



## James Payne,

July 6, 1943 - April 7, 2010

James Leroy Payne, Sr., age 66 of Bluefield, VA, passed away Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at his home, following a lengthy, courageous battle with cancer. He was born July 6, 1943 in Grundy, VA and was a son of the late Alex and Susie Blankenship Payne. Mr. Payne had worked for Rish Equipment Company from 1965 to 1974, and Morris and Marshall Coal Company from 1974 – 1983. In 1983 James and his wife, Ruth started their family business, Payne Equipment Corp. and in 1994 James, and his wife, Ruth along with their sons started Payne Industrial and Farm Equipment Inc. In 1990 James realized a long time dream of having a farm and both his family business and farm are still in operation today. Mr. Payne was a member of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, where he had served in many offices and taught Sunday School for many years. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Janie Smith; one brother, Thermon Payne; two brothers-in-law, Bobby Cochran and Jimmy Smith. Survivors include his loving wife, Ruth Martin Payne; three sons, Christopher Aaron Martin and wife, Carol and Alex Reed Payne and wife, Jennifer, all of Bluefield, VA, and James L. Payne, Jr. and wife, Marci of Tazewell, VA; one daughter, Sherry Lynn Payne Sparks and husband, Ralph of North Tazewell, VA; five sisters, Juanita Cochran of Grundy, VA, Mary Sue Garcia of Deerfield Beach, FL, Jean Adkins and husband, Bill of North Tazewell, VA, Betty Payne and Rita Baldrige and husband, Rick all of Tazewell, VA; five brothers, Harold Payne and wife, Nancy of Bluefield, WV, John Payne and wife, Cathy of Bluefield, VA, Ted

Payne and wife, Joyce of Eden, NC, Kenneth Payne and wife, Tammy of Bristol, TN, and Luther Payne and wife, Terri of Hickory, NC; eight grandchildren that he loved very much, Christopher Martin and wife, Jessi, Matthew Martin and wife, Ruth, Nicholas Martin, Sarah Sparks, Joshua Sparks, Seth Sparks, Rachael Sparks, and Abigail Payne; six great-grandchildren that brought such joy to him, Ethan, Cameron, Cadence, Devan, Ava, and Kaleb. Funeral services for James Leroy Payne, Sr. will be conducted at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, April 11, 2010 at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home Chapel in Tazewell, VA with the Rev. Gordon McBride and the Rev. Ray Amos officiating. Entombment will follow at Grandview Memory Gardens Mausoleum in Bluefield, VA. Pallbearers will be Jimmy Christian, Carmel Deel, Greg Deel, Odell Deel, Jeff Hale, Rex Hale, and Kyle Hurt; the grandchildren will serve as honorary pallbearers. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6 – 9 p.m. Saturday, April 10, 2010. In lieu of flowers the family request memorial donations be made to Appalachian Teen Challenge: PO Box 980, Athens, WV 24712.

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Payne,*

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January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *James Payne,*

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“ *As we remember James, we recall a man with many talents and great dignity and respect for others. His admiration in our lives will last forever. James created a pathway in my life that I will forever be grateful for, he gave me a job and started my career and I am so thankful that our paths in life crossed. James put trust in me when I needed it the most and provided for my family and me. Our hearts go out to his wife, Ruth and his family. We will always remember he was there when we needed him the most and I am sure that James is in heaven enjoying his reward. May God bless all of you.*

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**Ronnie & Shonda Mitchell** - April 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ I was so saddened to hear of the illness and passing of Mr Payne. We wonder why the good ones leave us so early. We don't want to say goodbye but God with his infinite wisdom has a greater plan for James.

*He is free of pain and can fly now, no longer concealing those angel wings. He will live in your heart and be fluttering above your shoulder guiding and protecting you the rest of your weasry days here.*

*I can personally attest to the fine person he was by knowing Alex. He is a shining example of everything a parent would want their child to be. I really didn't know the rest of the family but I do know "the apple does not fall far from the tree."*

*Bless you all, especially Ruth, during this difficult time. My prayers are for God to give you strength and comfort. Please know that you are loved and thought highly of, by many!*

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**Barbara Asbury** - April 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ James was a wonderful man that took great pride in his family and his family farm. Also equipment was always his passion and what interested him. When I met James and he bacame a Bobcat dealer I will never forget something that he said. I discussed what I thought they could do as a Bobcat Dealer in volume. He looked at me with a very serious face and respectfully told me that he believed that they could do a lot more. James took that as a challange and he was right. He truely was an overachiever. I am sure that he is at peace now and has a lot of equipment that he can tinker with.

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**Jay Melland** - April 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ *My sincere sympathy and many prayers are being sent your way. James definitely fought the good fight and had many good days that you will always remember. I remember all those ballgames with Chris and Alex and all the enjoyable times. I also remember the words James shared with the congregation at Ebenezer that were so meaningful. I also remember seeing him in the hospital so many times. We all know that James is with God so let that be your comfort. It has almost been a year since I lost Tom yet it seems like yesterday so I do know how you feel. Again, you are in my prayers. Much love,  
Elaine*

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**Elaine Catron** - April 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *Alex -- I am so sorry for your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Tiffany*

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**Tiffany St Clair** - April 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Alex,  
So sorry to learn of your father's death.  
We will remember you and your family with special thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.  
Love,  
Harold and Joan*

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**Jody Bowman** - April 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ *My heart is aching for your whole family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. James was a special man who will be missed by so many. I know you are finding comfort in the celebration that is going on in heaven right now. I am praying for you all to be wrapped in God's love!*

*Love,  
Tiffney*

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**Tiffney Asbury Townley** - April 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mr. James Payne and his family are close to our hearts and live vividly in our memories. Our lives in church and community together are intertwined with happiness and thankfulness. James offered us help when we needed it and without request; Ruth fed our oldest son country cook'in and pecan pie and our lives around the Sunday school table were spiritually enriched by James' teaching and his witness of faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ. Our love for James and for his family will always live, in good times and those of sorrow. Our brother in Christ lives, now and eternally, be assured; it is the promise of a loving and compassionate God who by His own Spirit placed His seal upon the soul of an exceptional man. May the Lord of all mercies grant you peace through His presence with you, we love you, Wayne and Mary Margaret*

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**Wayne and Mary Margaret Hooper** - April 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Ruth, Sherry, Alex -

*I was so sorry to hear of your loss. I too have vivid memories of your family, and recall them fondly.*

*James is in a better place and suffers no more. Grief is for the living and my thoughts are with you as I send my love and support in your time of need. I hope you can take comfort in the number of lives James has touched and as long as one lives who remembers him, he lives on as well.*

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**Rachel (Westfall) Taylor** - April 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Ruth - Please know that you, Alex and the entire Payne family are in my thoughts and prayers. Sarah

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**Sarah (Westfall) Pardue** - April 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ We are sorry to hear about Mr. Payne. He was always someone that made you feel very welcome. We look forward to seeing him again one day, knowing where he is now. God Bless you all....

*David, Kim & family*

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**David & Kim Calfee** - April 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM