



William Arthur Payne

August 27, 1922 - February 20, 2021

William Arthur Payne, son of the late Betty Ann Payne and Robert Smith, was born on August 27, 1922, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He went home to be with the Lord on February 20, 2021.

William was educated in the Philadelphia School System and graduated from Mastbaum High School in 1940.

In April 1941, William was united in holy matrimony to Marieda Tyler, who preceded him in death, just shy of their 60th wedding anniversary. Their union bore two daughters, Betty and Brenda.

William served in the United States Navy from 1944-1946. He was employed by Rohm & Haas Chemical Plant for 35 years, before retiring in 1987.

William was a long-time member of Thankful Baptist Church, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he faithfully served on the Male Usher Board. After relocating to Dagsboro, Delaware in late 2015, he became a member of Antioch A.M.E. Church, in Frankford, Delaware.

William was a kind-hearted, humble man and loved by all who knew him. He enjoyed spending time with his family, reading, listening to music and watching baseball, football and the news. He always stayed abreast of current events and was a great conversationalist. In his younger days, William also

enjoyed deep sea fishing.

In addition to his wife and parents, William was predeceased by sisters, Nellie Carter and Mary Smith; brothers, Ollie W. Johnson, Robert R. Johnson and Edward Smith; and great-grandson, Craig LaMar Groves.

William leaves to cherish his memory, two loving daughters, Betty Payne and Brenda Payne; grandchildren, Michele Thomas (Tony), Carolyn Groves (Craig), Andre Payne and Dana Barlow; great-grandchildren, Talia Wells, Tony Thomas III, Chandler Thomas, Matthew Groves, Mia Gist, Tyler Thomas, Malik Barlow, Jah-Meek Vassell and Khalil Barlow; great- great grandchildren, Taylor Morris and Micah Morris; three nieces; one nephew; and a host of other family and friends.

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“ *Our deepest condolences to you and your family on the passing of your father. May God comfort you through this difficult time. Sharon & Family*

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“ *Sisters Betty and Brenda, we are so sorry to hear the passing of your father. It was a joy to have known Mr Payne. He was a person you couldn\u2019t help but love. He was a gentle man that loved the Lord and his family. His spirit will always dwell within. He is now resting in the arms of Jesus. We are praying God\u2019s Blessings to the family. Love, John and Cathy Hall*

Cassandra Hall - February 22, 2021 at 10:18 PM