



## Edward Payne

February 18, 1918 - February 19, 2008

PAYNE, Mr. Edward - Age 90, went to be with the Lord Tuesday, February 19, 2008 in Flint, MI. Family hour 5-7PM Sunday, February 24, 2008 with Masonic Ritualistic ceremony from 6-7PM at First Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, 1226 Beach St. Family hour 10:30AM Monday, February 25, 2008 at First Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, with funeral service commencing at 11AM, Pastor F.O. Hockenhill, officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 10:30AM Monday. Mr. Payne will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 10AM-2PM Sunday, after which he will be taken to the church. Mr. Edward H. Payne was born one of nine children on February 9, 1918 in Okalona, Arkansas to the late Allan Payne and Della Nixon Payne. He married Mary H. Davis Payne on February 1, 1943. Mr. Payne was a loving husband, caring father, brother, grandfather, uncle and businessman. In 1954 he moved from Little Rock, AR to Flint, MI, seeking a better life for his family. In Arkansas, he worked on the Pullman Service and later as a building contractor. Mr. Payne owned and operated Payne Construction Company in Arkansas and Flint for over 40 years. He was a mentor and Construction Techniques Instructor. Mr. Payne was employed by Buick Motor Company and later Ternstedt. He traveled to all the continental states in the United States while his world travel included Liberia, Mexico, Canada and the Holy Lands. Mr. Payne was a former member of the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Little Rock, AR, where he used his building skills

to help update the church activity building. He was a life member of First Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, Flint, MI under the leadership of Pastor F. O. Hockenull where he served as a Trustee, Usher and other committees. Mr. Payne was very proud to have attained the 33rd degree of Master Mason and remained involved until his health began to fail. He leaves to cherish his memories: loving wife of 65 years, Mary H. Payne; three sons: Cecil Payne of Ypsilanti, MI, Lloyd Witt, Lewis (Carolyn) Witt, and Minerva Witt of Flint, MI; Seven grandchildren, Llewitt Witt, Lauren Witt, Liana Witt, James Witt, Joshua Witt, Jasmyn Witt and Christina Dye; nine great-grandchildren; brother, Adolph Payne of Camden, AR; god-daughter, Alberta Williams; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, The First Trinity Church Family and staff of the Kith Haven Rehabilitation Center. Mr. Payne was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers Will, Tommy, Allen, Cleve, Clyde Payne, and Eldred Payne, one sister: Josie Payne Johnson, a son Kermit Payne and a daughter-in-law-Celia Catanzaro. In lieu of flowers, please send donations in his memory to the American Heart Association or the National Kidney Foundation.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Edward Payne*

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October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Grandad,*

*You were a great grandfather to my children, you were always there to give love, hugs, kisses and comfort to Llewys, Lauren, Liana, Tina, and myself. You were a father to me and gave me so many words of encouragement and will always have a place in my mind and heart. I will never forget our Christmas in 2007, be at peace, GRANDAD.*

*Love,  
Minerva*

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**Minerva. Witt** - February 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM