



## Mrs. Jacklynn Denise Payne

July 15, 1970 - March 8, 2025

Jacklynn “Jackie” Denise Denny Payne age 54, of Rock Spring, Georgia, passed away on Saturday, March 8, 2025. Jackie was born in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia to the late Eugene “Jack” Jackson Denny, Jr. and Linda “Gail” Strickland Denny. Jackie graduated from LaFayette High School – Class of 1988. She furthered her education at Dalton State College where she earned her bachelor’s degree. She was currently working with NTT Data as a project manager and attending Center Grove Baptist Church. Jackie had served as Troop Leader with the Girl Scouts. She enjoyed gardening, going to concerts, estate sales and thrifting. Along with her parents, Jackie is preceded in death by her husband: Russell David Payne. Jackie passed from this life together with her father. Jackie is survived by her children: Joshua (Sloan) Payne of Madison, AL, Ashley Payne of Cookeville, TN, brother: Kevin (fiancée: Tammy Bates) Denny of Rock Spring, GA, grandchildren: Channing and Carter Payne of Madison, AL, nieces: Madison (Will) Ingram, Mattie Payne, nephews: Austin (Zoe) Denny, Aaron Payne, great nephews: Beckett and Henry Denny, cousins: David and John Denny. In Josh’s words: My mother was the most beautiful woman inside and out. She always told us we could do anything we set our minds too, the sky was the limit. She treated everyone with love and respect, and she raised me to believe that there are angels walking on this earth and you never knew who was an angel so you better be kind to everyone, she would always tell me. The next day after her tragic death I was sitting in her office and I got a phone call on her phone, the

caller id said “random kid walking down the street/hard worker” so I answered it and told him what had happened. He said my mom picked him up one day because he was walking to work and he would call if he ever needed a ride to work, and he would also help out with chores around the house in exchange for the rides. That's exactly the type of person my mom was, she treated everyone the same no matter what their status in life was! Her legacy will live on in Ashley and Myself. We learned a lot from her and we will miss her more than anyone can imagine. We used to listen to Elvis growing up and I'm a huge fan because of her, and I think this last quote from the song “And I Love You So” by Elvis Presley sums up how we feel. “The book of life is brief, and once the page is read all but love is dead. This is my belief. And yes, I know how lonely life can be, the shadows follow me and the night won't set me free. But I don't let the evening get me down, now that you're free”. The family will receive friends from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm Friday – March 14, 2025 at the funeral home. The family will also receive friends Saturday at the church prior to the funeral services from 12 noon until 2:00 pm. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday – March 15, 2025 at Center Grove Baptist Church in Rock Spring, Georgia with Pastors David Brown and Kevin Cantrell officiating. Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Homes - LaFayette Chapel. Online register book at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 14. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wilson Funeral Homes - LaFayette Chapel  
1779 North Main Street  
P.O. Box 1592  
LaFayette, GA 30728  
(706) 638-1122  
david@wilsonfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com/>

## Visitation

MAR 14. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wilson Funeral Homes - LaFayette Chapel  
1779 North Main Street  
P.O. Box 1592  
LaFayette, GA 30728  
(706) 638-1122  
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## Visitation

MAR 15. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Center Grove Baptist Church  
68 Center Grove Church Road  
Rock Spring, GA 30739  
dlw1172@aol.com

## Celebration of Life

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MAR 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

KR

“ I worked with Jackie years ago and just recently heard about her passing. She was one of the best humans to ever walk this planet. I'm a better person for having known her. RIP Jackie.

Kevin R Riley - December 17, 2025 at 05:41 PM

OW

“ Onda Warrington lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jacklynn Denise Payne



Onda Warrington - April 04, 2025 at 08:53 AM

JM

“ Jackie made being a Girl Scout better for everyone in Lebanon. Girls, troop leaders and parents. She was a dedicated volunteer and example for all. I always enjoyed her thoughtful nature. Much love and prayers for your loss.

Jenni Moscardelli - March 17, 2025 at 11:26 PM

DF

“ Denise Fitzgerald lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jacklynn Denise Payne



Denise Fitzgerald - March 17, 2025 at 09:37 AM

MW

“ I worked with Gail for several years. Jackie looked and acted like her mother. Gail always was helping people and feeding them. She loved to cook and we 4 nurses that worked in Recovery with our husbands would have suppers at their house. Jackie was so much like her mother and I know will be deeply missed but they will be together.

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**Martha Wyant** - March 15, 2025 at 10:29 AM

 Tonya Clark

“ Jackie was a wonderful co-worker. She was always kind and thoughtful. She wanted to bring people together and organized team lunches. She had a beautiful spirit and will be missed by many. She often spoke of her kids and grandkids and was very proud of her family.

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**Tonya Clark** - March 14, 2025 at 05:10 PM

AP

“ Jackie was a wonderful co-worker and friend. Even when we worked on separate teams, she always kept in touch and would reach out often to chat. She had such a bright personality and was always incredibly kind and positive. It was always clear to me how deeply she loved her family and cared for those around her. I miss her, and grieve the time we won't have to talk in the future, but I am so grateful to have had her in my life.

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**Allegra Peterson** - March 14, 2025 at 01:21 PM

KM

“ *Kim Marsilio purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mrs. Jacklynn Denise Payne.*



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**Kim Marsilio** - March 14, 2025 at 11:34 AM

TT

“ *Jackie was such a wonderful, kind neighbor. She always noticed if you planted new flowers, and would come over for a chat if I was outside. When I was sick at Christmas she kept us in cookies and snacks. I know everyone wishes they had had more time with Jackie. My condolences to the family.*

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**Theresa Thomas** - March 14, 2025 at 11:30 AM

AP

“ *Allegra Peterson purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Mrs. Jacklynn Denise Payne.*



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**Allegra Peterson** - March 14, 2025 at 11:19 AM

AP

“ *Allegra Peterson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Jacklynn Denise Payne.*

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**Allegra Peterson** - March 14, 2025 at 11:19 AM

JC

“ Jeanine C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Jacklynn Denise Payne.

Jeanine C. - March 14, 2025 at 11:10 AM

JN

“ Jacqueline N. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Jacklynn Denise Payne.



Jacqueline N. - March 14, 2025 at 09:26 AM

PF

“ Perry and Shelly Fouts purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Jacklynn Denise Payne.



Perry and Shelly Fouts - March 14, 2025 at 09:06 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jacklynn Denise Payne.



March 14, 2025 at 08:50 AM



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March 14, 2025 at 08:50 AM



“ To all of the Denny and Payne Family, Jackie was a very special person, full of love for not only her family and friends, but for people of all walks of life, as evident in how she lived out her Christian beliefs and integrity. I admired her so much through the years I grew up around her as my older brothers were close friends with Jackie and our families were friends and served the Lord together at church throughout my life.

My heart is broken for each of you. Though I live far away and have no way to be there, I am with you in spirit, and I will continue to lift each of you in thoughts and prayers. Jackie will be forever missed and loved by all of us.

Holly J. Logan-Arrington  
Warner Robins, Georgia



HOLLY J. LOGAN-ARRINGTON - March 14, 2025 at 06:19 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jacklynn Denise Payne.



March 13, 2025 at 11:44 PM

ST

“ Sending our deepest condolences, Wishing you courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to hold in your heart forever. The Thomas-Gilliam, and Fitts family ❤️🙏



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**Sheree Thomas** - March 13, 2025 at 11:24 PM

TS

“ Jacklynn looks so much like her mother. I remember her when she was a nurse at Hutcheson. We are so sorry for the loss of your loved one. Dawn & Henry Saylor

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**Terry D Saylor** - March 13, 2025 at 09:44 PM

SM

“ Steve Nancy and Matthew purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mrs. Jacklynn Denise Payne.



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**Steve Nancy and Matthew** - March 13, 2025 at 08:22 PM

LA

“ I worked with Jackie a few years ago. She loved her children so much and always had a smile. Prayers going out to the family during such a difficult time.

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**Laurie** - March 13, 2025 at 06:44 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jacklynn Denise Payne.*



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March 13, 2025 at 05:24 PM



“ *Jackie was such a kind and caring person. I worked with her for a few years and she was so encouraging and just a joy to be with. We would take walks at lunch and she could always make me smile. My deepest sympathy to her children and family.*

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**Kim Marsilio** - March 13, 2025 at 05:16 PM



“ *lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jacklynn Denise Payne*



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March 13, 2025 at 03:51 PM