



Mary Frances Payne

June 17, 1928 - January 13, 2015

Mary Frances Chandler Payne, 86, of West Point, VA., passed away on Tuesday, January 13, 2015. The widow of John Averill Payne, she was devoted to her large family. She was a homemaker and a longtime member of First Baptist Church. Her love of children led her to teach private kindergarten for many years before it became part of the public schools.

She was the youngest daughter of the late Charles Thomas and Mary Lita Coker Chandler of Richmond. She is survived by her sister Anne Conway, of Orlando, FL.; seven children: Gail Payne of Richmond; John A. Payne, Jr. (Lynn) of Richmond, David Payne (Betsy) of Charlotte, NC; Allison P. Rhodes (Clif) of Bradenton, FL; James Payne of Richmond, VA, William Payne (Colleen) of Cary, NC., and Fred Payne (Mary) of Richmond, VA.; twelve grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Mary Frances loved life and had a great sense of humor. She loved painting, bowling, and playing Bridge with her friends.

The family thanks Linda Carlton for many years of caregiving and friendship. The family will receive friends Saturday, January 17th from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. at Vincent Funeral Home, 417 11th Street, West Point, VA, with a memorial service beginning at 1:00 pm. Burial will be by private ceremony at Sunny Slope Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church, P.O. Box N, West Point, VA 23181, or to the West Point Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

Cemetery Details

Sunny Slope Cemetery

King William Avenue
West Point, VA 23181

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, West Point Chapel
417 11th St
West Point, VA 23181
(804) 843-2550

Service

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Tribute Wall

RB

“ *Sorry to hear about the loss of your Mother.*

Richard Burke - February 03, 2015 at 09:47 PM

DH

“ *I was so very sorry to hear of the loss of your beautiful mother. She could always light up a room with her smile and laughter. I know your hearts are hurting. I know that she and your dad are dancing and laughing again together in heaven. With deepest sympathy.*

Donna Boughton Hadley - January 24, 2015 at 06:22 AM

DD

“ *Our prayers and thoughts go out to the Payne Family. Jim Payne and I have been lifelong friends and I had the pleasure of meeting Mrs Payne many years ago. Just know you raised a fine family and son. God Bless to all the Payne family.*

David Dyas - January 19, 2015 at 12:34 PM

MP

“ Mrs Payne was my kindergarten teacher. Fridays were gun day and I went out with the boys and shot my air rifle. The boys jumped off the play house everyday but I never got up the nerve till the last day of kindergarten and Mrs Payne had already rung the bell to come inside. No one saw me jump. I did it and it hurt. She taught me my ABC's. On each person's birthday she read the poem Jarboe House from Silver Pennies book of Poems and gave each of us the book for our birthday. I memorized the poem from hearing it so often. I learned to draw a house and drew it often along with fireballs. Someone(I'm not telling who)climbed the bookshelf one day and it fell over on him. Someone else(not telling)said a bad word and we saw his teeth print on the soap when we were washing up for snack. Mrs Payne was a great teacher and mother. I am most fortunate to have had her in my life at that young age. Love you Mrs Payne.
Mary Garland Vaughan Plauche

Mary Garland Vaughan Plauche - January 18, 2015 at 04:46 PM

JP

“ Hello family from Tumie, Theo, and Zinzile. It is deeply painful for us to hear of Grandma's passing. We are very sorry for your loss. We really wanted to meet Grandma and tried to come in September, but as Johnny told you, the Embassy wouldn't give us a visa. God called Grandma home before we could see her, but we will see her in Heaven. We wish we could be there today to remember her life and love with everyone, but we wish you comfort and peace at this time and hope we will have a chance to meet later this year. You are always welcome to visit us in Botswana, you are our family and we love you so much.
Love in Christ,
Tumie, Theo, and Zinzile Payne

Johnny Payne - January 18, 2015 at 03:38 PM

MD

“ *Mary And Bobby Davis lit a candle in memory of Mary Frances Payne*



Mary and Bobby Davis - January 17, 2015 at 11:48 AM

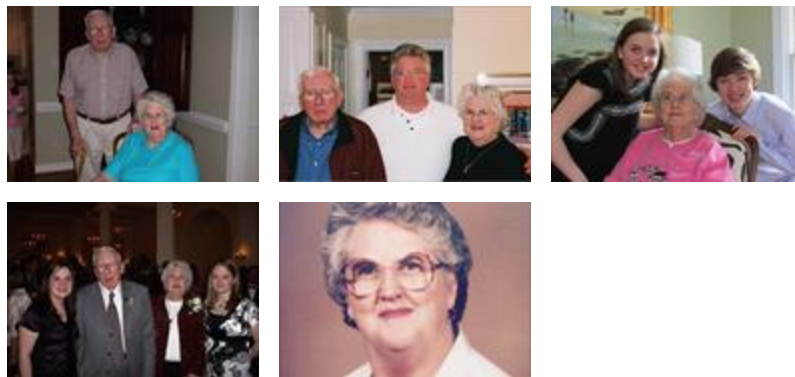
AR

“ *Dear Payne family,
I will never forget the hospitality your parents showed me while I was growing up. You had the best playground! I remember you always had a cedar Christmas tree. When I helped putting on the ornaments, the branches would scratch. Allison, you were a great friend. So many memories! Your mom was like my second mom. Your parents are now with my dad. That heavenly choir is growing every day! My love to all of you.
Anita Lee Roy*

Anita Roy - January 17, 2015 at 10:43 AM

JP

“ *6 files added to the album New Album Name*



John Payne - January 16, 2015 at 10:12 PM

PW

“ After many, many years away from West Point I visited again just recently and thought about all my wonderful childhood friends. I was so sorry to learn about Mrs. Payne's passing. I remember always feeling so welcome in her home as a friends of Jimmy's.

I will keep the Payne family in my thoughts.

*Pamela Wiles
Ashburn, Virginia*

Pamela Wiles - January 16, 2015 at 02:41 PM

MC

“ The Chestnutt family sends love and joy to all the Paynes. I was so honored to be able to teach the Payne children and to have Mary Frances send our boys some of the clothes her boys wore. Besides being a good bridge player of mine she was an excellent Mom figure when my Mom died. To all the grandchildren and Payne children, we were so blessed knowing your Mom and Dad and I was blessed teaching the Payne children. Remember all those precious memories and they will bring you ROSES IN DECEMBER! In Christian Love, Marianna and Bob Chestnutt

marianna chestnutt - January 16, 2015 at 11:13 AM

ML

“ My parents and family have known Mary Frances and Johnny for many years starting as neighbors in Richmond. I remember Mary Frances as always smiling and upbeat person who never met a stranger. She will be missed by all.

Margaret Blackley Lindsay

Margaret Lindsay - January 15, 2015 at 10:42 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Frances Payne.*



January 14, 2015 at 04:18 PM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Mary Frances Payne.*



January 14, 2015 at 01:04 PM



“ *Your Mother was a lovely Lady, always full of laughter. Keep your wonderful memories close to your heart. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.*
Judy and Glenn Palmer

Judy and Glenn Palmer - January 14, 2015 at 12:25 PM



So sorry to hear of the passing of Mary Frances. My first job was working for Johnny and Mary Frances. She always was great to me. My dates and I used to "baby sit" for several of the children. Sorry to hear of her passing. Cannot make service . Kindest regards, Jim Wills

jim Wills - January 15, 2015 at 01:22 PM