



Robert "Bob" Payne

April 14, 1944 - January 31, 2010

Robert Eugene Payne went home to be with his Lord January 31, 2010, at St. John's Medical Center, Springfield, Missouri, at the age of 65 years, 9 months and 16 days.

Bob was born April 14, 1944 in St. Louis, Missouri. He was one of eight children, Peggy, Helen, Tom, Elwood, Donald, Betty, Margie, born to the union of the late Thomas and Era (Yates) Payne. Bob spent his early childhood and attended elementary school in St. Louis, before the family moved to Cuba, Missouri.

In 1962, Bob entered the U.S. Army. He served two tours in the Vietnam War, where he was shot nine times. Other duty stations included Korea, Germany and Ft. Polk, Louisiana. Bob served his country with great pride and honor, and was awarded the Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal (6th award), Overseas Service Bars (2), National Defense Service Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Army Service Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with one silver service star, German Marksmanship Award (bronze), Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with palm, Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge (M16) and the Meritorious Service Medal. Staff Sergeant Payne retired from active duty service in 1984 at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri.

On November 5, 1965, Bob was united in marriage with the love of his life, Doris Jean Schwidde. In their 44 years together, Bob and Doris were blessed with three wonderful children, Tina, Rob and Lance. Their family grew to include Tina's husband, Dan, Rob's wife, Ronda and Lance's wife, Sara. And finally, the joy of Bob's life, the grandchildren, Blair, Wyatt, Mason, Cody, Blake, Hunter, and Easton is on his way.

Bob worked in civil service at Ft. Leonard Wood as the Activities Director at the 3rd Brigade Gym. He owned and operated Payne's Sporting Goods in St. Robert, and worked for the City of Richland as the Park Director. Bob was an avid sports fan. He not only enjoyed watching sports, but for many years, played softball and was a member of the All Army Fast Pitch team. He also enjoyed hunting with special friends. Bob especially loved watching the St. Louis Cardinals with his grandchildren.

Bob was one of those special people whose light always shone. No matter where he was, or who he was with, he never met a stranger. He was "Magic Bob" to all little children. Bob's deep, unfaltering love of the Lord led him to mission trips in Haiti, Germany and several locations in the U.S. He traveled with the Benny Hinn Ministry for a time, served as associate pastor at Buckhorn Baptist Church, was a past member of Cornerstone Baptist Church, and was currently a member of the First Assembly of God Church in Richland. But Bob's true passion was visitation ministry. Whether it be a nursing home, hospital or someone's home, Bob's heart was touched by his time spent visiting those who were ill or just in need of a friendly visit.

Bob was very dearly loved, and will be greatly missed by his beloved wife, Doris; one daughter: Tina Ganoe (Dan) of Richland, MO; two sons: Rob Payne (Ronda) of Edgar Springs, MO and Lance Payne (Sara) of Richland, MO; two sisters: Peggy Garcia (Johnny) of the state of CA; Helen Wirz (Ralph) of Monroe Falls, OH; one brother: Tom Payne (Dorothy) of Crestview,

FL; his grandchildren: Blair, Wyatt, Mason, Cody, Blake, Hunter (and Easton is on his way); several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and many, many friends.

In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by two sisters: Betty Chism and Margie Wilson and two brothers: Elwood and Donald Payne.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, February 4, 2010, in the Memorial Chapel of Richland with Rev. Nathan Sheridan, Rev. Chuck Baker and Rev. Lee Todd officiating. Special friend, Pat Gambill shared fond memories of Bob as did other friends and family. Special music selections included "Trading My Sorrows", "Show Me Your Face" and "I Will Rise" provided by Dirk Ellis, Cindy and Gerry Frank, John Olle, Amber Sheridan and Paul Bills. Serving as pallbearers were Rex Pingleton, Rex Allan Pingleton, Jimmy Payne, Gerry Frank, Mark Jones, Terry Glick, Mike Reagan and Junior Barker. Honorary escorts included Tom Payne, Levell Barker, Curly Basham, Pat Gambill, Bob DeForest, Robert Jenkins and Mark Karr.

Burial followed in the Oaklawn Cemetery with military honors provided by the United States Army, Fort Leonard Wood. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Robert Eugene "Bob" Payne to Richland First Assembly of God Church building fund.

Tribute Wall



“ Robert "Bob" Payne

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ My father, Bobby Harkness new Mr. Payne in the Military. Their family lived across the hall from us in Germany. I later graduated from the same class as his daughter, Tina. On behalf of my mother (Elisabeth) who lives in Colorado with me and my late father (Bobby) I want you to know he will be missed and for the Lord to be with you during this sad time.

Blessings, Dolores (Sugie)##imported-begin##Dolores (Harkness) Nimon##imported-end##

February 07, 2010 at 01:31 AM



“ Sweet Doris & family,

Our hearts broke when we got the news of Bob's death...however we rejoiced in knowing that to be absent from his body meant he was in the presence of our Lord!

Bob loved his Lord & was a faithful, loving servant who ministered to all in need.

We will always be grateful to the both of you for the love & support you shared with our family.

Love you guys. May God bring comfort to you all.##imported-begin##Cheryl & Barry Oursbourn##imported-end##

February 05, 2010 at 10:03 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear about Bob's passing. I'll never forget how warmly he greeted me every time he saw me and how he always had some sort of candy to share. What a kind and friendly person he was. Your family is in my prayers.##imported-begin##Jessica (Thornsberry) Hartman##imported-end##

February 05, 2010 at 02:58 AM



“ God's comfort and strength be with you all.##imported-begin##Rebecca Proctor##imported-end##

February 04, 2010 at 01:44 PM



“ Lance,

I'm so very sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. He was an awesome man and sure knew how to have a great time at ball games!

I pray that God will wrap you and your family in His arms and give you strength at this time of grief. God bless you Lance and your family. You're in my prayers.

Love,

Elaine##imported-begin##Elaine Schoffstall##imported-end##

February 04, 2010 at 12:32 PM



“ We just heard of Bob's passing and are saddened by your loss. He was a great man and we have many fond "baseball" memories that we will keep for years to come. He could tell a great story and has enriched our lives by knowing him. Doris, Lance, Robby, Tina - you are in our thoughts and prayers. May God's strength comfort you and keep you at peace during this time.##imported-begin##Gramella Shelton & Alex Shelton##imported-end##

February 04, 2010 at 11:33 AM



“ Bob was a great family man, He will be missed by his friends and family. Jesus waited for him with open arms.##imported-begin##Kenny Harrison##imported-end##

February 04, 2010 at 06:46 AM



“ Aunt Doris, Tina, Robby and Lance. As I reflect on the times I have had with Uncle Bob, I cant help to think of the impact he has had on my life. When I was 16 years old he helped me get my FIRST job helping and watching over people as a lifeguard at Ft. Leonard Wood. Now, I am helping and watching over people in the second largest county in the State of Missouri as a Deputy Sheriff. When I was 13 years old, he took me deer hunting for the very FIRST time. Today, I am an avid deer hunter and I use this time as a stress reliever from my job. It is comforting to know that when my time comes to leave this earth, Uncle Bob will be one of the FIRST people to meet me on the other side. Uncle Bob was one of the best and I will miss him dearly. "Love you guys", Rex Alan.##imported-begin##Rex & Vicki Pingleton##imported-end##

February 04, 2010 at 05:46 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. I know that you will miss your dad a lot.##imported-begin##Maureen Travis##imported-end##

February 03, 2010 at 11:10 PM



“ So sorry for your loss we will keep you all in our prayers, we know the power of prayer, it's just been a month since we lost our dad, and the prayers of all our friends has helped, just remember all the good times you had with him and know we will see them soon.

Wendy##imported-begin##Don @ Wendy Zeigenbein##imported-end##

February 03, 2010 at 10:19 PM



“ James, Marie Sullivan and Boys##imported-begin##Dalene McDaniel##imported-end##

February 03, 2010 at 09:34 PM



“ Our sympathy and prayers are with you. Your dad/husband was such a good man. I will always remember him from ballgames. he always had a kind word and a funny story. May the memories you have help your remember the love and joy he shared and gave us all. His life was truly a gift to those who knew him. You are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Casey and Angie Biggers##imported-end##

February 03, 2010 at 07:21 PM



“ im thinking of you all and keeping you all in my prayers, bob was very special and we all know where he is now, i thank god for being given the blessing to know him.##imported-begin##chasydy burns (hendrix)##imported-end##

February 03, 2010 at 05:22 PM



“ Our community has lost a great man and a great lover of Christ. Bob never failed in telling that he loved my family and that he was praying for us. He fought for our country, for our youth and for our soul! Thank you Bob! We love you Doris and family and are praying for you.##imported-begin##David and Elizabeth McNeill Zachary and Zayne##imported-end##

February 03, 2010 at 05:07 PM



“ Tina you and your family have been in my thoughts and prayers. So sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Lisa Mueller##imported-end##

February 03, 2010 at 04:16 PM



“ Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. Bob and I worked together for many years at Ft Wood in the sports programs. Bob worked very hard and was highly successful at providing great programs and facilities for our soldiers. We in "Special Services" at that time could always count on him to give his all for our service members. He had a very positive impact on the lives of all the people he knew and worked with. I will always remember Bob for his sense of humor, his enthusiasm, but most of all for his selfless service to our military and how he made a positive difference in so many lives. God bless you and help you through this sad time.##imported-begin##Roger Olney##imported-end##

February 03, 2010 at 12:42 PM



“ We will miss Bob so much! What a great friend and witness he was! We are so blessed by being able to know him. We all love you all so much.##imported-begin##Shayne and Angie Alexander ##imported-end##

February 03, 2010 at 11:25 AM



“ Doris, I just heard the news on Bob's passing. I am sincerely sorry for your loss. I had a lot of good times over the years playing ball with Bob and just the times we had visiting with each other. I really had a lot of respect for him and sure did love him. May God bless you and your family. Stay strong, we all know he is in a better place now that he his sitting next to his lord.##imported-begin##RANDY HOWSER##imported-end##

February 03, 2010 at 10:30 AM



“ We are all so very sorry to hear of Bro Bob's passing. We always enjoyed him & his wife when they would visit the church in Lebanon. He has now received his eternal reward in heaven from Jesus Christ His savior!!! Lord bless, Bro BB###imported-begin###bill brinton###imported-end##

February 03, 2010 at 08:11 AM



“ Doris, I am sorry for your loss but at the same time, Bob is home with the LORD. Praise God! You and your family are in our prayers.###imported-begin###Carolyn Rubles###imported-end##

February 02, 2010 at 10:41 PM



“ We are sorry for your loss.###imported-begin###Mike & Debra Helbig, Dustin Britzman###imported-end##

February 02, 2010 at 07:07 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He was a great man always enjoyed the ball games with him. Your family is in our prayers###imported-begin###Jeff and Penny Hartman###imported-end##

February 02, 2010 at 05:00 PM



“ Dear Doris and family, Sorry for your loss, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Bob always had a smile and was such a good witness for Jesus, we will see him again someday in Heaven. If there is anything we can do to help you please let us know. Love and prayers, Delmar and Lyndia and family###imported-begin###Delmar and Lyndia Williams###imported-end##

February 02, 2010 at 04:07 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. May God's healing hand be on your hearts. Bob was a great man and his life touched many. He will be missed.###imported-begin###Joel and Jenni Carey###imported-end##

February 02, 2010 at 03:56 PM



“ Please know we are thinking of you all .
When your heart is empty, filling it with happy memories can help.
Sue Pentecost and Family###imported-begin###Sue Pentecost###imported-end##

February 02, 2010 at 03:55 PM



“ My Dearest and Beloved Sister, Tina, Rob and Lancer

Words can't explain my deepest sorrow for you and the sadness we fill by loosing our dear beloved Bob. His work on earth was completed and now he is rejoicing with our Christ and Lord ,Mom and Brother. Please know that we are here for you.
And as Bob would say "WE LOVE YOU GUYS"###imported-begin###Janet & Rex Pingleton and their Family###imported-end##

February 02, 2010 at 12:46 PM



“ He was one of a kind. He never knew a stranger. Would do above and beyond, for anyone he could. He will be missed by so many, but will be remembered by so many more. All anyone can say about such a great man, is THANKS, It was a privilege to have known you.
Dan and Cathy Nicks###imported-begin###Dan Nicks###imported-end##

February 02, 2010 at 11:16 AM



“ We are deeply saddened by the passing of Bob. May God wrap his loving arms around all of you in this time of need. You are in our constant prayers!###imported-begin###Tamara and David Pich###imported-end##

February 01, 2010 at 10:58 PM



“ Doris & family,

May the peace of God surround you at this time. We will all miss Bob and the joy he brought into our lives. Our prayers are with you and your family.

Love & Prayers
Tom & Dee Mills###imported-begin###Tom & Dee Mills###imported-end##

February 01, 2010 at 09:47 PM



“ Your family is on our minds and in our hearts. We hope you find peace soon. Bob will be fondly remembered as I tell old baseball stories from high school to my children.##imported-begin##Ronald Steward & family##imported-end##

February 01, 2010 at 09:43 PM



“ Doris and Family,
We are very sorry to here of the loss of a friend and neighbor. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Kenny, Dalene McDaniel and Family##imported-begin##Dalene McDaniel##imported-end##

February 01, 2010 at 08:17 PM



“ Doris and family, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you family in this time of need. Please don't hesitate to call us if you need anything!##imported-begin##Donald, Sarah, Brandon, and Ben Decker##imported-end##

February 01, 2010 at 07:43 PM



“ He was a great man and he will be missed.##imported-begin##Robin Reagan##imported-end##

February 01, 2010 at 05:18 PM



“ Our family will be keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers during this time. May the Lord keep you in his care and give you peace today and in the days to come.##imported-begin##Boyd, Donna (Moore) & AJ Hendrix##imported-end##

February 01, 2010 at 03:22 PM



“ Dear Doris and kids. I am so sorry to hear the losing of Bob. Bob was one of a kind for sure. We had many good times playing softball together. The jokes and stories he told will always be remembered. I wanted you all to know that I was very Proud to have Bob as a Friend and He did Good! Ben##imported-begin##Ben Lord##imported-end##

February 01, 2010 at 03:09 PM



“ Doris & family,
Our family is deeply saddened to hear that our dear friend and brother in Christ passed away. He and Doris were there for Wanda's eye transplant surgery with prayer, love and encouragement. He cared deeply for so many people in need. No doubt he is now in the loving arms of Jesus. He had so much love and goodwill for Wanda and me and our family and everyone. He has touched thousands of hearts with love and encouragement for the Lord. His spirit lives on in our hearts forever. We will never forget Bob ... we will see him in heaven. God bless and comfort you all.##imported-begin##Lee & Wanda Todd & Family##imported-end##

February 01, 2010 at 02:38 PM



“ *Bob was such a giving, loving person, and we really enjoyed seeing him and talking to him at ballgames. We are so sad to learn of his loss. We are thinking of all of you and remembering you in our prayers. Let us know if there is anything we might do for you. Scott, Becky, Tyler, Tanner, Kacie##imported-begin##Scott and Becky White and Family##imported-end##*

February 01, 2010 at 02:34 PM



“ *Dear Family,
Bob was such a special man, and he will be missed by everyone who knew him. Please know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers now and throughout the difficult days ahead. Call us if we might be of help.##imported-begin##Martin and Georgia White##imported-end##*

February 01, 2010 at 02:26 PM



“ *My condolences go out to your family and friends. You were a great personality, and a great person.##imported-begin##Erica Christie##imported-end##*

February 01, 2010 at 02:11 PM



“ *We are saddened to hear of Bob's passing. I always enjoyed hearing Bob speak about Christ...he touched many lives and I was honored to know him. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Melissa Hankins-Stradt & Family##imported-end##*

February 01, 2010 at 02:10 PM