



William "Don" Payne

February 26, 1935 - December 25, 2017

William "Don" Payne, Sr., 82 of Fort Oglethorpe, passed away Monday, December 25, 2017, after a courageous battle with congestive heart disease and diabetes for the last couple of years. He was a lifelong resident of the Chattanooga & North Georgia areas and was of the Baptist faith. He was an Army Veteran and worked as an Electrician for most of his life before he retired from I.B.E.W. #175 in 1995. He had previously served as a Cub Scout Leader and had also coached all 3 of his sons in T-Ball at the PRA for more than 8 years. He was also instrumental in getting football organized and started in PRA where he also served as coach. He loved cars, listening to gospel music and sang with the Lookout Valley Community Choir for several years. In 2003 he was appointed by the City of Fort Oglethorpe as a member of the Planning & Zoning Commission where he served for more than 13 years before retiring in 2016. He was preceded in death by his mother, Ira Payne and son, David Payne.

Survivors include his loving wife of more than 54 years, Gwen Payne; children, Angel Smith, Dwight & (Gretchen) Payne all of Fort Oglethorpe, GA and Hoss & (Karen) Payne of Ringgold, GA; 5 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren and numerous extended family & friends.

Celebration of Life services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 4, 2018 in the Fort Oglethorpe Chapel with Bro. Jeff Clay officiating. Burial will follow in the Chattanooga National Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 3 – 9 p.m. on Wednesday and prior to the service on Thursday at the funeral home. Visit the online guest book at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Oglethorpe, GA.

Cemetery Details

Chattanooga National Cemetery

Holtzclaw Ave.
Chattanooga, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home-Ft. Oglethorpe Chapel
555 West Cloud Springs Road
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Tribute Wall

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“ Prayers for the family. Sincere condolences.
Don was a wonderful man. Michelle Prater
Walker -Abingdon Virginia



Michelle Prater Walker - January 05, 2018 at 06:53 PM

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“ Katie Wright lit a candle in memory of William
"Don" Payne



Katie Wright - January 03, 2018 at 07:36 AM