had the pleasure of meeting him. He fought a vigilant battle against cancer for 5 years and beat the odds. His determination, strength and courage were an inspiration to all. "He will be missed" seems so little to say for the emptiness that his absence will bring to his wife and family. We love you Howard and you will live in our hearts for eternity. A graveside service will be held at 3:30 p.m., Saturday, June 6, 2009, at Pecan Grove Cemetery in McKinney, Texas with Dr. Danny Buster officiating. The family will receive friends for a visitation from 1:00-3:00 p.m., Saturday at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home.

## Memorials

*Sandy, Kelly, and Kim, Our deepest sympathy to you at the passing of Howard*

*(Junior) as we cousins called him. Your wonderful memories will help to sustain you as time goes by. Sorry we can not be with you today, but you are in our thoughts and prayers. Barbara also sends her love and sympathy to you during this time. Daniel and Jeanie Klimitchek*

**JEANIE (LONG) KLIMITCHEK, JUNE 6, 2009**

*With our sympathy and love, Bill and Mildred*

**BILL AND MILDRED BARKER, JUNE 5, 2009**

*Sandy, I am so sorry for your loss. Howard was a wonderful person and I will miss him very much. I really enjoyed being around him and listening to him tell me story after story It did not matter what the story was, whether it was about Hunting, Fishing or floating down the river with his family it was always entertaining and a joy to listen to.*

**MICHAEL KEITH POEHL, JUNE 5, 2009**

*Such a kind hearted man. He was always there for me and my family. I will never forget the kind things he did. He stood up for me when no one else would. He would give me the shirt off his own back. My condolences to you Sandy. Call me if you need anything. RIP Howard*

**PETE MARTINEZ, JUNE 5, 2009**

*Kelly and family - We are so sad to hear of the loss of your father. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

**EVA MARIE WOLF, JUNE 5, 2009**

*Sandra, Darwin & I were so sorry to hear about Howard. He was a wonderful, kind, sincere, dependable true Texan who always gave 100% of his best. I will really miss his stories of the grandchildren & his memories of growing up in a small town in South Texas just as I did. His eyes would light up when he talked about his favorite memories. He may have grown up under tough times, but it helped form him into the great man he turned out to be. We will miss his great jokes & play on words and the little laugh that followed. We are thankful God touched our lives through him. With deepest sympathy, Darwin & Schmidty*

**DARWIN & KAREN COX, JUNE 5, 2009**

*Sorry for your loss. To lose your mate of 40 years surely adds to your grief.*

*May you find hope in the words at Acts 24:15, "and I have hope toward God, which hope these men themselves also entertain, that there is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and unrighteous." Resurrection is a standing up again. Take comfort in each other and in your memories.*

**A. R COLE, JUNE 5, 2009**

*Sandy, Daughters and Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sorry that we will not be able to be with you Saturday. Our love- George, Darlene & Family.*

**GEORGE & DARLENE LITTLE, JUNE 4, 2009**

*Sandy and girls, So sorry for your loss. He was truly a wonderful person and will be missed by all.*

**SUE KARL-PENA, JUNE 4, 2009**

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