



Sam Payne,

March 6, 1928 - July 23, 2012

BLUEFIELD-Sam F. Payne, Jr., 84, of 602 Talmadge Ct, SE, Leesburg, VA 20175 and formerly of Bluefield, WV died Monday, July 23, 2012 at home in Leesburg surrounded by his loving family. Born March 6, 1928 at Iaeger, WV, he was the son of the late Sam F. Payne, Sr. and Hattie Keaton Payne. Mr. Payne was a charter member and deacon of the Edgemont Baptist Church, an officer for the Bluefield Police Department for 29 years, and a substitute teacher for the Mercer County Public Schools for 12 years, and retired from the US Army with the rank of Major. He was past president of the Cumberland Heights Lions Club, a 32nd Degree Mason, an active member of the Beni Kedem Shrine Temple, Charleston, WV, an active member the Bluefield Shrine Club, the Bluefield-Mercer Masonic Lodge #85, and the Bluefield Chapter No. 66 Order of the Eastern Star. In addition he was heavily involved the Princeton Detachment of the Marine Corps League where he enjoyed participating in the annual Toys for Tots program, and the various functions of the Riley-Vest WV Post #9 of the American Legion. Mr. Payne served in the Marine Corps with the post WW II occupation forces in China and later attended Army Officer Candidate School. He graduated from the National Business College in 1950. He earned a B.S. degree from Bluefield State College concentrating in Secondary Education, and a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice from Marshall University. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois C. Payne, one daughter, Rita R. Gott; and one sister Helen Blankenship. Mr. Payne is survived by his son Michael David Payne and wife

Laurel of Leesburg, VA.; a son-in-law, Donnie Gott and wife Joyce of Bluefield, VA, four grandchildren, Michael Gott, Jon Gott, Clarkson Payne and Keaton Payne, and six great-grandchildren. and the following siblings: Joye Hagerman, Della Campbell, Freeman Payne, Gayetta Blake, Larry Payne, Janet Macdonald, Ina Paige, and Kenneth Payne. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 AM on Friday July 27th at the Edgemont Baptist Church with Pastor Billy Gardner officiating. Entombment, with full military honors, will follow from the Grandview Memory Gardens in Bluefield, Va. Serving the family as pallbearers will be Donnie Gott, Michael Gott, Jon Gott, Clarkson Payne, Keaton Payne and the deacons of Edgemont Baptist Church. Friends may call at the Mercer Funeral Home on Thursday, July 26th from 6-8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Bible in the Schools, P.O. Box 543, Bluefield WV 24701, in memory of Sam F. Payne, Jr. Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mr. Sam F. Payne, Jr.

Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Payne,*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *To the Payne Family, Sam was like a grandfather to me. He was always right there when my mother or I needed anything. He was a wonderful, pleasant man and we are blessed to have had known him for so many years. My heart goes out to your family, for I know this man is truly missed. May God be with you in this times. I send my love and prayers for you all.*

Nikki Dee Harman/ Dee Dee Harman - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *I am so glad to have had the honor of Sam being near and close to our family, especially the honor and respect he showed for our mother for the last eight years. She so adored her time with him and likewise to say the least. We as our family will always think of you and miss you. Sadly missed by Debbie, Cathy, Rita, Steve and Brett and Lindsey along with the Sara and Stefanie. The Lord truly called home a angel and a gentleman.*

Steve Bailey - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *To: The Payne Family It saddens my heart at seeing the passing of Mr. Payne. I had the enjoyment of having your Mother as my senior English teacher. She was a blessing as well. Your Dad, I must say, was an "honor" knowing him. I use to stop there on Cumberland Road and talk to him on occassions and knowed him when he was on the force there in Bluefield. His memory will live forever!*

John O. Lowe - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JF

“ *RIP Uncle Sam, we'll really miss you.*

Jerry Campbell and Family - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

DB

“ *The world has lost a wonderful man who treated everyone with kindness and respect. All the Bailey family will miss you, and we wish you Godspeed to your heavenly home.*

Debbie Brewster - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

DK

“ *Dear David and Laurel -- Wishing you God's peace & strength for Mr. Payne's funeral and the days ahead. I trust your family will be comforted and encouraged that "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord" (II Cor. 5:8). ~ Dave Kraft, BHS 1977 Cell 740-502-1521 Website www.fbcwl.org*

David Kraft - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

MR

“ *May you find comfort in knowing that your father has returned home to the Lord. My deepest sympathy and prayers for you and your family. Mrs. Raines, Third Grade Teacher, Memorial Elementary School*

Mrs. Judith Raines - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

KS

“ *Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.*

Kim Strain - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM