



Mrs. Cecile Belle Payne

November 21, 1924 - April 30, 2021

Lydia “Cecile” Belle Payne, 96, widow of James “Jay” Robert Payne, Sr., entered peacefully into glory on April 30, 2021. Born November 21, 1924, in Lamar, SC, she was the daughter of the late Connie Glenn Belle and Addie Estelle Smith. Cecile was the 11th of 15 children and the last surviving sibling. She moved to Columbia at an early age, where she spent her later childhood years at Epworth Children’s Home. She was a graduate of Olympia High School in Columbia, SC.

Cecile was a 33 year Southern Bell Retiree, where she worked as a Telephone Operator, Administrative Assistant, and designed telecommunications circuits for the Engineering Department. She spent her early retirement years caring for her husband Jay and after his death, continued to serve in her church. She and her husband were founding members of Park View Baptist Church, where she was an active member in the choir and served with youth and church leadership. She called Pontiac First Baptist Church, of which she was also a founding member, her home church and was active there until her late 80’s.

Cecile was a true southern lady, who demonstrated the principals of Proverbs 31 and the love of Jesus throughout her life. She was a brilliant seamstress, nurse, hairdresser and created some of the most wonderful meals and desserts for anyone who would come; her door was always open. She was one of the most caring, kind-hearted people you could ever want to meet. She never knew a stranger, giving to anyone in need, regardless of her own financial situation, and gave God the recognition for any act of kindness she was able to give. She lived her life as the hands and feet of Jesus.

Surviving are her sons, James Robert Payne, Jr. (Joan) of Ravenel, Jon Randall Payne (Sherry) of Elgin; daughter, Rhonda Jeannine Payne Hill of Sumter; 15 grandchildren; and 47 great grandchildren. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Janice Faye Payne.

The funeral service for Mrs. Payne will be held 4:30 o’clock, Sunday, May 2nd at Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, 7600 Trenholm Road Ext., Columbia, SC, with

Pastor Bob Moore officiating. The family will receive friends prior to the funeral service at the funeral home beginning at 3:30 o'clock.

Interment will be held 10 o'clock Monday, May 3rd at Greenlawn Memorial Park, 7100 Garners Ferry Rd., Columbia, SC.

For those unable to attend, a livestream of the service will be available on Mrs. Payne's tribute page at ShivesFuneralHome.com. All are invited to attend; however, masks and social distancing are required to create a safe environment for all.

The family wishes to express a heartfelt "thank you" to Gwen Llewellyn for being there on so many occasions for our mom. The family also wishes to express their sincere gratitude to Tonya and Georgia of Amedisys Sumter and the staff at The Gardens of Sumter for the kind and loving care given our mother during her stay with you. Your constant quality care allowed us to spend time with her, especially during her last days on earth.

In lieu of flowers, memorials should be made to Epworth Children's Home of Columbia, 2900 Millwood Ave., Columbia, SC 29205

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“ A tribute video has been added.



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“ To the Payne Family with love and respect and in memory of your dear mother, I grew up just a couple miles from where the paynes lived and attended the same church of Parkview Baptist where I was befriended by Randal and Mr. and Mrs. Payne and then came to know of Rhonda and Bob which were fine people. The Payne's always treated me like family when I was both around them and in their home either at they're residence or the lake house where many times they opened their home to the Church's youth group retreats. And I grew up sharing and learning a lot from them. My life was changed drastically toward the positive from their generosity and guidance and I will always remember them and be ever thankful and richer for having known them.

To Randal, Bob and Rhonda, my sincere wish is that you find peace in knowing your mom is now reunited with her Husband and God and a much better place.

God bless you all

Richard and Tammy Kitchings Sr - July 23, 2021 at 02:22 PM



“ To the family of Cecile Payne,
I was saddened to hear that your Mom had passed away, however, she is now with our Lord and Savior. I know you all will miss her very much. Rhonda and Randall (don't remember James Jr) I have lots of good memories from Parkview especially our Sunday night youth outings. Your Mom was a great Bible teacher and I can remember telling your Dad that he never looked any older from the day we met . They both were special people. Will be praying for all of the family.

Love.
Don & Sandra Brown

Sandra Brown - May 03, 2021 at 03:57 PM



“ LOVE Ms Cecile. She and dad(Mr Lomax/ Lin) were neighbors for as long as I can remember. She was a great neighbor who showed concern for her whole neighborhood. She would even set out cool drinks for the mail and garbage workers

Angela Hampton - May 02, 2021 at 11:19 PM



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“ I am sad to hear of the passing of Mrs Payne, I know many others that had the opportunity to spend any time around her will never forget her kind and giving heart. I will surely miss her. My condolences go out to the family. Larry Rush and family.

Larry J Rush Sr - April 30, 2021 at 05:51 PM