



## Joe Weldon Payne

May 30, 1937 - June 11, 2012

Joe Weldon Payne, beloved father, brother, grandfather and great grandfather, was born May 30, 1937 to Jack Aldrich Payne and Edith Mary Hoefert Payne, died on June 11, 2012.

Joe was predeceased by his parents; and his beloved sister, Louise.

He is survived by the love of his life, his wife of 53 years, Elizabeth Krovontka Payne; daughter, Angela Payne Ward and husband, Robert, of Longview; son, Dr. Lee Weldon Payne of Nacogdoches; daughter, Edith Payne Schneider and husband, Tommie, of Damon; grandchildren, Amanda Heart and husband, Fernando, Elizabeth and husband, John, Timothy, Eden, Alyssa, Anna, Amy and Charlie; great grandchildren, Savannah, Braydon and Dominic; sister, Willa Story; brothers, William and wife, Vicki, Steve, John, Gary and wife, Elaine; brother-in-law, Stan Krovontka and wife, Donna; sister-in-law, Martha Coppedge; mother-in-law, Carmel Krovontka; and many nieces and nephews.

Joe was a devoted father, grandfather, great grandfather, mentor and friend to so many. He will be extremely missed. Being with family was Joe's top priority. His grandchildren held a special place in his heart.

He was a graduate of the Houston College System and was president of Delta Nu Alpha Fraternity and the University of Houston, president of the Houston

Transportation Club, and president elect of the Texas Industrial Transportation League. He was a registered practitioner before the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Federal Maritime Commission. Joe was a two term appointee to the Advisory Committee of Texas A&M Transportation Institute.

Joe proudly served in the United States Army – Infantry. He was a Golden Gloves Boxing Champion-Featherweight Division. Joe was a long time parishioner at St. Theresa Catholic Church of Sugar Land and served as the Eucharist Minister, Lector and Usher.

Visitation will be held from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m., with a rosary at 7 p.m., Thursday, June 14, 2012 at Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Chapel in Rosenberg.

A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Sugar Land at 10 a.m., Friday, June 15, 2012. Reverend John R. Payne, S.J. will officiate the services. Interment will follow at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg.

Pallbearers serving are William Payne, Woodrow Coppedge, Jr., Gary Hickey, Dennis Donigan, Marshall Ott, Mike Gonzalez, John Story and Timothy Ward.

Honorary pallbearers are Bobby Oballe, John Dotson, Stan Krovontka, Bob Evans, Kerry Payne and Ed Wesley.

There will be a reception following the services at the Parish Community Center.

Words of condolence may be left for the Payne family at [www.davisgreenlawnfh.com](http://www.davisgreenlawnfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

SF

“ I was so terribly saddened after hearing of Mr. Joe's passing. My family and I have known Mr. Joe for a few years as members of St. Theresa's Church. He was a wonderful man whom we enjoyed immensely. I looked for him every week and my daughter and I always looked forward to his friendly peck on the cheek during "peace time" at mass. He was always so kind to all of us. We will miss him and his smile every week. My heart is truly broken it is goes out to his entire family. May GOD bless you always. External rest grant unto him and the perpetual light shine upon him. Rest in peace Mr. Joe.

*The Carrier Family*

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**Stephanie Carrier & family** - June 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RZ

“ Joe will be missed by eveyone who knew him.I`m sure he had many friends who knew him as a caring person.My Condolences go out to his Family.

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**Ronald Zoll** - June 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ Good work Joe! Kirwin Class 1957

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**Jerry Vaughan** - June 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BC

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**Bernice Armendariz Cole** - June 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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**Bernice Armendariz Cole** - June 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ To Joe's family and extended family, condolences for your loss.

*I only met Joe a few times so many years ago but from the Guestbook and Obituary it is clear it was my loss to have missed knowing him better! I wish him joy in his new life ...and in that hope and understanding, Peace to all who knew, loved, and now miss him.*

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**Mike Thelen** - June 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

IJ

“ To the Payne Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Joe was a wonderful man. Joe was my neighbor. I first met Joe when my dog Buddy got out of my gate and he was the first person that helped me look for him. He drove me all over the neighborhood along with my daughter and we looked for days. All the kids in the neighborhood loved Joe and his dog Liza. We will surely miss him in the neighborhood. God Bless you Joe, you are now resting and in the arms of GOD.

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**Irma Jostandt** - June 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ Elizabeth Ann, I'm so sorry to hear of Joe's death. I'll always remember your lovely wedding and am glad to have had a part in it. My heartfelt sympathy to you and your family.

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**Linda Lou Overbeck** - June 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Lee and family, Please accept my sincere condolences. Having lost my father almost two years ago, I can feel your loss. However, the memories of Joe Weldon Payne will now be fonder as he lives in your minds and hearts. Rick Herzog

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**Rick Herzog** - June 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DZ

“ My sincere condolences to the Payne family at this very sad and difficult time.

*My son, Zane, and I will always have so many great memories of Joe. He was a wonderful neighbor --always so upbeat and fun. He was always eager to lend a hand.*

*All of the kids just loved him. He would chase them around the neighborhood and if he didn't run after them because he was trying to relax in his chair in the front yard, they would yell, "Mr. Joe!" and no matter how tired he was, he would jump up hollering and run after them. You could tell he got as much joy out of it as they did -- he was just a big, fun kid himself.*

*Joe always spoke so lovingly about his family and his faith and had a special love for his sweet Lab, Elijah.*

*My thoughts and prayers to all who are saddened by the loss of our wonderfully special friend, Joe. He will always be fondly remembered and greatly missed.*

*Debra & Zane*

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**Debra Speer & Zane** - June 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ *I have many fond and happy memories of Joe. Joe was one of the very first friends I made when we first arrived in Galveston in the early 1950s. Joe was a great friend as were all of the family. He will surely be missed. Happy Trails, my Friend.*

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**Ben Armendariz** - June 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Although I did not have the personal pleasure of knowing Joe I honor him as a Fellow Past President and TCH member. Sincere sympathy to all of the family and friends of a remarkable man. May God comfort you all in this time of loss.*

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**Rebecca** - June 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I have great memories of Joe and all his brothers when we were young and they all lived in Galveston. Our parents were friends and we visited a lot. There was only laughter around in the Payne household and I treasure the memories of Joe and all his brothers as well as his cousins that I also loved as well. Our thoughts and prayers go out to each and everyone of you at this difficult time...yes we have lost a good one! May God bless each of you! Tinka

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**David &Tinka Franzen Burrows** - June 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Joe was one of a kind. There will never be anyone like Joe.

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**skip and janet medina** - June 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Richard Ott** - June 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ You have left me behind, but the memories of the olden days remain. I will see you again. Until that time, my good friend, until that time.

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**Marshall Ott** - June 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

J&

“ Uncle Joe was the most colorful person I ever met. When you saw his eye twinkle you knew you were about to hear or see something that could only come from him. :

*He was completely devoted to his family, and seeing him with his grandkids made your heart happy.*

*What stands out most in my memory are the times I really needed to know that somebody cared, and there he was, caring.*

*I love you, Uncle Joe.*

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**Judith Rinker Åhman** - June 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ Uncle Joe was like a second father to me. Very few other people have made such a significant impact on my life. When I was a boy, he taught me how to fish. He passed on his love of the outdoors to me and his love for the great state of Texas. Uncle Joe, you will surely be missed.

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**Woodrow W. Coppedge, M.D.** - June 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ He was absolutely the best paw-paw in the world! Now that he's not here with me it's just so different. Especially since he was always by my side but now I know he's happy and is in a much better place, and still wathing over me.

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**Amy Schneider** - June 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM