



Anthony "Tony" B. Payne

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Anthony B. Payne "Tony", age 56, of Clayton, DE passed away on Saturday, December 12, 2015 at Bay Health Center - Kent in Dover, DE. He was born July 21, 1959 in Danville, VA, son of Otha B. Payne of Salisbury, MD and Mildred "Peggy" A. (Ludwick) Mowery of Smyrna, DE.

Following graduation from Smyrna High School, Tony held many positions throughout the years working for Metal Masters, Reichhold Chemical, Scott Ballard Electricians, the Horace Pugh family, Parsell Funeral Homes and Prime Care.

A devoted volunteer and Life Member of the Citizens' Hose Company of Smyrna he had held positions encompassing fire line positions as Lieutenant and Captain and on the Executive Branch side, serving as President, several terms on the Board of Directors, as Fire recorder, as Trustee and Assistant Trustee and was a recipient for several years of the Calvin E. Foxwell Memorial Award presented by the department and was a trumpeter in the Fire Company Band.

Tony attended 3C USA in Smyrna and was generous to a fault, always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need. Good times hunting or four wheeling in Delaware or Pennsylvania with his friends were some of his most memorable moments.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his father's wife, Carol and his mother's husband, David; his brother, Doug Payne and wife Pam of Seaside, CA; two nieces, Marlee Grounds and husband Adam and Shawna Hill; his nephew, Paul Payne; and a great nephew, Jackson Grounds; his special little buddy, "Jimmy"; many cousins and extended family in Virginia as well as many devoted friends; and his two canine companions "POTY" and "CASIE".

Funeral Services with Firefighter Honors will be held on Saturday, December 19, 2015, at 11:00 AM at the Citizens' Hose Company, No. 1, 103 W. Commerce Street, Smyrna, DE, where a viewing will begin at 10:00 AM. A viewing will also be held on Friday evening from 7:00 - 9:00 PM at the Matthews-Bryson Funeral Home, 123 W. Commerce Street, Smyrna, DE.



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Burial will follow the services at the Glenwood Cemetery, 20 W. Mount Vernon Street, Smyrna, DE.

Memorial contributions in Tony's memory may be made to the Citizens' Hose Company, No. 1, Inc., 103 W. Commerce Street, Smyrna, DE 19977.

Please sign the guestbook located on this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS DELIVERED BY 2 PM ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2015 TO MATTHEWS-BRYSON FUNERAL HOME, SMYRNA, DE.






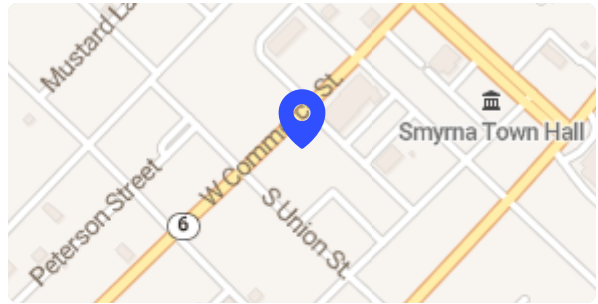
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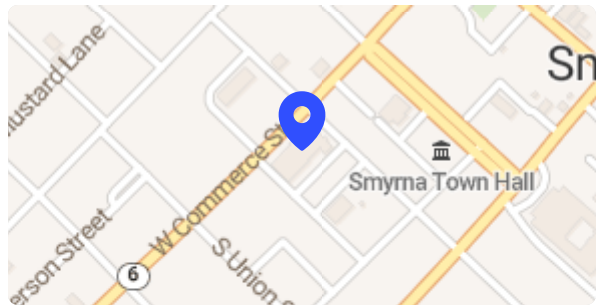
Friends May Call

-  **Friday**, December 18, 2015
-  7:00 PM - 9:00 PM ET
-  **Matthews-Bryson Funeral Home**
123 W. Commerce Street, Smyrna DE






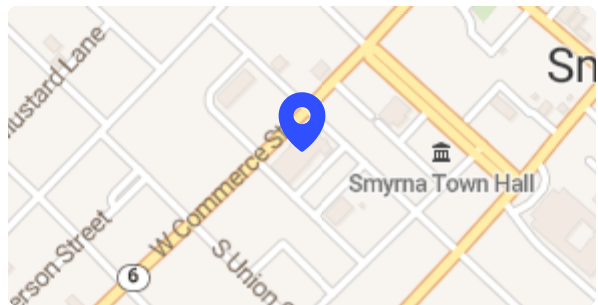
Friends May Also Call

-  **Saturday**, December 19, 2015
-  10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
-  **Citizens' Hose Company, No. 1**
103 W. Commerce Street, Smyrna DE 19977




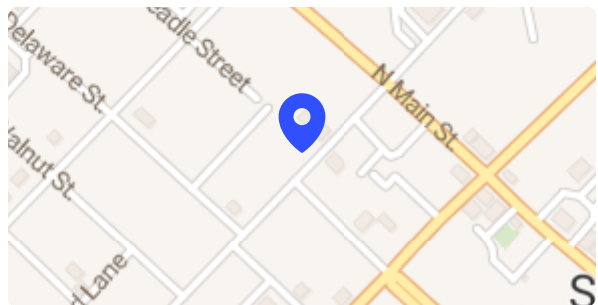
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Cemetery Details

-  **Glenwood Cemetery**
20 W. Mt. Vernon Street, Smyrna DE 19977





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DH

Dana H. posted:

Dear Family, I am so sorry to learn of your loss. May your many shared family memories bring you comfort. The scriptures remind us that Almighty God is close to those who grieve; "...He saves those who are crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34:18) My sincerest condolences to all of you.

February 28 at 5:48 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Payne family.



December 31 at 6:07 AM

MM

Marilyn Jackson Morgan posted:

I'm so sorry for this family's loss. I remember Daddy, James Jackson, loved "Peanut." When we were little, he kidded him about smoking C-gars. Good times. I'm sorry we all had to grow up. May you all find peace. Marilyn Jackson Morgan

December 20 at 9:59 AM

TS

Tracy Sargent posted:

Peggy, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I remember growing up you talking to mom (Nancy Jester) about Tony. He is with her and they are looking down on us. Fran & Tracy "Jester" Sargent

December 18 at 2:18 PM

BP

Bill Pressley posted:

Tony you will be missed by all-you were a great friend. Thoughts and Prayers, until we see you again. Bill & Brenda Pressley

December 18 at 4:54 AM



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Susan Morris Pechacek posted:

Anthony and I spent a lot of time together when we were in school. Some how always ending up sitting near one another. We joked, teased, laughed, and often got into trouble. We even got into an epic fight in 5th grade! I started it, he took the blame. He was that kind of guy. Sitting here, looking at his photo, I can hear his laugh and I will always miss it. His humor and kind heart will never be forgotten. I will love and miss my old friend for the rest of my days.Sue Morris Pechacek

December 17 at 7:35 PM



Toni And Jimmy Hewes posted:

Tony your stories and laughter and always being there for your Mom will not be forgotten. It is with great pride and loving memories that we call you family. You will be missed by so many people, until we all meet again, knowing you are an angel to watch over your Mom.Toni, Jimmy, Angie, Jimmy David, and Faith Hewes

December 16 at 5:12 PM



Ashley Mcenaney posted:

Tony was like an uncle to me, he was always cheery and made everyone around him happy. wishing I could be there for the funeral but im sending my condolences from overseas. you'll be missed "Uncle" Tony.

December 16 at 3:10 PM



Bruce And Debby Honaker lit a candle in honor of Anthony "Tony".

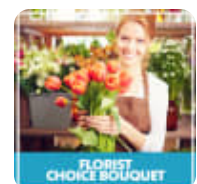
Peggy, we are so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.Bruce and Debby Honaker

December 16 at 1:55 PM



Anonymous sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Payne family.

December 16 at 8:48 AM





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SD

Sandy Agan Dukes sent a virtual gift in honor of Anthony "Tony".



December 16 at 6:45 AM

KS

Kim Startt sent a virtual gift in honor of Anthony "Tony".

Peggy, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Kim Startt



December 16 at 6:18 AM

FN

Frank & Joan Napolitano posted:

Peggy so very sorry for your loss. May the comfort of God, be with you and your Family At this time of sorrow. Only time will help to heal the pain you feel today. May the love of God be with you. Love, Frank and Joan Napolitano

December 16 at 3:32 AM

TR

Terri Smith-Rhodes lit a candle in honor of Anthony "Tony".

I have very fond memories of Tony growing up. He was always a true gentleman who had a smile for everyone as well as a sincere interest in how people were doing. I feel comforted knowing he is an angel in heaven. May he rest in peace.



December 16 at 3:31 AM

FN

Frank & Joan Napolitano lit a candle in honor of Anthony "Tony".



December 16 at 3:23 AM

RC

Robin Beatty (Caldwell) posted:

Peggy my mom Rita Caldwell is so sorry for your loss. Tony is an Angel along with Emily now. prayers to you and your family

December 16 at 2:00 AM



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Nikki Sykes posted:

I was introduced to Tony through his "son" Gary back in 2008. I remember his love for his babies (the pups) and Gary. He was always spoke so highly of them all. We always kept in touch with each other even after I prepared his final tax return in 2012. Words can not express how deeply saddened I am to hear of his passing. He was always smiling and laughing when I talked to him. He will be deeply missed by all.

December 15 at 9:04 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Anthony "Tony" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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