



William Payne Jr.

November 15, 1927 - April 2, 2021

William Allsobrook Payne, Jr. of El Campo, died April 2, 2021 at the age of 93. He was born on November 15, 1927 in Gainesville, TX to the late William A. Payne Sr. and Myrtle Payne.

He served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. In his lifetime, Bill was a teacher, a store manager for Oshmans Dry Goods for 36 years, but is best known as “Mr. Payne, the Garage Sale King of El Campo,” dealing in junk and antiques. He was a member of the Rolls Royce Owners Club-US, Rolls Royce Enthusiasts Club-UK, and the Houston Oriental Rug Club.

Bill with his first wife Mary Wellborn they had their son William Payne III. After Mary died in 2003, he met Theresa Zetka and they were married on August 27, 2005.

He is survived by his wife, Theresa Zetka Payne of El Campo; son, William Payne III and wife Gilda of Onalaska, TX; step-son, Joe Zetka, Jr. and wife Patti of

Wharton; step-daughter, Leslie Zetka Williams and husband Chris of Ganado; step-grandchildren, Paul Schoelman, Curtis Schoelman, Nicholaus Holliday, Wesley Castro and wife Melissa, Rebecca Hancock, Tristin Williams and Ryan Williams and step-great-grandchildren, Brooke and Brayden Castro.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife; sister, Jean Ellen Payne Willis; daughter-in-law, Jennie Payne and step-daughter, Tina Zetka Schoelman.

Memorial service will be held at 10 AM on Monday, April 12, 2021 at Triska Funeral Home with Chris Barbee officiating.

Condolences may be shared with the family at triskafuneralhome.com

Triska Funeral Home, El Campo, 979-543-3681

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **12**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TS

“ Tommy & Liz Staff lit a candle in memory of William Payne Jr.



Tommy & Liz Staff - April 11, 2021 at 09:21 AM

JP

“ Mr. Payne was just the sweetest man I knew. He gave me my first job, working at Oshman's. He only gave me one rule, I had to wear shoes. If anyone remembers me I never wore shoes anywhere, except when necessary. He was the best first boss anyone could have. He taught me great work ethics and how to take care of your customers. My aunt, Tillie Orsak, worked many years for Mr. Payne, and she came and told me that the ladies were upset with me. When I took a lunch break I would go next door to the pharmacy and eat a grilled cheese sandwich and then go right back to work. Apparently, they were upset because they had lots of errands to take care of and they wanted me to take my full break, so they wouldn't look bad. But, I was a young kid with no driver's license or car, and nothing to do, so I would just get back to work. Throughout the years, I would see Mr Payne and we always had something to talk about. I had the honor of knowing both his wives, visiting him at his antique booth, and he would stop by at our garage sales. He was always sweet and I never saw him upset or angry. Mr Payne, you will be missed and remembered.



Janice Pospisil - April 09, 2021 at 10:31 AM



“ Pam L Vesely lit a candle in memory of William Payne Jr.



Pam L Vesely - April 07, 2021 at 11:08 PM



“ Ray And Linda Jaksch lit a candle in memory of William Payne Jr.



Ray and Linda Jaksch - April 07, 2021 at 02:00 PM



“ Rose Ann Mitchell lit a candle in memory of William Payne Jr.



Rose Ann Mitchell - April 07, 2021 at 11:57 AM

MS

“ *Mr. Payne was a true gentleman. I can't remember how old I was when my mother started buying my jeans from Oshman's but I was just a boy. He was always so nice to everyone and always remembered my name when I would see him.*



The world lost a wonderful man and he will be missed by many.

Martin Strarup - April 07, 2021 at 09:12 AM

DV

Mr. Payne was a wonderful man. He will be missed dearly by his wife Theresa and family. Prayers and love to y'all. Love Debbie and Edward Valis.

Debbie Valis - April 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ *Elaine Cook lit a candle in memory of William Payne Jr.*



Elaine Cook - April 06, 2021 at 11:12 PM

CB

“ *I loved hearing Bill's stories. He was such an interesting guy and very entertaining anyone would ever want to visit with. He always had this smile that made you think he had a secret he just might share or not. He was a very unique person, just one in a million. I am blessed to have had him and Mary as close friends. Thersa, thank you for being so good to my friend. You were a special angel in his life. Thanks be to God for their everlasting life. Toodie Brady*

carol m brady - April 06, 2021 at 09:16 PM

PJ

“ Patsy Junot sent a virtual gift in memory of William Payne Jr.



patsy junot - April 06, 2021 at 09:00 PM

VH

“ To the entire Family of William Payne, Randy and I extend our deepest condolences.

My first job was working during the Christmas holidays at Oshman's for Bill when I was just 16. And he drove Randy and I from the church to our reception after our wedding in his beloved Rolls Royce, a great memory.

Bill we have many memories of your parents and mine as we were growing up. I am sorry for your loss.

Vicki Hildebrand

Vicki, Randy Hildebrand - April 06, 2021 at 08:27 PM

DO

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Always loved seeing Mr. Payne at the VFW bingos. Sending prayers and God bless you all>



Doris Nafegar Ochoa - April 06, 2021 at 05:59 PM

GR

“ Gerald and I send prayers to your family at this time. God bless you all.



Gerald & Neta Ripple - April 06, 2021 at 12:15 PM

IR

“ I am so sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace and our condolences to the family.

Irma Rocha - April 06, 2021 at 12:07 PM

VH

“ Vickie Holub lit a candle in memory of William Payne Jr.



Vickie Holub - April 06, 2021 at 11:44 AM

LM

“ Our prayers and sincere sympathy to the family at this difficult time.
Glenn and Lors Mount



lors mount - April 06, 2021 at 07:28 AM

PD

“ *Patricia Dybala lit a candle in memory of William Payne Jr.*



Patricia Dybala - April 05, 2021 at 08:30 PM

AM

“ *My condolences to the family at this difficult time.*



Andrea McCann - April 05, 2021 at 07:18 PM

CC

“ *Theresa and family,
I'm so sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*



Cathie Cerny - April 05, 2021 at 04:39 PM