



Kerry Ferrel Payne

August 9, 1951 - July 15, 2013

Kerry Ferrel Payne, son of Merrel John and Bonnie Lee (Lundstrom) Payne, was born August 9, 1951 in Lebanon, Missouri. Kerry grew up and attended elementary school in Swedeborg and graduated from Richland High School.

On October 4, 1973, Kerry was united in marriage to the love of his life, Rae Lynne Goforth in Swedeborg, Missouri. They shared over 39 years of marriage together and were blessed with two children, Christopher Blake and Kerri Lyn.

For several years Kerry was co-owner of the Richland Trading Company and also fulfilled service calls for Richland Hardware. Even after leaving the hardware store, people continued to call on him for assistance with different appliances. Kerry began teaching computer hardware at what is now known as the Waynesville Career Center and spent 27 years as an educator before retiring.

In his spare time, Kerry enjoyed working on his farm, especially looking after the cattle. He loved to be outdoors; whether it was fishing, golfing, cutting wood or working in his vegetable garden. If you would ask him what he would be doing, his response would be that he “was just tinkering”. He liked to help people with different projects. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinal baseball fan and enjoyed watching them. Most importantly, Kerry loved spending time with

his family and friends, especially his grandson Payne.

Kerry was a member of the First Baptist Church of Richland and attended every chance he could. He was also a member of the Richland Masonic Lodge.

Kerry passed away at 7:04 p.m. Monday, July 15, 2013 in the Barnes Jewish Hospital of St. Louis, Missouri after a long battle with cancer. He will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him.

Kerry leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Rae of the home; two children: Christopher Blake Payne and Kerri Lyn Howlett and husband David, all of Richland, MO; mother: Bonnie Payne of Richland, MO; two brothers: Merrel Lee Payne and wife Donna of Richland, MO and Bryce Payne and wife Susan of Eldorado Springs, MO; one grandson: Payne Thomas Howlett; other relatives and a host of friends.

Kerry was preceded in death by his father, Merrel John Payne.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, July 18, 2013 in the Bethlehem Cemetery of Swedeborg, MO with Pastor Bob Lilly officiating. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Kerry Payne to the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or the American Cancer Society and may be left at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Bethlehem Cemetery

Richland, MO 65556

Tribute Wall



“ *Kerry Ferrel Payne*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Kerry was a great guy. I was looking into getting into contact with him, to say hi, but I guess I was too late. Sleep well, friend.*

Felix Vazquez - January 27, 2014 at 10:18 PM



“ *SARA JONES lit a candle in memory of Kerry Ferrel Payne*



SARA JONES - October 11, 2013 at 10:16 PM



“ *my family will miss this great man, he not only taught us about computers but he also taught us about compassion and loyalty, for our teacher and fellow students. I send my prayers and blessings to the family and hope that they will look me up on facebook so I may relay my feelings to them. GOD bless and keep this family, amen.*



Nicole Paskiang - July 25, 2013 at 12:04 PM

JM

“ *Most of my high school memories come from fun times in Mr. Payne's computer class. He was always very patient, even when we got a bit out of hand. He always had a great sense of humor and could make a sour day turn into a wonderful one. Mr. Payne was one of my favorites and always will be.*

J Mills - July 19, 2013 at 08:05 PM

ML

“ *Mary K. Driskell Leonard lit a candle in memory of Kerry Ferrel Payne*



Mary K. Driskell Leonard - July 19, 2013 at 11:39 AM

DP

“ *I will miss Kerry, we have to remember that he is in a better place walking on streets of gold*

Darryl Pasley - July 18, 2013 at 06:37 PM

RN

“ So many childhood memories of Kerry and Bryce rush back. Winters were defined with "snow days " complete with sledding, rubber boots and hot chocolate. Summers were spent hiking through the hillsides carrying canteens and jumping in the cool waters of the Gasconade when it was too hot. We flew kites, smoked grapevines and spelunked. We played in Sam's treehouse, rode Pony Rex and roved Highway T with Andy, our German Shepard. Season in and season out, we depended on each other knowing our best times would be with those in our country neighborhood. While I have not been around Kerry as an adult, I understand from many that he was a fine man. I know he will be missed. We are grateful for our childhood memories of him.
Becky (Rollins) Nickens & Sam Rollins

Rebecca Rollins Nickens - July 18, 2013 at 02:31 PM

DH

“ Just to let you know your family is in our prayers at this difficult time...I remember when Kerry came to my house to look at the washing machine I had bought used from someone. Kerry found the packing still in the washer & that was why it wasn't working for them. He told me I had a new washer & didn't charge me anything for coming out. He was such a nice person & ready to help anyone he could.

David E. Hall

David Susan Hall - July 18, 2013 at 10:47 AM

LH

“ God Bless Kerry and God Bless his family. He is remembered well by all who knew him. A true joy of a person and a fine gentleman. What more can be said? My condolences during this difficult time.

Luge Hardman - July 18, 2013 at 09:03 AM

JP

“ *Jenny Patton lit a candle in memory of Kerry Ferrel Payne*



Jenny Patton - July 18, 2013 at 06:40 AM

LW

“ *Praying for the Payne family in the loss of their loved one. May God bless all of you and grant you peace and comfort during these difficult days.*
delmar and lyndia williams and family



Lyndia and Delmar Williams - July 17, 2013 at 06:47 PM

BF

“ *Bill And Regina Decker And Family lit a candle in memory of Kerry Ferrel Payne*



Bill and Regina Decker and family - July 17, 2013 at 06:39 PM

DP

“ *I will always remember Kerry's smile. No matter what was going on he would always make me laugh. Loved his farming outfit when haying. Our trip to Tennessee to tractor supply was is a fun memory. He will be missed.*

Denise Pare - July 17, 2013 at 02:58 PM

BR

“ Kerry was our sons baseball coach! He was a very caring person.
You are all in our Prayers for your loss.

Brenda - July 17, 2013 at 02:50 PM

OK

“ So sorry for your loss. Tom and Osa Kays

osa kays - July 17, 2013 at 02:32 PM

MT

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your families. Maureen Travis

Maureen Travis - July 17, 2013 at 12:48 PM

CO

“ God bless you and keep you. Hold on to God and let Him be your
comforter.
Love
Cathy Offutt

Cathy Offutt - July 17, 2013 at 12:45 PM

LG

“ Linda Goforth sent a virtual gift in memory of
Kerry Ferrel Payne



Linda Goforth - July 17, 2013 at 11:12 AM

RH

“ Keeping you all in our prayers. God will help you through this valley, lean on Him.

Rocky and Emma Harris - July 17, 2013 at 09:47 AM

AH

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Your all in my prayers.



Annette Hance - July 17, 2013 at 09:41 AM

JM

“ When my video equipment would break down at the Vo Tech I would go to Kerry for help and he was always cheerful and upbeat even though it was going to be extra work for him. I got to see him at work with his kids and I don't think there was a better teacher in the district. I will miss him and send my prayers to his family.
Jim Mathews

Jim Mathews - July 17, 2013 at 09:39 AM

LW

“ There was definitely only one Kerry Ferrell. He was so loved and will be missed so much by everyone who knew him. Love you guys.
Linda Woody

Linda Woody - July 17, 2013 at 09:25 AM



“ Thinking of you all with prayers and love. Pam Clark

Lucille Eaton - July 17, 2013 at 09:05 AM

JS

“ Remember him plowing and singing at the top of his lungs. You could hear him above the noise of the tractor at least a half mile away

Jerry Smith - July 17, 2013 at 08:59 AM

DM

“ Our sincerest sympathies are with you during this difficult time. We hope you can find reassurance in the care of your friends, and allow the loving memories you have of Kerry to help you through this time.
Kenneth, Dalene McDaniel
Len, Kristie Daugherty & Corey McDaniel
Tiffannie McDaniel-Neel
Brian, Amanda Miller and Family
Sue Pentecost and Family

Dalene McDaniel - July 17, 2013 at 08:33 AM

PS

We are so sorry for your loss!

Paul and Betty Swadley - July 17, 2013 at 09:30 PM