



Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne

January 11, 1938 - December 17, 2021

Mother Ernestene Watson-Payne departed this life on Friday, December 17, 2021, at her residence in Waldo, Arkansas, surrounded by her family. She was born on January 11, 1938, to Mergine Watson-Howell and Melvin Watson, Sr.

Mother Payne attended Waldo's Westside High School. She worked at Peace Flooring Mill for several years until its closing. Mother Payne's strong work ethic allowed her to hold numerous other jobs to help provide for her family.

She was a member of St. John #2 Baptist Church for several years until she relocated to Muskegon, Michigan. While in Michigan, she reunited with her high school sweetheart Joe Willie Payne. They married and, to this union, she gained a godson. Together with her husband, Mother Payne joined Phillip Chapel A.M.E. Church in Muskegon. She enjoyed working in many capacities with her husband while at the church.

After the death of Mother Payne's beloved husband, she moved back to Waldo, Arkansas, and reunited with St. John #2 Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Hal Prevoe. She later moved her membership to True Worship Mission under the leadership of Pastor Joyce Easter—where she remained until her passing.

Mother Payne was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Joe Willie Payne; one daughter, Peggy Ann Watson; one son, Richard Ray Cazy; one sister and two brothers.

She leaves to cherish her memory: daughter, Theresa (Eddie) Berry of McNeil, AR; sons: Jerry Gantt and Stanley Watson, Sr. of Waldo, AR; and Earnest Lee Joshua of Magnolia, AR; Mother Payne was given the opportunity to adopt her very own grandchildren: Terikas Mixon of Waldo, AR, and Shirmekas Doss of Loves Park, IL; sisters: Estene (Rev. T.W.) Adain, Lula Briggs, Gladys Ford, Lillie Bell (Lenwood) Dunn, Ora Radford, Mary Smith, and Bobbie Jean Roy, all of Waldo, AR; Pecola Woods of Texarkana, AR; Sandra (Supt. Lennie) Clemons and Monica Love Hunter, both of Eldorado, AR; brothers: Wiley Watson of Milwaukee, WI; Melvin Watson, Jr. Nelson Watson, Sr., Clifton Hunter, Lemond Hunter, Michael Hunter, Derrick Hunter, and Lee Andrew Hunter, all of Waldo, AR; she loved all of her grandchildren; but there were two who held a special bond with her: DeQuarius Hayes and Christian Smith. She also leaves her special, long-life friend, Mildred Henderson (Road Dog) of Waldo, AR; two Godchildren: Cassandra Briggs-Williams of Texarkana, AR, and Robert Roundtree of Muskegon, MI; and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends who will miss her dearly.

Celebration of Life services will be held Wednesday, December 22nd, 2021, at R.L. Reed Funeral Home Chapel in Magnolia, AR, at 1:00 p.m., with burial to follow at Smith Cemetery in Waldo, AR, under the direction of R.L. Reed Funeral Home, LLC. Rev. Joyce Easter, Eulogist.

Visitation will be Tuesday, December 21st, from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, “Everyone Is Required to Wear A Mask While Attending the Services and During Visitation Hours”. This ensures

safety for you and others. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Cemetery Details

Smith Cemetery

County Rd #27 N
Waldo, AR 71770

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC **22**. 1:00 PM (CT)

R.L. Reed Funeral Home Chapel
100 HWY 79 NORTH
Magnolia, AR

Tribute Wall



“ *Pamela Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne*



Pamela Shaw - February 21, 2022 at 07:11 PM



“ *Pamela Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne*



Pamela Shaw - January 09, 2022 at 12:48 AM



“ *Pamela Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne*



Pamela Shaw - January 09, 2022 at 12:45 AM



“ *Mrs. Ernestine will truly be missed. Her laughter lit up the room. She was always willing to step in as surrogate mom to anyone who needed mothering. To the family I know you are sad about her passing but know that she will live on in the memories of all she touched. May God gives you peace and strength beyond measure.*

Stephanie Hughey - December 23, 2021 at 01:14 PM

SB

“ *Sylvia Briggs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne*



Sylvia Briggs - December 22, 2021 at 09:26 PM

SB

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Sylvia Briggs - December 22, 2021 at 09:26 PM

SC

“ *Sharon Cole lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne*



Sharon Cole - December 22, 2021 at 08:33 AM

RA

“ *My heart-felt condolences to family.----Rev. T.W. Adair*



Rev. T. W. Adair - December 21, 2021 at 09:19 PM

VM

“ *Vontisha Steward Murphy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne*



Vontisha Steward Murphy - December 21, 2021 at 08:12 AM

SE

“ *Shelly Easter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne*



Shelly Easter - December 20, 2021 at 11:17 PM

RH

“ *Regina Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne*



Regina Henderson - December 20, 2021 at 11:02 PM

BB

“ *Becky Watson Biddle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne*



Becky Watson Biddle - December 20, 2021 at 10:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne.*



December 20, 2021 at 12:12 PM



“ *Linda Gulley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne*



Linda Gulley - December 20, 2021 at 02:55 AM



“ *May God Bless the family and friends of Our Dear Alumni Sister Mrs. Earnestine Watson-Payne. She was a very dedicated and outstanding member of the Waldo-Westside High Alumni Association and worked tirelessly to always ensure the success of each reunion. We will miss her and her beautiful smile. She was loved and appreciated immensely. We pray that God will cover her family with Love, Peace, and Precious Memories as they travel this challenging journey. God is good and he will never leave you nor forsake you.*



Billie, Deloris and Family - December 20, 2021 at 01:06 AM

PB

“ *Phyllis BishopTurner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne*



Phyllis BishopTurner - December 19, 2021 at 10:54 PM

MP

“ *Mary S. Pickings lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne*



Mary S. Pickings - December 19, 2021 at 06:29 PM

GB

“ *Gwenda Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne*



Gwenda Brown - December 19, 2021 at 12:17 PM

GB

“ *Gwenda Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne*



Gwenda Brown - December 19, 2021 at 09:35 AM

GB

“ Gwenda Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne



Gwenda Brown - December 19, 2021 at 09:35 AM

ER

“ Etta Rankin sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne



Etta Rankin - December 19, 2021 at 09:33 AM

VJ

“ Vevelyn Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne



Vevelyn Jackson - December 19, 2021 at 09:32 AM



“ Tamekia Collier sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne



Tamekia Collier - December 18, 2021 at 06:54 PM



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Tamekia Collier - December 18, 2021 at 06:54 PM



“ *Tamekia Collier lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne*



Tamekia Collier - December 18, 2021 at 06:54 PM



“ *My deepest Condolences to the family*



Brenda Alexander - December 18, 2021 at 03:25 PM



“ *C.W. And Tearee Easter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne*



C.W. and Tearee Easter - December 18, 2021 at 09:17 AM

TM

“ Teresa Miller lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne



Teresa Miller - December 18, 2021 at 09:11 AM

TM

Rest on auntie. Thank you for always sending me my peanut patty❤️

Teresa Miller - December 18, 2021 at 09:13 AM

DH

“ Dearlean Hughes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne



Dearlean Hughes - December 18, 2021 at 08:59 AM

LM

“ My condolences to the family.



Linda Morgan - December 18, 2021 at 08:27 AM

IS

“ Irene Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne



Irene Smith - December 18, 2021 at 03:03 AM

IS

“ Irene Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne



Irene Smith - December 18, 2021 at 02:59 AM

SC

“ Sharon Cole sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne



Sharon Cole - December 18, 2021 at 02:33 AM

SC

“ Sharon Cole sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne



Sharon Cole - December 18, 2021 at 02:32 AM

GH

“ *Gwen Hardwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne*



Gwen Hardwell - December 18, 2021 at 12:22 AM

GH

“ *Gwen Hardwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne*



Gwen Hardwell - December 18, 2021 at 12:22 AM

JM

“ *Jennie Martin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne*



Jennie Martin - December 18, 2021 at 12:18 AM

JE

“ *Jackie Easter sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne*



Jackie Easter - December 17, 2021 at 07:09 PM



“ Jackie Easter sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne



Jackie Easter - December 17, 2021 at 07:08 PM



“ Dianne Williamson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne



Dianne Williamson - December 17, 2021 at 03:39 PM



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Dianne Williamson - December 17, 2021 at 03:39 PM



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Dianne Williamson - December 17, 2021 at 03:39 PM



“ *Praying for you all* ”



Dianne Williamson - December 17, 2021 at 03:39 PM

KD

“ *Kelly Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne* ”



Kelly Davis - December 17, 2021 at 03:21 PM

MA

“ *My condolences to the family* ”



Margaret.easter870@Gmail.com - December 17, 2021 at 03:15 PM

VJ

“ *Vevelyn Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne* ”



Vevelyn Jackson - December 17, 2021 at 03:00 PM

CD

“ God Bless the Fily and Friends. Mother Payne will be truely miss by me, I will miss hearing "Hey My BigBaby". Love you Mother Payne.



Cynthia Davis-Murphy - December 17, 2021 at 02:05 PM

MC

“ Michael Clayton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne



Michael Clayton - December 17, 2021 at 01:49 PM

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ER

“ Edna Rowden sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne



Edna Rowden - December 17, 2021 at 12:50 PM

ER

“ *Edna Rowden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ernestene Watson-Payne*



Edna Rowden - December 17, 2021 at 12:49 PM