



Bobby Lynn Payne

September 18, 1937 - February 15, 2025

Bobby Lynn Payne transitioned to his heavenly home peacefully on Saturday, February 15, 2025, at the age of 87.

Bobby was born September 18, 1937, to parents Kirby and Mamie Payne. One of 5 children, he was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Peggy Triana; and brothers, Hank Payne, Glen Payne, and W.C. Payne. He was also preceded in death by his wife and soulmate, Dellia Katherine Wallace Payne. In their 64 years of marriage, they shared many wonderful adventures.

Bobby called Bogalusa, LA, home and lived most of his life there before moving to Newnan, GA in 2020.

On June 21, 1959, Bobby married the love of his life, Kat. Together they had two children, Troy (Crystal) Nelson Payne and Tori (John) Payne Sorrells. Bobby and Kat loved being grandparents to 5 grandchildren: David (Amanda) Koon, Chelsea (Scott) Payne Morris, Colt (Holly) Payne, Kyle (Hannah) Sorrells, and Petty Officer 2nd Class Dirk Landon Sorrells. And though they thought the grandchildren were the absolute best gift from God, they were further blessed with 9 great-grandchildren: Landon Koon, Kase Koon, River Koon, Payne Morris, Patton Morris, Parks Morris, Everly Pearl Payne, Rowan Sorrells, and Boden Sorrells.

Bobby went to work as a plumber's apprentice when he was a teenager. He later tried several different careers including commercial pilot and law enforcement but eventually returned to plumbing. He failed retirement several times. More than a few young men who apprenticed under him learned a lot of valuable plumbing skills as well as life lessons. Anyone who worked with Bobby knew that 15 minutes before start time was about 10 minutes late. Bobby was that guy who could do almost anything, and fix almost anything. He also retired from the Army National Guard, where he cultivated many life long and valued friendships.

He was an aviation enthusiast earning his private pilot license circa 1963. He loved flying planes, reading about planes, looking at planes, teaching others to fly planes, and hanging out with people who loved planes. His 87th birthday party was at an airplane hanger. Even after being disabled from a stroke, in 2022, he flew from the right seat and shot a perfect ILS approach.

Bobby loved traveling the United States and being with friends. He shared meals with friends frequently. He hosted amazing crawfish boils. He loved LSU football and enjoyed many away games. He was a long time motor sports fan, especially NASCAR and Sprint car racing. He almost always had a boat and spent many days making memories with friends and family in the beautiful swamps and rivers of Louisiana.

Bobby was a member of Westside Emmanuel Baptist Church and enjoyed worshipping and fellowship with long time friends. After he moved to Newnan, GA in 2020, he enjoyed worshipping with his family at Newnan City Church.

Bobby made his mark on this earth where people often commented that they were blessed by his smile, or who say they were grateful that they were able to meet this great man.

Condolences can be expressed at www.mckoon.com

A celebration of a life well lived will take place on Saturday, March 15, 2025, at 25423 Fairgrounds Boulevard, Bush, LA, at 3:00 pm with Pastor Marcus Rosa officiating.

The family wishes to express their gratitude for the wonderful care and concern he received from Guiding Light Hospice and The Monarch House assisted living, both of whom enhanced his quality of life in his final months, and to Martha Robertson who was a great caregiver and a great friend.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 15. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Residence
25423 Fairgrounds Blvd.
Bush, LA 70431

Tribute Wall

BY

“ *Mr Bobby and Ms Kat were two wonderful and fun people to be around. Always enjoyed seeing them and just sitting and talking. Our prayers and love to Tori, John, Troy, Crystal and family. Retired Sheriff Mike and Bev Yeager Family*

Bev&Mike Yeager - March 08, 2025 at 11:11 PM

TM

“ *Tim and Sandi Morris purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Bobby Lynn Payne.*



Tim and Sandi Morris - March 05, 2025 at 08:10 PM

TM

“ *Tim and Sandi Morris planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bobby Lynn Payne.*

Tim and Sandi Morris - March 05, 2025 at 08:10 PM

MB

“ *Bobby was a very good friend!*

Michael and Marlene Brand - March 02, 2025 at 02:11 PM

RG

“ *Seeing Bobby/s obituary and smiling face brings back memories of our childhood. We were classmates in school at Thomas School. Very sweet person. Sorry for your loss.*

Ruby Graves - February 28, 2025 at 08:54 PM



“ Troy, Tori and families, I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Bobby's passing. He was a great man. Big hugs, much love and many prayers for all of you. Tonya Riley

Tonya Riley - February 28, 2025 at 08:24 PM

SB

“ Joe and I dearly loved Bobby and Kat. We went on several trips together and really enjoyed traveling with them. We even flew together in a hot air balloon! Bobby was so smart and helped us many times with plumbing problems. He and Kat were like family to us and we will miss them!

Sharon Ball - February 28, 2025 at 06:09 PM

PJ

“ It's a thing in south Louisiana when you share a meal with friends on numerous occasions they become family. And lord knows we have eaten and drank together numerous times. Bobby and Granny Kat had always treated me and my family like we were part of theirs. And I hope they knew my family loved them and considered them foster grandparents. My hope is that they are sitting around together laughing and keeping a eye on us down here. Troy and Tori God bless you and I loves ya. PJ

Perry Johnson - February 27, 2025 at 08:33 PM