


In Loving Memory of



Benjamin Payne, Jr.

Sunrise
July 4, 1924

Sunset
September 26, 2012

Service

Friday, October 5, 2012 - 12:00 Noon

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Rev. Nelson C. Dukes, Jr., Officiating

David Jenkins, Organist

Obituary

Benjamin Franklin Payne was born on July 4, 1924 to the late Benjamin F. and Aquilla Pope Payne in West Palm Beach, Florida. He was reared in a Christian home and received his early religious training at Payne Chapel AME Church. Ben graduated from Industrial High School in 1941. His budding leadership and scholastic achievements earned him the respect of his peers and he served as President of his class. His thirst for knowledge lead him to Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia and Columbia University in New York. Being an avid reader and historian, he joined the Merchant Marines and traveled the world. He delighted in seeing the far away places that he read about in his history books.

After ten years of military service, Ben returned to his beloved New York City and made it his home. He worked as a train conductor for many years.

Benjamin met Lillian Blackman and spent his remaining years blissfully happy.

He retired from The City of New York in 1986 as a supervisor inspector of ports and terminals.

After a courageous battle with cancer, Benjamin Franklin Payne transitioned to heaven on September 26, 2012.

Ben was preceded in death by one sister, Fannie Payne and godson, Adrian Blackman.

Ben leaves to cherish his memories: a devoted and loving son, Samuel Thomas Dixon Payne (Kay) of Lake Worth, FL; a dedicated friend and caregiver, Lillian Blackman; nephew, Basil Keith Cousins (Kathy) of Tallahassee, FL; cousin, Addie Hudson of Delray Beach, FL; grandson, Yale Johnson of Fort Mitchell, Alabama; two great-grandchildren and a host of sorrowing relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

Scripture

Prayer

Selection

“Just A Close Walk With Thee”

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

“Leading Me To Calvary”

Eulogy

Rev. Nelson C. Dukes, Jr.

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York

Remember Me

*To the living, I am gone,
To the sorrowful I will never return,
I am at peace with myself and the Lord,
I cannot speak, but I can listen
I cannot be seen but I can be heard,
So remember me in your heart and thoughts,
Remember me in your memories,
Remember me of the times we loved,
Remember me of the times we laughed,
Remember me of the times we cried,
Remember me of the times we fought
And always remember me of the times we lived together.
I am resting in peace with the highest hope that some day
we shall all unite again in
God's Kingdom.*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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