



## Hoyt F. Payne

November 6, 1927 - February 11, 2018

Hoyt F. Payne, age 90, entered into Heaven's gate on February 11, 2018. He was born November 6, 1927 in Russellville, Arkansas to A.A. and Pearl Payne. Hoyt attended Porter Public School and graduated from Muskogee Junior College with his Associate's Degree in Business. Hoyt proudly served his country in the US Army and later received an Honorable Discharge.

On January 4, 1948, he married his high school sweetheart, Alma Lee Acree, his wife of 39 years. Hoyt worked for Union Pacific Railroad until he retired at the age of 58. After Alma passed away in 1987, he found another love in his life, Betty Wright. They were married 23 years until Betty passed away in 2014. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, driving the ski boat, playing dominoes and cards, reading, and OU football, but his greatest love was spending time with his family. Hoyt spent many years as a song leader and in leadership roles in the Church of Christ.

Hoyt's family will always remember his faith in God, his kindness to others, his jokes that he thought were funnier than anyone else, and his love for his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, A.A. and Pearl Payne; his first wife and mother of his children, Alma; his second wife, Betty; his sister, Jewel Butler; his brother, Cletis Payne; and his son-in-law, Randy Williams.

Hoyt is survived by his daughters, Joy Williams of Enid, Gayle Honea and husband Rusty of Rogers, AR, and Jennifer Martin Draughon and husband Mark of Muskogee; two stepdaughters, Connie Watson and husband Marion

of Natural Dam, AR, Jennifer Cox and husband Gary of Fairbanks, AK; two sisters, Helen Wilson and Jo Decker both of Tulsa; along with numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, other family members and friends.

The family will receive friends from 5:30-7:30pm, Thursday, February 15, 2018 at Cornerstone Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested memorials be made to Colorado Christian Services and to missions at: <http://www.acrocenter.org/give/>

Hoyt's life will be celebrated at 2PM, Friday, February 16, 2018 at Muskogee Church of Christ, 3206 N York Street, with Minister Ron Lashley officiating.

Pallbearers are his grandsons, Nick Honea, Tyler Williams, Chase Williams, Kyle Martin, Zach Martin, sons-in-law, Rusty Honea and Mark Draughon.

Spiritual pallbearers that greeted him in heaven, Tommy Lashley, Fred Guinn, JT Anderson, Johnny Anderson, Charlie Cook, Gerald Tackett, and Randy Williams. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery immediately following services.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 14. 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory  
1830 North York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403  
(918) 682-1500

## Family Visitation

FEB 15. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory  
1830 North York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403  
(918) 682-1500

## Visitation

FEB 15. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory  
1830 North York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403  
(918) 682-1500

## Service

FEB 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

Muskogee Church Of Christ  
3206 N. York Street  
Muskogee, OK



# Tribute Wall



“ *Hoyt F. Payne*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *2 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory** - February 15, 2018 at 01:46 PM



“ *Envirotech Engineering & Consulting purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Hoyt F. Payne.*



**Envirotech Engineering & Consulting** - February 15, 2018 at 09:23 AM



“ *3 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory** - February 15, 2018 at 09:07 AM

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“ Really enjoyed our time on the golf courses. Always good to play with such a fine gentleman and excellent golfer.

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**Al Postelwait** - February 14, 2018 at 09:58 PM

JL

“ Handsome picture of the sweetest, kindest and wisest man I ever met. Truly, his legacy lives on his his three precious jewels, Gayle, Joy and Jennifer. Girls, your loss is heaven's gain. I am so sorry for your tremendous loss. You and your families are in my thoughts and prayers. Love to you all!

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**Janice Lovelady** - February 14, 2018 at 08:31 PM

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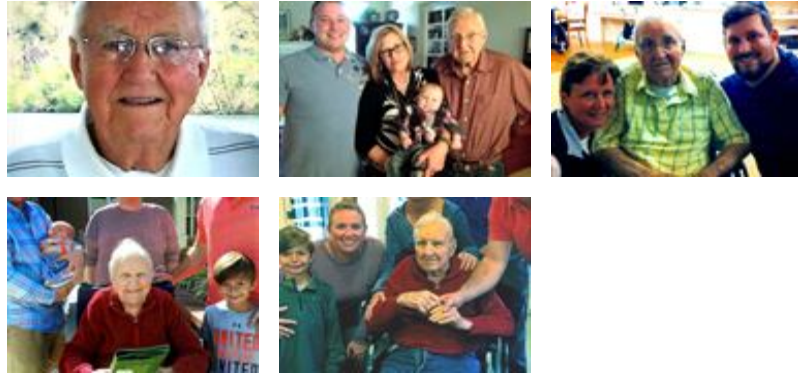
“ Joy, Gayle, Jennifer and to the entire family we want you to know that you are in our thoughts and Prayers. Please know that Hoyt was one of the finest people we have ever known. He was kind and loving and raised his children to be like him. May God bless each and everyone of you as you go through this most difficult time.  
Jane McKay and Family

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**Jane McKay** - February 14, 2018 at 07:55 PM



“ 76 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory** - February 14, 2018 at 03:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Hoyt F. Payne.



February 14, 2018 at 01:01 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Hoyt's passing. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Martha Gibson*

**Martha Gibson** - February 14, 2018 at 09:20 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Hoyt F. Payne.*



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February 13, 2018 at 12:53 PM