



Mrs. Emma Jean Payne

December 11, 1942 - January 3, 2022

PAYNE, Mrs. Emma Jean - Age 79, passed away Monday, January 3, 2022 in Saginaw, MI. Family hour 4:30 PM Friday, January 14, 2022 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 5:00 PM. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery,, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 4:30 PM Friday. Mrs. Payne will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 12:00 PM-6:00 PM Thursday. Our beloved Mother Emma, affectionately known as Jean, entered this world on December 11, 1942, in Gurdon, Arkansas. She was the first born of Johnny and Maude Ethel Cunningham. As a child she was baptized at Mt. Canaan Baptist Church. By the age of 12 Jean was cooking full course meals for her entire family. Her love of cooking never ceased, and Sunday dinners were a staple until her untimely demise. She graduated as the Valedictorian of Bell High School in 1960. She then moved to Wichita, Kansas and was employed by Boeing Aircraft. Jean was united in holy matrimony to Clarence "Dick" Payne on February 27, 1964. They relocated their young family to Flint, Michigan in 1966. She was an early member of House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church under the Pastorship of Rev. Charlie Thrower. While a faithful member of HOP, she sang in the choir and served in several capacities throughout the church. Jean had many talents including freehand drawing and had impeccable penmanship, but she was most known for her fishing skills. She took any opportunity she could to teach her children, grands and great

grands her favorite pastime, but showed no mercy when it was time to “reel ‘em in.” Nobody could out-fish Jean. If she wasn’t on the fishing bank, you could find her solving puzzle books, smack talking at a spades table or going toe to toe with the one-armed bandits at the casino. On the evenings when she wasn’t “working” the slots, you’d likely find her watching basketball games on tv. Jean was known for her quick wit and one-liners. Jean had a love of gospel music, but everyone knows she loved her down home blues. She was an avid listener of the Saturday Blues show on 98.9 FM where the DJs would often dedicate classic hits to “The Fishing Lady”.

Emma Jean loved her children but, it was her grandchildren and great-grandchildren that really melted her heart. She was always thrilled for every opportunity to see photos or visit with them and she was excited for the birth of another granddaughter arriving in June. Jean was full of life and love. She never met a stranger and welcomed everyone she met with open arms. “The doors of my church are always open!” was her famous saying and she meant it. She was the community’s parent and never hesitated to love and help chastise those brought into her world. Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Jean, Momma Payne, Granny, Granny Jean and Big Granny was some of the names she was affectionately referred to by those blessed to know her. Anyone visiting her, usually left with a full belly, a good laugh and a “I love you.” She will be deeply missed but the memories she created will forever remain in our hearts. Mrs. Emma Jean Payne leaves to cherish her memory daughters, Sandra Payne of Warren, MI, Robin Farris, Lisa Payne, both of Flint, MI, and Shasta (William) Bohannon of Atlanta, GA; sons, Jeffery Payne of Flint, MI and Vincent Lamarr Payne of Michigan; son-in-love, Farris “Greg” of Flint, MI; bonus children, Patsy Gatlin, Debbie Payne of Arkansas and Kelvin Payne of California; grandchildren, Tiffany Payne, Tamario Bohannon, Tony Gibson, Brittany Farris, Tangella (Qinton) Tanner, Christian Montgomery, Otisa Lynn and Adrian Love-Guy; great-grandchildren, Chase, Tianna, Tamario II, Tamari, Taj, Toni, Tyler, Treasure, Dereion, Kaleb, Lei, Mia, Thailand, Otis, Braylon, Zaria, Layla and Ayden; sister, Lois Cunningham of Mt. Morris, MI; brothers, Johnny

Cunningham and Anthony (Andrea) Cunningham of Arkansas, Harry Cunningham of Flint, MI; brother-in-law, Johnny Payne of San Diego, CA; sisters-in-law, Della Horton of Okalona, AR, Dorothy (Jay) Blake of San Diego, CA, Shirley (Robert) Davis of Lorton, VA; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends including, Welton (Carolyn) Lewis, Vernetta Craver, Treasa Swinton, Carrie Roberts, Betty Henderson, Ms. Carrie and Sally Mildred. Jean was preceded in death by, husband Clarence Payne; daughter Danieka Payne; son, Kendall Spruce; great-grandsons, Jordan Hardy and Tyson Bohannon; mother, Maude Ethel; father Johnny Cunningham; sister, Shirley Enemuoh. The family would like to express thanks to everyone for their thoughts, prayers and support during this difficult time. May God bless you all.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Association

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN **13**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Family hour

JAN **14**. 4:30 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JAN 14. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - January 14, 2022 at 04:08 PM



“ *Mrs. Emma Jean Payne*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Michele Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne*



Michele Hawkins - January 15, 2022 at 12:14 PM



“ *Sending love and light to the Payne Family, and all my cousins in this time of mourning and remembrance.*
-Lara Davis



Lara Davis - January 14, 2022 at 05:09 PM

PJ

“ Praying for the family. Ms. Jean was a beautiful soul and she will be missed. 🌹



Penny Jones - January 14, 2022 at 03:53 PM

MA

“ Margaret Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne



Margaret Anderson - January 14, 2022 at 11:31 AM

TY

“ May the peace of Christ be with you all. My prayers are with you.
ALWAYS,
Tisha Young



Tisha Young - January 14, 2022 at 09:31 AM

AS

“ To my Dear Cousins and family, please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. With Deepest Sympathy, Love and Prayers.
❤️🙏❤️
Althea Payne Sims and Family

Althea Payne Sims - January 14, 2022 at 02:09 AM

MS

“ *Our condolences and prayers to the family.
God Bless.*

*Benny & Mae Vern Spence
April Harris
Katina Woods & Monty Jr.*

Marietta Ga.



Mae Vern Spence - January 13, 2022 at 11:49 PM

AP

“ *Anthony Paxton lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Emma Jean Payne*



Anthony Paxton - January 13, 2022 at 08:29 PM



“ *Extending my deepest condolences and
heartfelt sympathy to My Payne Family. You're
in my thoughts and prayers. Sending Love,
Hugs, & Blessings to each of you. Praying for
Comfort and Strength in the hours of sorrow.
God Bless* ❤️🙏



Sabrina Carr-Buckley - January 13, 2022 at 07:35 PM

GH

“ My prayers and condolences to the family of my long time friend Mrs Emma Jean Payne. She will be missed by all but never forgotten.



Gene Holliday - January 13, 2022 at 01:33 PM

MS

“ My Prayers and Condolences to the Payne family, may God Bless the Payne Family just hold each other stay strong love always.



Monique, Aundra & Herman Shaw - January 13, 2022 at 12:54 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne.



January 13, 2022 at 09:32 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne.



January 13, 2022 at 09:17 AM

RG

“ To the Payne family, so sorry for your loss. She was my friend, classmate and home girl! Gonna miss girl!! Your friend Mac!! Prayers of comfort for the family! 🙏🙏🙏



Renee Gentry - January 12, 2022 at 06:30 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne.



January 12, 2022 at 03:03 PM

YF

“ Your Michigan Lottery family purchased the Love's Tapestry for the family of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne.



Your Michigan Lottery family - January 12, 2022 at 10:05 AM

CR

“ Carl & Verma Rosborough lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne



Carl & Verma Rosborough - January 12, 2022 at 06:26 AM

ST

“ Praying for the entire Payne Family Ms Jean was a beautiful Free Spirit who did what she wanted when she wanted and treated everyone like family I never seen her without that smile on her face but don't Get it twisted if she Had to Set you straight about something Watch out now. Hey Family Much Love y'all And Tiffany My niece I have nothing But LOVE Auntie Mrs Susan Thomas Your Grannie Carrie And Grannie Jean were inseparable when it came time for travel Up north LOL 🤔❤️🤔

Susan Thomas - January 11, 2022 at 12:33 PM

BA

“ Barbarawills lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne



Barbarawills - January 11, 2022 at 08:48 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne.



January 11, 2022 at 07:42 AM

ER

“ Eugene Ruggirello purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne.



Eugene Ruggirello - January 11, 2022 at 02:40 AM

MH

“ Myra Horton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne



Myra Horton - January 10, 2022 at 10:52 PM

ML

“ My heart is with you in your time of sorrow. May your heart and soul find peace and comfort in the God of our Salvation, who knows and understand our grief. May He grant you all comfort in your time of sorrow and strength going forward. May the Lord comfort you with sweet memories and His perfect peace

Mabel Lyons-Gardner - January 10, 2022 at 05:05 PM

GG

“ George and Carolyn Grundy praying for you.



George Carolyn Grundy - January 10, 2022 at 08:38 AM

TE

“ *Tanga Earnest lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne*



Tanga Earnest - January 09, 2022 at 11:43 PM

JD

“ *Jean Durrett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne*



Jean Durrett - January 09, 2022 at 10:51 PM

LC

“ *Linda Clayborn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne*



Linda Clayborn - January 09, 2022 at 05:43 PM

FG

“ *Sorry for your lost sending my condolences May God be with you all*



Francile Stephens Gray - January 09, 2022 at 05:39 PM

IR

“ Ivory Roberts lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne



Ivory Roberts - January 09, 2022 at 05:10 PM

DM

“ Sending my condolences an prayers to my family I love me some her Rest in paradise cuz love you 💔😭🙏



Dawna McDaniel - January 09, 2022 at 02:45 PM



“ Sending my prayers and condolences to family



Earline McFadden - January 09, 2022 at 01:52 PM

BH

“ Bob & Kathy Holbrook lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne



Bob & Kathy Holbrook - January 09, 2022 at 11:59 AM

HC

“ Hazel Carter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne



Hazel Carter - January 09, 2022 at 11:55 AM

JC

“ Jerry Chaney lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne



Jerry Chaney - January 09, 2022 at 11:42 AM

JM

“ James Montgomery sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne



James Montgomery - January 09, 2022 at 10:55 AM

JM

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James Montgomery - January 09, 2022 at 10:54 AM

LE

“ *Rest In Peace Mrs Jean To the Payne Family I send my deepest Condolences to you all ,God Bless!*

Lane Ellis - January 09, 2022 at 09:45 AM

SB

“ *Shelia Livingston Butler lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne*



Shelia Livingston Butler - January 09, 2022 at 09:00 AM

SA

“ *Sandra lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne*



Sandra - January 09, 2022 at 08:35 AM

AN

“ *Andretta Newton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne*



Andretta Newton - January 09, 2022 at 08:04 AM

CS

“ *Cathie Stephens lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne*



Cathie Stephens - January 08, 2022 at 07:55 PM

DB

“ *David & Dana Bush lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne*



David & Dana Bush - January 08, 2022 at 07:23 PM

TC

“ *Tonya Clements lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne*



Tonya Clements - January 08, 2022 at 06:28 PM

LP

“ *Your in our thoughts and prayers my sincerest condolences to the family. From Larry aka Duck Payne and family*



Larry and Tracy Payne - January 08, 2022 at 05:16 PM

VM

“ Condolences goes out to the Payne Family.
Praying the Lord give you'll comfort and
strength.



Vicky Mccreay - January 08, 2022 at 01:51 PM

BS

“ My Deepest Condolences to the Payne
Family
RIH Emma 🙏



Barbara Smith - January 08, 2022 at 11:42 AM

PP

“ Pamila Price lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Emma Jean Payne



Pamila Price - January 08, 2022 at 05:46 AM

TK

“ Terri Kirkland lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Emma Jean Payne



Terri Kirkland - January 08, 2022 at 02:52 AM

CH

“ Calvin & Pamela Hightower lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne



Calvin & Pamela Hightower - January 07, 2022 at 11:29 PM

JW

“ Jacqueline Woodard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne



Jacqueline Woodard - January 07, 2022 at 01:42 PM

CF

“ My prayers and condolences are with you and the entire Payne family. Momma Payne was that kind of Mom would have her arms open for anyone. And will cook up a storm and invite you for dinner and play cards like we having a big family Reunion. My she was the Mom that would always be their for you. MOMMA PAYNE WILL BE MISSED DEARLY. 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏❤️❤️❤️❤️ Love The Covington family



Covington Family - January 07, 2022 at 01:39 PM

FW

To all of the Payne children,my prayers are with you. I loved your mom dearly. I remember when you all came to Arkansas every summer. Your mom felt more like a mom to me than a aunt. You all felt more like sisters and brothers than cousins when we all got together in Love Creek. So many good memories!! Gone but never forgotten. RIH - RIP 🙏🙏🙏❤️❤️❤️❤️

Felisha Williams - January 08, 2022 at 05:39 PM

MT

“ *Monica Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne*



Monica Taylor - January 07, 2022 at 12:14 PM

DS

“ *My deepest condolences to the family of Mrs.Emma Jean Payne,Praying For comfort and peace during this difficult time..The Simmons and Jones Family.*



Dorothy Simmons - January 07, 2022 at 10:14 AM

PM

“ *Paulette Miles sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne*



Paulette Miles - January 07, 2022 at 07:27 AM

PM

“ *Paulette Miles sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne*



Paulette Miles - January 07, 2022 at 07:26 AM

KH

“ *KATHERINE W. HANDLEY lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne*



KATHERINE W. HANDLEY - January 06, 2022 at 09:00 PM

AH

“ *Aaron Hickmon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne*



Aaron Hickmon - January 06, 2022 at 07:37 PM

GH

“ *Gene Holliday lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne*



Gene Holliday - January 06, 2022 at 06:48 PM

TS

“ *Trina Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne*



Trina Stewart - January 06, 2022 at 06:08 PM

JR

“ John, Tujunana And Nicholas Reaves lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne



John, Tujunana and Nicholas Reaves - January 06, 2022 at 05:10 PM

BA

“ Barbarawills lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne



Barbarawills - January 06, 2022 at 02:24 PM

PB

“ Paula Broyles lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne



paula broyles - January 06, 2022 at 02:12 PM

SP

“ Sandra Payne sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne



Sandra Payne - January 06, 2022 at 02:05 PM

SP

“ *Sandra Payne sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne*



Sandra Payne - January 06, 2022 at 02:05 PM

LH

“ *Lillie Hayman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne*



Lillie Hayman - January 06, 2022 at 01:53 PM

SH

“ *Shelia Hayman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne*



Shelia Hayman - January 06, 2022 at 01:52 PM

RY

“ *Rose Young sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne*



Rose Young - January 06, 2022 at 12:09 PM

DT

“ *Debby Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne*



Debby Taylor - January 06, 2022 at 09:44 AM

LB

“ *Lois Bell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne*



Lois Bell - January 06, 2022 at 08:33 AM

VM

“ *Virginia Mcdaniel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne*



Virginia Mcdaniel - January 06, 2022 at 12:05 AM

PH

“ *Patsy McDaniel Holder lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne*



Patsy McDaniel Holder - January 05, 2022 at 11:51 PM

PH

“ Patsy McDaniel Holder sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne



Patsy McDaniel Holder - January 05, 2022 at 11:51 PM



“ Sharon Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne



Sharon Mixon - January 05, 2022 at 09:24 PM

WY

“ Welton And Carolyn Y lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Jean Payne



Welton and Carolyn y - January 05, 2022 at 07:09 PM

DE

“ Niecey I am so sorry to hear about Jean. You know I loved me some Jean Payne. I talked to her all the time. The last time I talked to her she was telling me that she won good money at the casino. I miss the days on Mt Elliot when we use to play cards and eat fish. She will be missed. It is still hard to believe she is gone. My prayers are with the family. My cousin always had me laughing . Deb Edson.

Deborah Edson - January 05, 2022 at 06:37 PM