



James Edward Payton

January 28, 1934 - March 26, 2021

James Edward Payton, age 87, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 26, 2021 at Piedmont Newnan Hospital. He was born on January 28, 1934 in Gay, GA to the late Clinton Theodore Payton and Jennie Wilson Payton.

Along with his parents, James is preceded in death by his granddaughter Jennifer Leigh Payton. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Norma June Payton; son, Donald R. Payton and his wife Denise; grandchildren, Hollie Payton Lyons, James C. Payton (Keisha), Melonie R. Payton, Stephanie Patton (Christopher Ian), Tiffanie Berg (Justin) and Timothy A. Payton. He is also survived by 13 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren.

James moved his wife and son from Thomaston, GA in 1966 to Newnan, GA where he ran Payton's Shoe Repair until he retired in 1999. He was a longtime member and head usher at Trinity Church in Sharpsburg, GA.

The graveside service for James is Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 2:00 PM at Upson Memorial Gardens, 1367 Woodland Road, Thomaston, GA 30286. The family will receive friends Monday, March 29, 2021 from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, in Newnan. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

Upson Memorial Gardens

1367 Woodland Road
Thomaston, GA 30286

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 29. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

MAR 31. 2:00 PM (ET)

Upson Memorial Gardens
1367 Woodland Road
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Tribute Wall

LJ

“ I am so sorry I was unable to attend James' graveside service. I occasionally would bring a meal over to James and June. He was always very grateful, but even more grateful when I would pray with them before leaving. I imagine he is having a grand time in the presence of his heavenly father! He will be greatly missed!

Lynette Jenkins - April 07, 2021 at 02:24 PM

TB

“ I have wonderful childhood memories of Big Daddy James Payton. He was such a gentle giant and a great Christian gentleman. He was such a great example for all of us to follow. I love you and will miss you, Big Daddy. I know Donald and all the kids will miss you greatly!

Tommy Bell - March 28, 2021 at 08:57 PM

PH

Had the great privilege to know and work in church for many years with James . Such a super Christian man. He loved God and his family so much. You will truly be missed. He has received his eternal reward to be in the presence of the one he served so many years. Prayers fir June and all the family. 🙏❤️

Pat Helton - March 30, 2021 at 08:13 AM

RS

“ Rodger & Beverly Sexton lit a candle in memory of James Edward Payton



Rodger & Beverly Sexton - March 28, 2021 at 11:06 AM

JC

“ I remember when he had the shoe repair shop as he repaired many pair of shoes for me in the seventies and eighties. I did not know much about him but I could tell he was a good Christian man. I remember him for his mild manner and kind words.

John Coshnitzke

John Coshnitzke - March 28, 2021 at 10:09 AM

CM

I remember one Sunday in church, at the First Assembly of God, the preacher's sermon effected me to the point I was crying a few pews back from where Big Daddy and Ms. June were sitting. Big Daddy heard me, got up from his seat, came back to where I was sitting and took my hand, leadng me to the alter. I was very shy and it really embarrassed me. I even got a little miffed. However, as I got older and looked back on that day, I began to realize that he was doing what his heart and the Lord led him to do. He was helping me to do what I couldn't make myself do. I wanted to go to the alter, but something held me back and I couldn't go. He somehow knew, even though I didn't at the time, what I needed to do... He and Ms. June were pillars of the church. They were also great mentors to many. Big Daddy, I know your family is gonna miss you so very much, but I also know that they know they will see you again, and that you wouldn't want to be anywhere else right now, other than home with our heavenly father...Rest in peace. You were a good man, and you will not be forgotten, ever...💖

Cheryl Freeman Mann - March 28, 2021 at 10:35 PM

AF

“ Big Daddy as he was affectionately known to many of the young people in James's life as he was known to me. He was such a role model with his generosity to me and my family and always stayed at the center of my life for the rest of my life. I paid special tribute to James in a video for the company I worked for. I brought the video to Big Daddy and Sister June at their home and he was greatly moved ! You will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by those of us left behind ! Congratulations on a well deserved st of wings Big Daddy! I love you !

Autry Freeman - March 28, 2021 at 09:05 AM