



Ms. Jean Payne

June 14, 1931 - January 1, 2013

Jean (Corbitt) Payne was born in Calhoun City, Mississippi on June 14, 1931 to Dandy and Alberta Corbitt. She relocated to Milwaukee, Wisconsin and was united in marriage to Leroy Payne, Sr. From this union she was blessed with five children.

Jean was a lifelong member of Church of the Living God the Pillar and Ground of the Truth. She worshipped at Mt. Zion Wings of Glory COGIC with her daughter Patti, until her health failed in April 2012. Jean managed the original Lena's Big Value for over 30 years. She was a fiesty and dedicated worker who was known to confront shoplifters by asking, "Do you have something that belongs to me?"

After retiring from Lena's, Jean continued her career working at Pick n' Save on Good Hope Road. Jean loved greens, sweet potato pie, the "Saturday Morning Blues Brunch" on WMCS 1290AM, and most of all, her family.

In the last year, even as her health began to fail, Jean maintained her kind nature and positive attitude. She often told people that she prayed to be a nice old lady and her prayers were definitely answered.

Jean Payne leaves to cherish her memory, her four daughters, Patti DeBow,

Donna Rhodes- Walrup, Mary Choudry and Lisa Austin; her only son, Leroy Payne, Jr.; sons in law, Floyd DeBow and William Walrup; twelve grandchildren, LaTasha, London, Kenneth, Jeremy, William (Al), Matthew, Jeremiah, Winsome, Stoney, Jamal, Jamila and Kito; seven great grandchildren; sister, Priscilla Corbitt and brothers, Dandy Corbitt, Jr. and Wayne Corbitt, all of Dayton, OH; brother, Jimmy Corbitt of Slinger, WI; sisters in law, Martha Corbitt and Doris Corbitt; friends, Udotsy Spears, Jane Barbee and Remona Williams; longtime friend, Eugene; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Elaine and Irma (Bay); two brothers, Ed and Charlie; and brother in law, Jack:

Cemetery Details

Graceland Cemetery

6401 N. 43rd St.
Milwaukee, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel
6630 W. Hampton Ave
Milwaukee, WI

Service

JAN 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Zion Wings of Glory
2630 N. 6th Street
Milwaukee, WI

Tribute Wall

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“ I still remember coming to the house every morning for middle and high school, and Ms. Payne would always welcome me in, with a smile and ask, " how was I doing". Then she would call, "Mary, Lisa, Reba is here". It was one of my most memorable times in my life that Ms. Payne always took the time to cared about her childrens friends. Those are the kind of things that I will remembered Ms. Payne for. And while my heart is so heavy, it's going to be very difficult to think of this world without her. My condolences and prays go out to the Payne family. Love,
Your home girl, Reba Bell-Dyer

Reba Bell-Dyer - January 06, 2013 at 01:40 PM

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“ You all are in my thoughts and prayers.....I will always remember "Jean Payne". She was one of my grandmother's closest and dearest friends and sisters in Christ, they would spend hours talking on the phone. I remember visiting her at her place of employment, Lena's located on North Avenue when I first began working. She vouched for me and this was where I cashed my payroll check for at least two years as a teenage girl. Deaconess Payne was also a mother figure to all the young people at the church she attended until her health began to fail and she always had an encouraging word to share. She will be missed.

Forever in my memory,

Tamika Spears

T. Spears - January 04, 2013 at 08:28 PM