



## Sydney H. Appleton

July 19, 1919 - April 21, 2017

Sydney H. Appleton, 97, of Murphysboro died Friday, April 21, 2017 at Carbondale Memorial Hospital.

He was born on July 19, 1919 the son of Jacob & Rebecca (Rubenstein) Appleton in Renfrew, Ontario Canada. He married Esther Ross Appleton on August 24, 1947, she preceded him on death on June 18, 2016.

Sydney served in the Canadian Army tank brigade until January 1946 as a staff sergeant. Sydney served all over Europe from 1940 until he returned to Canada in December 1945. Sydney made his journey to St. Louis MO by train in March of 1946. Sydney worked at Carlye Dress Co. as the shipping clerk before he was introduced to his wife Esther and married in 1947. Sydney and Esther had two children, Sara Faye (Marten) and David Appleton. Sydney owned and operated Ross Clothing Store in Murphysboro, IL from 1965 until it was closed. He was a member in the Elks, VFW, American Legion, and Temple Beth Jacob. Sydney served as Mayor of Murphysboro in the early 80's but continued his support Murphysboro long after.

Sydney loved being surrounded by his family and friends and never met a stranger. He was always willing to lend a helping hand. He will quiet often be remembered sweeping the street in front of Ross Clothing Store.

He is survived by one daughter, Sara Faye Marten of Murphysboro; one son, David Ross Appleton of Phoenix, Arizona; three granddaughters, Rebecca Marten of Murphysboro, Barbara (Jason) Zemaitis of Springfield, and Emily Appleton of Phoenix, Arizona; one great-grandson, Owen Zemaitis of Springfield; many relatives including Rose Lee (Earl) Deutsch of Chicago; and cousins, relatives and friends.

Visitation will be from 5:00pm to 7:00pm Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home.

Funeral services for Sydney H. Appleton will be held at 11:00am Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at the funeral home with Sam Goldman officiating. Interment will follow at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park in the Beth Jacob Garden. Following the service, everyone is invited to Congregation Beth Jacob for a luncheon.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contribution can be made to Congregation Beth Jacob and will be accepted at the funeral home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sydney H. Appleton*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *David, I am sorry for your loss. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.  
Sincerely, Joyce Hickam Stout.*

Joyce Hickam Stout - April 24, 2017 at 03:36 PM



“ *Syd Appleton will always be fondly remembered by me. He allowed me to work for Ross' Dress Store around my college schedule, earn some spending money....which they made money off of, because I always bought more than I actually earned. He and Esther were a great pair for their inspiration, and introduction to the business and public world and the most gracious folks to work for.*

*My condolences to your family.  
Judy Freeman McCullough*

Judy McCullough - April 23, 2017 at 01:26 PM



“ *Hail and Farewell Mayor Appleton. Thank you for sponsoring my softball team, for supporting me in my Chorus competitions, and just for having a smile whenever I would see you on the street. You will be missed. MeLissa Obermiller (Missy Morefield)*

Gypsy Lee - April 23, 2017 at 08:51 AM

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“ Sarai am very sorry for the loss of your Dad I will always remember him in Ross Momand I shopped there all the time. He had beautiful clothes at a reasonable price He will be missed by all the people in Murphysboro. I want to extend my sympathy to you and your family. I no longer live in Murphysboro so you will be in my thoughts and prayers. Judy Bittle



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**Judy Bittle** - April 23, 2017 at 01:26 AM