



Louie M. Payne

August 26, 1923 - October 27, 2016

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Louie McClanahan Payne was born on August 26, 1923 and died in Huntsville, Texas on October 27, 2016. She graduated from McMurry College in Abilene, Texas and taught public school in several Texas towns, including Cotton Center, where she began her teaching career, Austin, where she taught while her husband attended the University of Texas, and Huntsville, where she taught most of her professional career. She was an educator who inspired many students. Friends, family, and colleagues remember her as a gentle, warm, intelligent woman who had a wonderful sense of humor. She was a woman of dignity who lived her life with grace and humility. Like her husband, John, she saw the world as it is without ever losing hope about what it might become.

Mrs. Payne married her husband, John W. Payne, Jr., in Hale County, Texas. They were married 65 years. He preceded her in death on April 11, 2009. She is survived by her sister-in-law, four nieces, and a nephew.

Services will be held Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at the St. Stephens Episcopal Church with the Rev. Kellura Johnson officiating. Interment will follow at Brooke Cemetery under the direction of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home of Huntsville.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Stephens Episcopal Church or the Louie and John W. Payne Endowed Scholarship in History at Sam Houston State University, SHSU Office of Advancement in Huntsville, TX 77341. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Brooke Cemetery

672 FM 980
Huntsville, TX 77320

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
belinda@shmfh.com

Service

NOV 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
5019 Sam Houston Avenue
Huntsville, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *Louie M. Payne*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Ms. Payne was my teacher, and a close friend of my mother, who taught with her. Ms. Payne's door and heart were always open. I will miss stopping by her house with my mother to check in on her. She had the sweetest soul.*

Jane Hawke Miller - November 08, 2016 at 05:24 PM



“ *Louie lived down the street from us when we moved into the neighborhood and was always there until last Thursday. Her quiet friendship has been important to us. As a stalwart member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, she lead our flock by beautiful example of service to others. We will miss her daily.*

Connie and Bob Parker



Connie Parker - November 01, 2016 at 07:27 AM

BT

“ Dear Family of Dr. and Mrs. John Payne,
Both John and Louie Payne were dear friends and colleagues of Oscar's and mine.
Oscar taught with Louie and I taught with John. John helped me with my dissertation.
They were wonderful people. I know your family will miss them dearly. Please know your family will be in my prayers. I must go to Austin today for a test and regret that I will not be with you tomorrow. I plan to send a contribution to their Scholarship at Sam Houston State University.
Bonnie Thorne

Bonnie Thorne - October 31, 2016 at 06:19 PM

JO

“ Before Louie was bedridden, Jim and I enjoyed taking her to several matinees at the local theater and an occasional social at our church. She seemed to enjoy it very much.
Mrs. Payne remembered teaching our daughter Susan in middle school. She recalled that one day several girls were messing with lip gloss instead of listening or studying. Mrs. Patiently noted their behavior and patiently reminded them, "Put the lip gloss away, girls." Now Susan has been a classroom teacher herself for some 25 years and she recalls Mrs. Payne fondly as she deals with her own Mandarin students.
We have enjoyed knowing her and John in the years since we came to Huntsville since 1972. We have only happy memories of them both. Sincerely, James & Judy Olson

Judy Olson - October 30, 2016 at 08:06 PM

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“ *HHS Class Of 76 lit a candle in memory of Louie M. Payne*



HHS Class of 76 - October 28, 2016 at 09:16 PM

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Mrs. Payne was our 6th grade Reading and Language Arts Teacher at Stewart Elem.

HHH Class of 76 - November 17, 2016 at 05:21 AM

VE

“ *Louie is going be missed. She was a beautiful, kind loving friend. Always had a smile and a hug.*



Vicki and David Easley - October 28, 2016 at 04:28 PM

JJ

“ *My heart hurts so much at the loss of Louie Payne. What a beautiful, sweet lady. Louie will be missed by many as she was dearly loved.*



Jeannine Jacoby - October 28, 2016 at 12:44 PM