



## Johnny "J.P." Payne

October 17, 1952 - October 1, 2014

Johnny Rex "J.P." Payne, 61, of Fort Oglethorpe, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, October 1, 2014. He was born in Tampa, Florida to the late, John Payne and Farris Compton, but had lived in the North Georgia area for most of his life and was of the Christian faith. He was a Marine Corp. Veteran having served during the Vietnam War and was the Owner & Operator of J.P. Lock & Key for more than 15 years. He was a member of the Tompkins Masonic Lodge #466 F&AM and was well known at the Fort Oglethorpe Nursing Home for performing as Elvis for several years. He was an avid Scuba Diver, enjoyed fishing, cooking and had coached his daughters softball team for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Earline Prescott of Fort Oglethorpe, GA; 4 children, Rodger Teague of Rossville, GA, LaRona Prescott Sholtz of Fort Oglethorpe, GA, Adrienne Hudgens of Ringgold, GA and Julie Payne of Rossville, GA; 2 brothers, Mike Payne of Ohio and Mikey Wehunt of Ringgold, GA; sister, Shelva Morrisette of Rock Spring, GA; 8 grandchildren of which Malaya Primo was his Pride & Joy and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, October 4, 2014 in the Fort Oglethorpe Chapel with Pastor Lester E. Norton, Jr. officiating. Entombment will follow in the Lakewood Memory Gardens, South. The family will receive friends after 4 p.m. Friday and prior to the service on Saturday at

the funeral home. Online guest book at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com).  
Arrangements by W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Oglethorpe, GA.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Erline, I love you. Johnny will be missed by us all. I have memories from when you two came back from Hawaii, so much love.*

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**Sue Rankin (sister) - fort oglethorpe, GA - friend co worker** - October 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *You will be missed!*

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**David and Edie Brown - Chattanooga, TN - friend** - October 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *Sorry for your loss. You will be missed.*

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**Maria mullis - augusta, GA - neice** - October 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *My condolences to the family and friends. it was an honor to have him serve at Thompson Lodge number 466. my deepest sympathy and condolences to the family,  
Bryan Smith , senior Stewart Tompkins Lodge # 466*

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**Bryan Smith - Rossville, GA - lodge brother** - October 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Johnny you are going to be miss by so many and I mean you was like another dad to me. We all will miss you but glad that you are not suffering anymore and that you are up there flying free from pain and watching over all of us!! I sure will miss all the joke you would tell us but most of all miss you and glad that you are going home to be with everybody and your love ones. We love you Johnny*

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