

### **Active Pallbearers**

Stephen Pride  
Jacky King  
Chase Payne  
Darren Fuqua  
Christopher Shields  
Arthur B. Harper  
Thomas Payne  
Rafael Brame  
Vincent Escobedo

### **Honorary Pallbearers**

Lois Vaughn  
Joanna Carter  
Dorothy Wester  
James Harold King  
Debbie Rich  
Mary Ann Young  
Betty Carson  
Members Trousdale Co. Retired  
Teachers  
Smith County Democratic Women  
Oscar Butler  
Ray Fuqua  
Smith County Fair Board  
Smith County Help Center  
Smith County Memorial Hospital  
Smith County Democratic Women

### **Acknowledgment**

Realizing that each tomorrow is not ours to understand and knowing that God never hurts needlessly and never wastes our pain, for every loss he sends to us is followed by rich gains. Today in our loss, our hurt and our pain, we recognize our gains in you our friends and loved ones, for flowers, your whispered prayers and every deed of kindness have been a source of strength and comfort. We are eternally grateful.

### **Special Thanks**

The Doctors and Staff Middle Tennessee Medical Center and Adams Place, Murfreesboro Tennessee, Blackman Staff 6a&6b, Caregivers Mary Simmons and Anne-Asia Johnson, for the fine services rendered.

### *Just Remember*

When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free.  
Miss me a little—but not too long,  
And not with your head bowed low,  
Remember the love we once shared,  
Miss me—but let me go.  
For this journey we all must take,  
And each must go alone  
It's all a part of the Master's plan  
A step on the road home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know  
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,  
Miss me—but let me go.



## *Ruth Payne*

March 22, 1930~ May 16, 2009

**Service**  
10:00 A.M.  
Wednesday  
May 20, 2009

**Officiating**  
Rev. Albert Strawther  
Rev. Jimmy Plummer

**Interment**  
Middle Tennessee  
Veterans Cemetery,  
Nashville, Tennessee

*A Journey of Remembrance*



## Obituary

Ms Ruth Jeannette (Moseley) Payne age 79 departed this life on May 16, 2009 with her family at her bedside. Born in Athens, Alabama (Limestone County) on March 22, 1930, she was the daughter of the late Robert L. and Mary (McDade) Moseley.

She attended Turner Elementary School in Athens Alabama. She moved to Nashville and attended Pearl High School but returned to Alabama and graduated from Trinity High school in Athens, in 1948. She then returned to Nashville and in 1952 she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from Tennessee State University. She continued her professional development with course work at Tennessee Tech University and Middle Tennessee State University.

She started her professional career teaching in a one room school house in Limestone County, Alabama. She later taught elementary school for over 30 years in Trousdale County, Tennessee first at Ward Elementary then after integration at Trousdale County Elementary. She retired in 1992 then becoming an active member of the Trousdale County Retired Teachers Association.

She was a member of the Smith County Fair Board, Smith County Emergency Food and Shelter Board, Help Center Volunteer, past member of Smith County Memorial Hospital Advisory Board, and active in the Smith County Democratic Women's Committee.

She was an active member of Turner Chapel A.M.E. Church in Carthage where served as a Stewardess, Trustee and leader of the Women's Missionary Society. She was instrumental in the establishment of the Church's Fellowship Hall.

She was an active member of the Cumberland Chapter #132 Order of the Eastern Star (OES); Past Worthy Matron and currently serving as Commandress, Past District Deputy for District 4, Matron of the Heroines of Jericho, Past Loyal Lady Ruler of the Grand Assembly Tennessee Jurisdiction, Past Loyal Lady Ruler Golden Circle, member Carthage Consistory #218, Daughters of Isis and the Guild.

She was married on June 16, 1956 to the late Tillman W. Payne II. Together they raised their four children on the family farm in the Bluff Creek community.

She was preceded in death by her Sister Mildred Shute and beloved cousins Dorothy Locke and Sidney Fletcher.

She is survived by her four children Karen Cartmell and husband Billy of Murfreesboro, TN, Lt Col, USAF (Retired) Tillman W. Payne III and wife Kimberly of Nashville, TN, Lt Col, USA (Retired) Myra Burton and husband Reverend John of Norfolk, VA, James Payne and wife Kerrie of Hickman, TN. Brother Roy Moseley and wife Louise, Louisville, KY, Sister Blondell Pryor and husband A.D. of Cincinnati, OH, Brother Robert Moseley, Jr. of Nashville, TN; Sister J. Doris Randle and husband Willie, of Las Vegas, NV; Brothers in law Thomas Shute and James Fuqua both of Nashville; Cousins Lonnie Benford, Louisville, KY and Mattie Iles of Athens, AL; Grandchildren Kelicia Smith, Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class, USA, Fort Hood, TX; Chase Payne, San Mateo, CA; Jessica Butler and Oscar Butler, Murfreesboro, TN; Christopher Shields, Sevierville TN, Cornelia Stokes, Norfolk, VA, Tillman W. Payne IV, Nashville, TN, Vincent Escobedo, Devin Jackson and Zachary Jackson of Hickman, TN. Eight step-grandchildren, two Great grandchildren and a host of nieces, and nephews. Special friends Katie White, Mary Churchwell, Dorothy Wester, Betty Carson, Maryann Young, Joanna Carter and Mary Francis Lewis.

## Order of Service

Visitation	The Payne Family
Solo	<i>"His Eye is on the Sparrow"</i> Granddaughter Jessica Butler
Processional	Ministers
Selection	<i>"For Me He Died"</i> Sherman Wester
Invocation	Rev. Jimmy Plummer
Choral Response	<i>"Let My Works Speak for Me"</i> Smith Chapel Choir
Scripture Reading	Rev. Jimmy Plummer
Prayer	Rev. John D. Alexander
Scripture Reading	Rev. John D. Alexander
Solo	<i>"If I Can Help Somebody"</i> Lettie Ann Smith
Acknowledgements & Resolutions	James Harold King
Obituary	(Read Silently)
Words of Comfort	Women's Missionary Society
Reading	Granddaughter Kalecia Smith
Family Tribute	Karen, Tillman, Myra, James
Selection	<i>"Never Grow Old"</i> Smith Chapel Choir
Eulogy	Rev. Albert Strawther
Recessional	The Payne Family