



Mrs. Beverley Natalee Payne

September 16, 1950 - December 14, 2016

Payne, Mrs. Beverley N. – Surrounded by her family, passed peacefully through heaven’s gates on Dec. 14, 2016 at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour and the Delta Sigma Theta Inc. Omega Omega ritual, will be at 10:00 a.m., Wed. Dec. 21 at First Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, 1226 Beach St., with the funeral service commencing at 11:00 a.m. Dr. Ezra L. Tillman, Jr. officiating. Interment will be at Evergreen Cemetery, 3415 E. Hill, Grand Blanc, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church Wed. at 10:00 a.m. Mrs. Payne will lie in state in the Chapel of the Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. The public viewing will be held on Tue. Dec. 20 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The family will be available to receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers donation can be made to: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Flint 410 E. Second Street, Flint, MI 48503, (810) 235-0617 or bbbsflint.org.

Mrs. Payne, 66, was born in Kingston, Jamaica and is the only child of the late Ms. Sidony Walters and George Reid. She was adopted --as a teenager-- by her aunt, the late Mrs. Mavis E. (Archie) Allen.

Mrs. Payne immigrated to the United States as a teenager and quickly made her mark in Michigan. She joined First Trinity Missionary Baptist Church in 1966. She was also a debutante, and selected queen of her ball. A beauty inside and out, she had a brief stint as a model and appeared in a local retail

catalog.

She graduated from Flint Central High School and matriculated at Eastern Michigan University. Mrs. Payne earned a Bachelor of Science in special education with a focus on emotional impairment in 1972. In August of that year, she received her state elementary teaching certificate. She earned a Master of Arts in learning disabilities at Eastern Michigan in 1981.

Mrs. Payne met Gary Lyn Payne at age 17 at university. They married in Flint on Aug. 4, 1973. From their loving union, they had three beautiful and intelligent daughters, Tamika Danette, Crystal Lynn and Ashley Nicole. They raised their family in Grand Blanc, MI.

Mrs. Payne was a talented and dedicated educator. Her career with the Flint Public Schools spanned 35 years, in which she had a passionate focus on special education. She worked as a special education coordinator, then as vice principal at Northwestern Edison Academy. She capped her career as principal at The Flint Classical Academy, an International Baccalaureate program. She retired in 2010, at 59 but remained active as an education consultant with various charter schools. She was exceedingly generous with her time, keeping in touch with former students and their achievements.

Soror Payne was an active member of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. Flint Alumnae Chapter for 32 years. She served on the executive board, was an advisor to Mu Phi Chapter, and as a devoted mentor to all members. She took pride in mentoring young people, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds. While much of her community involvement was through Delta Sigma Theta, Mrs. Payne was also involved in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program and a member of Jack & Jill, Inc.

Mrs. Payne loved to travel and visited nearly every continent. She took her

students to China, and vacationed in many places including South Africa, Australia, and France. She visited her daughter who lived in Sierra Leone, West Africa and Switzerland.

Mrs. Payne enjoyed hosting grand gatherings of friends and family, especially during the holidays. She loved deeply; her care and compassion for others knew no bounds.

Her dedication to her husband, children and grandchildren was limitless, as she always wanted the best for them.

Mrs. Payne is survived by her husband, Gary; three daughters, Tamika, Crystal and Ashley; two sons-in-law, Victor Alan Young, Jr. and Daron Douglas, Sr.; a daughter-in-law, Kimberly S. Johnson; three grandsons, Victor Alan Young, III, Daron Douglas, Jr. and Caleb Douglas; her Aunt Marjorie "Polly" Walters; cousins, Rose Harris, Ricardo "Steve" Lewin, and Jaden Lewin; four half-siblings, Glenn, Ferman, Donald and Olive Reid; three sisters-in-law, Catherine Payne, Judith Hillard and Seretha Saunders; a host of nieces, nephews, and dozens of lifelong, loving and loyal friends. She will be greatly missed.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

G-3415 E. Hill Rd.
Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC **20**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-MOON (6666)
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family Present

DEC **20**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Family hour

DEC 21. 10:00 AM (ET)

First Trinity Missionary Baptist Church
1226 Beach Street
Flint, MI 48502

Service

DEC 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

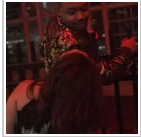
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Tribute Wall



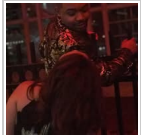
“ *Mrs. Beverley Natalee Payne*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *I send my condolences to the Payne family in your time of grief. I wanted to share a comforting scripture at psalms 34:18 where it says Jehovah is close to the brokenhearted. Im sorry for your loss and I hope this can spread some comfort.*

Brittinee Johnson - December 28, 2016 at 11:57 AM



“ *Id like to share an encouraging scripture with the Payne family at psalms 34:18 where it shows that Jehovah is with the brokenhearted. I send my condolences and will keep your family in my prayers.*

Brittinee Johnson - December 28, 2016 at 07:59 AM

DW

“ I just learned today of the passing of my dear friend. We worked together at Cody Elementary School, special education team. We would get all of the tough kids referred to us, however, we loved it because we were able to turn kids lives around. I will always cherish our time together and will never forget her. She was such a classy lady who loved her husband and daughters. She often talked about you Gary and how you came into her life and swept her off her feet. I am still in shock and deeply sadden to hear of her passing. I still remember the last time we spoke. We ran into each other at Gordon' s Foods on Center Road and spoke for over an hour. She will be greatly missed and always loved. Allow your Heavenly Father to comfort you at this very difficult time as only He can. Gone, but never forgotten.

Dr. Veronica Williams-Latnie - December 26, 2016 at 07:37 PM

LD

“ To Gary, Tamika and your sisters, my heart is so heavy for you all on this day. Tamika, you said, people say they know how you feel, but they didn't have your mom! Tamika, I felt the same way, 20 years ago, on 7/14/96, when God called my mom, my best friend home, at the age of 59, a healthy woman, we had just laughed together for hours less than 8 hours ago, on my 20th class reunion, I was 38! I never knew there was life without a mom! Death had never touched me so personally although I had attended my grandparents funerals! I thought about all the other terrible mom's God could have taken than my mom! So many people came to the funeral, it was packed. It was the second time in my life that I had ever seen my father cry! See he married my mom at 16, Gary they had been married over 43 years! Both my parents are only children so they have no sisters or brothers and I no aunts and uncles! I was mad at God a long time! But I came to tell you, the pain will subside! He will comfort you! Those tears one day will become laughter! Only you all control that but know that your dear mom, Beverley gave you all you need to go forward and God will provide the Light and Path to the rest! You will understand by and by because He makes no mistakes! Every day I understand more why it had to be this way! As much as I loved my mom, I found I loved my dad more and I hold onto him and cherish everyday I have like it is the last! On this Christmas Eve hold on to each other, for God is with you all, He will never leave you nor has He forsaken you!

Loyce Driskell daughter of Lois Driskell - December 24, 2016 at 08:15 AM

CH

“ Carolyn Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beverley Natalee Payne



Carolyn Harris - December 22, 2016 at 09:16 AM

MM

“ *Michael & Janice Martin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beverley Natalee Payne*




Michael & Janice Martin - December 22, 2016 at 09:14 AM

SA

“ *My sincerest condolences to the Payne Family. The Lord our God is ever present with you.*

Sandra - December 20, 2016 at 08:21 PM


Roshanda
Womack

“ *Roshanda Womack lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beverley Natalee Payne*



Roshanda Womack - December 20, 2016 at 07:28 PM

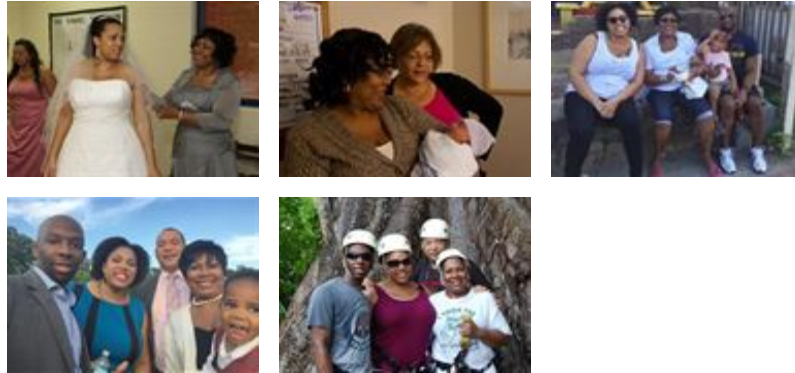

Roshanda
Womack

Blessed to have know Ms. Beverly. Praying for the family. Love, Shani

Roshanda Womack - December 20, 2016 at 07:31 PM



“ 100 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - December 20, 2016 at 06:24 PM

DK

“ Gary, we are very sorry for your and your family's loss. Thinking of you all.



Dave & Holly Kopesky - December 20, 2016 at 05:12 PM

IH

“ Ivy Herron lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beverley Natalee Payne



Ivy Herron - December 20, 2016 at 04:47 PM

WH

“ *Wilma Herron lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beverley Natalee Payne*



Wilma Herron - December 20, 2016 at 04:45 PM

SA

“ *Soror Melinda Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beverley Natalee Payne*



Soror Melinda Anderson - December 20, 2016 at 04:28 PM

LU

“ *Lonnie and Elnora Urquhart*



Lonnie and Elnora Urquhart - December 20, 2016 at 02:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Beverley Natalee Payne.*



December 20, 2016 at 11:29 AM

JR

“ Joe and I want to express our condolences. We are praying for the family. Love to all.
Joe Rochester

Joe Rochester - December 20, 2016 at 07:48 AM

MM

“ Min. David M. Martin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beverley Natalee Payne



Min. David M. Martin - December 20, 2016 at 07:20 AM

MM

We praying for the family

Min. David M. Martin - December 20, 2016 at 07:24 AM

RC

“ Robbie Cobb-Byrd lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beverley Natalee Payne



Robbie Cobb-Byrd - December 19, 2016 at 08:14 PM

MC

“ My deepest sympathy to the Payne and Walters Family. I have know Beverly since she was a young Lady. Her Mothers and Aunt have been my neighbors for such a long time. Beverley will truly be missed to us all she has played such a wonderful role to some many people. I will always remember her pretty smile. May God give you all comfort doing these times, as God has called one of his Angels home.



Mrs. Verna Cobb - December 19, 2016 at 08:13 PM

CW

“ Charles & Shirley Winfrey lit a candle in memory of mrs. Beverley Natalie Payne.



Charles & Shirley Winfrey - December 19, 2016 at 06:02 PM

SS

“ Soror Valerie Southall sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Beverley Natalee Payne



Soror Valerie Southall - December 19, 2016 at 04:48 PM

Eva Wood

“ Ashley,
We are so sorry to hear of the passing of your Mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Children's Law Center



Eva Wood - December 19, 2016 at 03:15 PM

CO

“ I am so sorry to read about the passing of Mrs. Payne. There really are no words to express the heartfelt sadness one feels when such a beautiful life is extinguished. May the God who is binding up the brokenhearted and comforting those mourning be of comfort to you during this most difficult time. (Isaiah 61:1-2)



Collier - December 19, 2016 at 04:13 AM

LB

“ Lennex & Linda Burroughs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beverley Natalee Payne



Lennex & Linda Burroughs - December 18, 2016 at 03:40 PM

CJ

“ Cynthia Y. And Brandon Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beverley Natalee Payne



Cynthia Y. and Brandon Jones - December 18, 2016 at 02:40 PM

CM

“ Charles & Sara Metcalfe lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beverley Natalee Payne



Charles & Sara Metcalfe - December 18, 2016 at 12:55 PM

AE

“ My beloved cousin, big sister & mentor! Gone too soon. Your friendship, smile & laughter will be missed. I am so glad that Imani & I got the opportunity to visit you & Gary this summer, 2016. Prayers for our family for God's continued love, peace & grace shines & envelopes us as we celebrate your home-going.

Angella Etherly - December 18, 2016 at 08:33 AM

TS

“ Trina Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beverley Natalee Payne



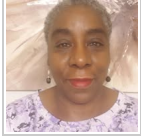
Trina Stewart - December 17, 2016 at 11:07 PM

MM

“ Heaven gained an angel, sweet Beverley, my friend, my Soror.



Margie Miles - December 17, 2016 at 10:35 PM



“ *Barbara Crum lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beverley Natalee Payne*



Barbara Crum - December 17, 2016 at 07:35 PM

JT

“ *Saddened, Not just for her family, but for the entire community. She was a great mentor, educator, and friend.*

Jarrett Trombley - December 17, 2016 at 03:51 PM

LN

“ *Lara Nkume lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beverley Natalee Payne*



Lara Nkume - December 17, 2016 at 03:07 PM

JM

“ *Joan McKinnie-Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beverley Natalee Payne*



Joan McKinnie-Sanders - December 17, 2016 at 01:25 PM



“ Beverly was a mentor and a friend. She was always loving but firm with staff and students. She loved her family and spoke of them often. She will be greatly missed.

Martha Kennedy - December 17, 2016 at 12:21 PM

HJ

“ Horace Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beverley Natalee Payne



Horace Johnson - December 17, 2016 at 10:04 AM

SE

“ Sandra Epps sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Beverley Natalee Payne



Sandra Epps - December 17, 2016 at 09:45 AM

EJ

“ Bev was a special administrator in Flint she loved people and showed it openly. She never forgot a face or a name a phenomenal lady. My condolences.

Erhel johnson - December 17, 2016 at 09:41 AM

KB

“ *Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. I worked with Beverly for many years, and I am sad to hear of her passing.* ”



Karen Bailey - December 17, 2016 at 02:02 AM

GG

“ *Gwendolyn Gaines lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beverley Natalee Payne* ”



Gwendolyn Gaines - December 16, 2016 at 08:54 PM

LH

“ *Larry And Shirley Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beverley Natalee Payne* ”



Larry and Shirley Henderson - December 16, 2016 at 08:28 PM

LC

“ *So shocked right now to hear of the passing of my Soror! Such a beautiful, sweet spirited person. To the family may God grant you peace and comfort for this most difficult time.* ”



Loria Corder - December 16, 2016 at 06:52 PM

HD

“ *Hattie Donald lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beverley Natalee Payne*



Hattie Donald - December 16, 2016 at 04:21 PM

RK

“ *Russell And Diane Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beverley Natalee Payne*



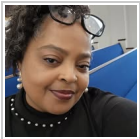
Russell and Diane Kirksey - December 16, 2016 at 03:54 PM

JM

“ *JEAN MONTGOMERY sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Beverley Natalee Payne*



JEAN MONTGOMERY - December 16, 2016 at 03:12 PM



“ *My heart is heavy to hear of your passing sis Payne however I'm so glad I had the chance to hug you when I was home in November. I pray that the LORD will give your family peace that surpasses all understanding* 💖😭💖



Yolanda Johnson - December 16, 2016 at 11:50 AM

NH

“ *Nadie Holmes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beverley Natalee Payne*



Nadie Holmes - December 16, 2016 at 11:10 AM

SA

“ *Soror Terry Arnold sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Beverley Natalee Payne*

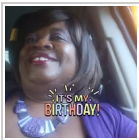


Soror Terry Arnold - December 16, 2016 at 09:09 AM

TF

“ *Our sincere condolences to the Payne family as Beverly will truly be missed. We worked tirelessly on many programs with her perfection! God makes no mistake. Hold onto His unchanging hands! Our prayers are with you!*

The Driskell Family - December 16, 2016 at 01:34 AM



“ *Sharon Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beverley Natalee Payne*



Sharon Mixon - December 15, 2016 at 09:03 PM

JR

“ *John & Tujunana Reaves lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beverley Natalee Payne*



John & Tujunana Reaves - December 15, 2016 at 08:38 PM

AB

“ *Althea Barbee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beverley Natalee Payne*



Althea Barbee - December 15, 2016 at 06:12 PM

LB

“ *I am going to miss you my beautiful soror. My heart is heavy but I take comfort in knowing that you are sitting with God having a good conversation. Praying for comfort and peace for Gary, your daughters and other family members. I pray that God will comfort our sorority as we prepare to say goodbye. See you later Beverly. Love you.*



Lynn Barbee - December 15, 2016 at 03:21 PM

AE

My beloved cousin, big sister & mentor, you will truly be missed. I am so glad that Imani & I got the opportunity to visit with you & Gary this summer, 2016. The visit was most enjoyable and destined. I love you! Prayed for the family that God's peace and His love & grace shine upon us all, especially at this time.

Angella Etherly - December 17, 2016 at 06:30 PM

BQ

“ *Bill And Ruthy Quarles sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Beverley Natalee Payne*



Bill and Ruthy Quarles - December 15, 2016 at 03:20 PM

BQ

We are praying that the family have peace and comfort knowing that you will see her again

Bill and Ruthy Quarles - December 15, 2016 at 03:24 PM

TJ

“ *Tanya Jefferson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beverley Natalee Payne*



Tanya Jefferson - December 15, 2016 at 03:18 PM

SP

“ *Soror Pam lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beverley Natalee Payne*



Soror Pam - December 15, 2016 at 03:15 PM

SW

“ Soror Pam Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beverley Natalee Payne



Soror Pam Williams - December 15, 2016 at 03:15 PM

AW

“ Our hearts are sadden. Praying for the Payne family. We will miss Bev. We have known her for over 40 years. May God comfort you all with sweet memories. Mr. And Mrs. Melvon Williams

alberta williams - December 15, 2016 at 02:49 PM

AW

“ Alberta Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beverley Natalee Payne



alberta williams - December 15, 2016 at 02:45 PM

CM

“ Christa Elaine Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beverley Natalee Payne



Christa Elaine Mixon - December 15, 2016 at 02:39 PM

TJ

“ *Rest in sweet heaven my beloved Soror Beverley Payne. My sincere condolences to Gary and the entire Payne Family during this time of bereavement.*



Tanya Jefferson - December 15, 2016 at 11:26 AM