



## Ray Payne

July 1, 1938 - January 27, 2024

Douglas "Ray" Payne, Age 85, of Greenbrier, TN passed away at Tristar Skyline Hospital on January 27, 2024 surrounded by his loved ones.

Ray was born in Orme, Tennessee and lived most of his life with his wife on Log Cabin Rd in Nashville surrounded by friends that became family. Ray was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, known by many as Papa. Ray worked for the Ford Motor Company for 40 years until his retirement in 2000. He enjoyed spending time with his family and anyone that stopped by to sit on the porch with him for a good long talk. Ray was a man who loved to take care of all of those in his life.

Preceded in death by the love of his life Martha Payne, his parents Edgar and Ruth Payne, his sisters Gladys and MaryEllen, brothers Kenneth and Joe Payne, daughter Linda Gail, granddaughter Danielle Richardson, and grandson Brandon Payne.

He is survived by his children Mary Paula Richardson, Michael Ray Payne, Terry Ronald (Kim) Payne, and Sue (Bill) Munson; Grandchildren Jonathan (Shannon) Richardson, Curtis (Gabby) Richardson, Michelle Hamilton, Preston Payne, Alicia (Torrey) Zimmerman, Laura (Jody) Thompson, Tammany Carter, Senthly (Casey) Spears; 22 great grandchildren and numerous extended family.

Visitation will be at Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home, 2707 Gallatin Rd., in Nashville on Friday February 2 from 3pm-7pm and again on Saturday February 3rd from 10am-11am. The service will immediately follow in the chapel at 11am. Interment will immediately follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Memorial Park

1150 South Dickerson Rd.  
Goodlettsville, TN 37072

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 2. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home  
2707 Gallatin Pike, Nashville, TN US 37216  
Nashville, TN 37216

## Visitation

FEB 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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2707 Gallatin Pike, Nashville, TN US 37216  
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## Service

FEB 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



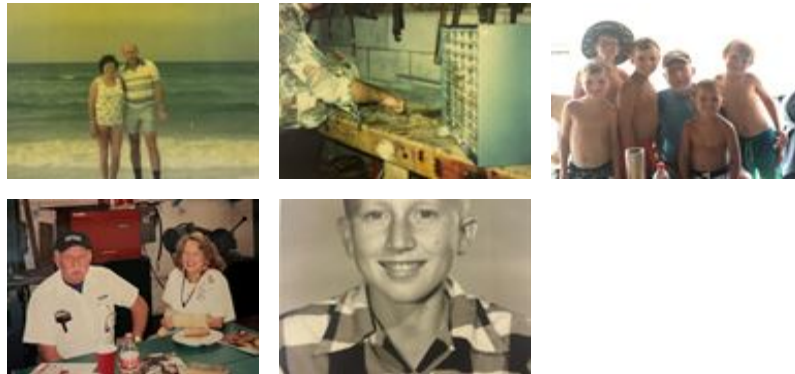
“ *Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ray Payne*



Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home - February 03, 2024 at 10:21 AM



“ *73 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home - February 01, 2024 at 04:32 PM

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“ I'll always remember Ray for treating me with respect when I first started working with him, and later with love like a family member, or grandparent would love their family.

Notably, I'll remember one of the first meetings I scheduled after I found out my mom was diagnosed with terminal brain cancer was with Mr. and Mrs. Payne on their back porch. When I told them the news, they brought me inside, served pie, and asked me many questions about my mom. The kind of questions I needed to ask her. They sent flowers to her hospital, called for updates, and reached out to see how her and my dad were holding up. Martha passed a few days before my mom, and I tried to treat Mr. Payne the same way. I still have a lot to learn from them because it was hard to be as loving and friendly in the face of pain and loss as they were.

I'll also always remember calling Mr. Payne one morning to talk about a case we were working on. I asked "what are you up to?" He said "I'm just sitting here watching the rain roll in." That struck me as such an important reminder about life: if you ever need a reprieve from the big things, all you have to do is be aware of the little things that make the experience of life amazing. Mr. Payne worked hard for many years to earn the luxury of sitting peacefully on his back porch to enjoy the small pleasures of life, like watching the rain roll in.

Even though I am sad for Mr. Payne's passing, I also feel very lucky to have met him and Martha. I'll remember them when a friend is suffering in loss as an example of how to be, and on occasion, I'll stop, and watch the rain roll in.

- C. Michael Robinson

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Charles Michael Robinson - February 01, 2024 at 09:56 AM

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“ Leah Selvig and C. Michael Robinson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ray Payne.

Leah Selvig and C. Michael Robinson - February 01, 2024 at 09:12 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ray Payne.



February 01, 2024 at 09:12 AM

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“ The Waak Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ray Payne.



The Waak Family - January 29, 2024 at 11:12 AM