



Velma Irene Smith Payne

June 21, 1928 - December 22, 2023

Velma Irene Smith Payne, age 95, of Russellville, passed away on Friday, December 22, 2023.

Mrs. Payne was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Russellville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Payne; daughter, Sheila Turner; son-in-law, Horace Turner; stepson, Glenn Payne; parents, Albert & Willie Mae (Hovater) Smith; brother, E. Odum Smith; sisters, Louise Stephenson, and Evelyn Smith.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her children, William Payne (Susan) of Panama City Beach, FL, John Payne (Cathy) of Russellville, AL, Gentry Payne (Eloise) of Huntsville, AL; grandchildren, Lyell Turner, Kyell Turner, Zachery Turner, Ben Turner, Quitman Turner, Desiree Maurice, Jacob Payne, Justin Payne; 18 great-grandchildren; 5 great-great-grandchildren; sister, Wilkilene Smith of Huntsville, AL; and several nieces & nephews.

A graveside service will be held at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 27, 2023, at Knights of Pythias Cemetery with Bro. Chase Dowdy speaking at the service.

The pallbearers will be Jacob Payne, Lyell Turner, Kyell Turner, Ben Turner, Gavin Turner, Zachery Turner, Ethan Turner, and Evan Turner.

The family would like to extend a sincere thanks to the nurses and staff of Country Cottage as well as to the staff of North Alabama Hospice for your love and care shown to our family.

Feel free to call or to leave private condolences, please visit our website at www.sprymemorialchapel.com.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ Family,
Think Vema made everything I wore in high school and college. She
was a sweet person and always lots of fun.
Thinking of you all,
Jane Keeton McManus

Jane Keeton McManus - January 01, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ John, Cathy and family, please know you are in my thoughts and
prayers. 💎

Jenny Ingram - December 25, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Thank you for allowing me to come in and care for your mother in
her final days. May God bless you and keep you. Machele with
Hospice of North Alabama 🙏

Machele Williams - December 24, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ So sorry for your loss. You and Susan and Justin are in our
thoughts and prayers.

Buz and Judy Ricks - December 23, 2023 at 12:00 AM