



## Neal Payton-Rice

June 4, 1982 - February 9, 2007

PAYTON-RICE, Mr. Neal Devon - Age 24, passed away Friday, February 9, 2007. Family hour 1PM Friday, February 16, 2007 at Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church, 502 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 2PM. Pastor Chester Payton officiating. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 1PM Friday. Mr. Payton-Rice will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 1PM-8PM Thursday. Mr. Neal Devon Payton-Rice was born June 4, 1982 in Flint, Michigan, the son of Neal Payton and Devoris Rice. Neal was a 2000 graduate of Hamady High School. He attended Devry and Columbus State in Columbus, OH and was presently attending Mott Community College in Flint. Neal enjoyed sports, computers, cooking and shopping. His goal was to become an entrepreneur and operate his own 5 star restaurant. Neal was a friend indeed to all those he associated with. His smile will be greatly missed. Mr. Neal D. Payton-Rice leaves to cherish his memory: parents, Devoris Rice and Neal Payton; grandparents, Claudia Croom, Herman Irvin of Fairfield, AL and Eld. Lester (Delores) Payton; 2 sisters, Genell Webster and the love of his life his little sister, Christina Payton-Rice; 2 brothers, his best friend, Amario Payton-Rice and Ryan Webster; 7 aunts, Prudence Croom (Kevin) Larry of GA, Lucretia (Lewis) Hollins, Laura (Marzuq) Rahmaad, Montrose (Arnett) Mitchell of GA, Lena (Reginald) Wise of Lansing, Cindy Payton of OH, and Betty Payton of FL; 5 uncles, Kevin Croom of Flint, Lester Payton of CA,

Leonard Payton of VA, Walter Payton of GA, and Luther (Tammala) Payton of GA; special cousin, Kenisha Croom, LaTasha Rice, Tammy Rice, Antwan Croom, Lamar Rahmaad, Cortez Tillis, Tramaine Wilson and Devonte McBride; a host of other relatives and friends including special friends, Charles Sims, Chauncy Wynn, Greg McBride, and Tina Summers. Mr. Payton-Rice was preceded in death by his grandmother, Inez Payton; grandfather, Charles Croom; uncles, Gregory and Weffer Croom; cousins, Brenin Washington and Albert Barnes, Jr. The family would like to express special thanks to Dr. Roxanne and Hurley Medical Center 5th floor staff, Rising Star Missionary Baptist family, Billie Pritchette and Antionette Williams.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Neal Payton-Rice*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *YOU HAVE MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY FOR THE LOSS OF YOUR LOVED ONE.*

**RE-NAY SANDERS** - February 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Payton and Rice Families, we love you dearly and pray for you. Remember God makes no mistakes( only you and I)we love you much! Gary,Mary and Dale*

**mary wicks** - February 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ To Nette and your entire family. Nette I didn't know that it was your son that died in that madness until the nite b4 Kevin's funeral. My prayers have gone out to you and your family. I never got to meet your son but he was beautiful. It's so sad the way people feel that they have the right to just take a life. It's been too many already this year. Death is sad enough when it happens the way Greg's, Wep, and Brenin's did but when some evil being decide to take matters into their own hands and end a life, it's messed up. I've lost 3 friends to violence this year already and then I find out that someone I have known my whole life had lost their baby to this madness- it's really messed up. That's not the word I want to say but I've got to be respectful. I know it's going to take a lot more than time to help you heal. All I can offer are words that I'm sure you have heard over and over. There is so much evil in this world it seems like people forget that God sees all. They think they've gotten away with it but He sees all and knows all, there's no place to hide. The sooner these demons realize that the better we all will be. You have my heartfelt sympathy and my prayers. May God bless and keep you all-Naye & family.

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**Re-Naye Sanders** - February 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ To My Homee':

*You're truly going to be missed!!! I will keep in my memories our fun at school, SO MUCH FUN!!!*

*To the family:  
YOU ARE IN MY PRAYERS!!!*

*MUCH LOVE,  
aj*

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**Angeline J'Nice Jackson** - February 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ To: Devon's family,

*I wish you strength in your time of need. Devon and I have always been friends through the years. I believe I may have spent more time at your house than at my own?°. I am regretful that I am not able to be there this afternoon; however, I will always cherish my memories of our good times.*

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**MARVIN HORNE** - February 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *May peace and blessing be upon your family at this time.*

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February 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Nette and Neal- and to the entire Payton-Rice family- You are in my prayers. I wish I could be at the services- but due to travel on my job, I will be out of town. As I prayed for you over the phone- Know that God has a plan and purpose for all things. And we know that His purpose and will is that we all draw closer to him and come into the family of Christ. I love you and will keep in touch. Be blessed from the Wise (Payton) family in Lansing, Michigan.*

*Reggie, Lena and Quincy*

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**Lena Wise** - February 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths.*

*I am praying for both of the families that God will strengthen and take us through in this time of bereavement. We must know that God is faithful and will not allow our burdens to out weigh His blessings.*

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**Laura B. Rahmaad** - February 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Devon,  
My friend my cousin--you will be sadly missed and always remembered. I love you and my you Rest in His arms...*

*Family stay strong*

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**Jamillah Rahmaad** - February 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *I love u cuz and u will truly be missed....ur in a better place now...see u when I get there.....*

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**Lamar khalid Rahmaad** - February 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ *Nett and Neal - You all have our deepest condolences in this time of loss. Being a parent is a great responsibility and a great privilege. Sometimes God doesn't explain everything to us but it's seem unfair that he would permit something like this to happen. Keep you minds stayed on him for he will give you comfort through this. We will continue to lift you up in our prayers.*

*Love,  
Luther Payton and Family*

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**Luther Payton** - February 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ To the family of Neal, My deepest sympanthy goes to all of you, I feel like i know you guys just from talking to you during the week. Just to let all of you guys know, i was a real true friend, and i loved him very much. It's hard because when i am having just a mad day, or need someone to talk to it's going to be hard, because i will not hear his kind words just telling me that it will be o.k. I love all of you and take care of each other. He always wanted to leave Flint, know he has had his chance.

*Danille*

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**Danielle Nicholes** - February 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM