



Robert H. Payne Sr.

October 10, 1942 - October 18, 2014

Robert H. Payne Sr., age 72, of Readstown, formerly of Richland Center returned home to his Father Saturday, October 18, 2014 at Vernon Memorial Hospital in Viroqua, WI. He was born on October 10, 1942 in Hamilton, Ohio. The son of Melven and Loraine (Schneider) Payne. On March 17, 1972 he married Geraldine Shepard in Hamilton, Ohio. Robert graduated from Talawanda High School in Oxford, Ohio in 1960. He served in the United States National Guard from 1962 – 1968. Robert was a lifelong farmer. He was a member of the Ash Creek United Methodist Church and his relationship with God always came first. Robert loved tractor shows, riding his Harley, his trucking buddy "Schnauzer", his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He always had a story to tell and loved his family most of all.

Survivors include his wife Geraldine Payne of Readstown; 4 children Tonya Payne of Gays Mills, WI, Stacie (Joel) Young of Sextonville, WI, Robert (Bonnie) Payne Jr of Muscoda, WI and Andrew (Gracie) Payne of Readstown, WI; 7 grandchildren, Alexia (Justin) Jones, Logan Banker, Mikalah Banker, Madalyn Payne, Kolton Payne, Archer Payne and Alexis Moen; 3 great grandchildren, Daylen and Jed Jones and Gracelyn Sophia Schweitzer; his mother Loraine (Payne) MacDonald of Richland Center; a brother Melven Payne (Cindy Plummer) of Richland Center; a sister Marjorie Peasall of La Farge, WI; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Robert was preceded in death by his father Melven Payne, a brother-in-law Harold "Sonny" Baker, and a very special Aunt Ruth (Ralph) Wyman.

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 5:00 PM at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home in Richland Center with Pastor Jim Berlin officiating. Visitation will be held on Wednesday October 22, 2014 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to Robert's wife. On line condolences can be made at www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

VF

“ SINCERE SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS ARE EXTENDED TO THE FAMILY. I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. ROBERT AND I WENT THROUGH 12 YEARS OF SCHOOL TOGETHER AND HE WAS A KIND AND GENTLE SOUL. HE WAS A GOOD PERSON AND I'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE KINDNESS HE SHOWED ME AT SCHOOL.

VIVIAN SHIVELY LANGE - HAMILTON, OH - FRIEND - October 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Sympathy and prayers to the family. I remember Bob as a kind and gentle soul when we were in school, a really nice guy. To know he has gone to his heavenly reward hopefully will give the family peace and lessen the grief. I lost my husband 9 months ago, although I miss him terribly, it is comforting to know he has no more pain and is with our Heavenly Father. God Bless!

Marie Cablish England - Augusta, KY - Class of 1960 Talawanda High - October 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rain fall softly on your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of his hand.

I am so deeply sorry for your loss, Bob was a truly special, kind, warm person and I will never forget the stories he shared and how much he loved life.

Lori

Lori Brueggeman - Lone Rock, WI - Co-worker - October 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ *Papaw, thank you for being my role model the last 23 years. I couldn't ask for anyone else for me to look up to. I have so many memories of us when i was growing up, riding in the feed cart when you fed the cows, learning how to drive a tractor long before i ever should have. I am so thankful my boys got to meet you. Daylen sees your pictures and says mom! Thats my papaw! Thank you for the memories. You are the strongest man i have ever known. My boys and i will make you proud!! I will make sure they turn out like you! Grandma was a lucky woman to have such an amazing man in her life. You'll always be special to me. I love you!!*

Alexia Jones - muscoda, WI - granddaughter - October 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ *Dad, we love you so much!Me Andy and Archer can't thank you enough for being such a wonderful dad and grandpa. You're not with us anymore but your memories will always be in our hearts forever.*

Gracie payne - Readstown, WI - Daughter in law - October 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *I have been blessed to work with Bob the last decade or so and will miss not just the stories but his animated presentation! We have lost a great man . . . till we meet again my friend.*

Justin Manning - cazenovia, WI - coworker and friend - October 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SD

“Dad you are a very special man to many many people, you will be missed by everyone. You always knew how to make someone smile and tell a good story. We all have memories of the sayings you used to say "this is me is that you", " if I don't say it you don't say it" so many things will be missed but so many memories are there to remember. RIP Dad I love you!!!

Stacie - Sextonville, WI - daughter - October 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“I remember putting my Ford Fairmont in the ditch and bob with out hesitation, jumped into the tractor and pulled me out of the ditch all the way hoe and would not accept any money . He only wanted a thank you. But that was the kind of person he was. It sucks that He was taken so suddenly, there are not enough people like him in this world. He will be missed by all of us who had the honor to know him.

Troy Wallace - Altura, MN - friend of family - October 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SF

“Thoughts and prayers to the Payne Family! May God Bless You in this time of need.

Sarah Stibbe - Richland Center, WI - friend - October 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I am very saddened to hear of the passing of Bob. It was my pleasure to get to see his smiling face every Sunday. I am a window clerk at one of his routine stops to deliver product to our warehouse. Bob loved his family, I always heard stories about his wife, kids and grand children. He also talked about his farming days and farm shows he attended. The last time I got to talk to Bob he had said he would not be in the following Sunday because he was going to attend a farm show. He recently talked about remodeling his home and that he had gotten a raise from his employer. I remember him saying that they didn't have to do that and that it was real nice of them to give him a raise. My daughter works out on the dock where Bob would go back and unload his own freight. She also liked seeing Bob every Sunday. She recently had a baby and was out of work for awhile. Bob would always ask how she was doing. Unfortunately she did not get to see Bob after her return to work. She is also very sad that she will not get to see her friend anymore. Our prayers and thoughts are with his wonderful family during this time

Lisa Warriner - Cheyenne, WY - Friend - October 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM