



# James Michael Payne

April 7, 1949 - December 10, 2019

James Michael "Mike" Payne

Born April 7, 1959 in Evanston, IL

Died December 10, 2019

Survived by Brother, Gregory Vincent Payne

Cousins: Terry Simone, Marietta GA, Tom Spaak, Green Bay, WI, Kathleen "Kit" Little, Lansing, MI, Tracy Milburn, Park Ridge, IL, Mary Rita Ressegue, Santa Clarita, CA

Their Mother was Rita Spaak, deceased, Mike's Mom's sister

Tony Clancy, Chicago, IL, Michael Clancy, Chicago, IL

Two deceased cousins Ronnie Ann Clancy, James Clancy.

Their Mother was Therea McCartney, deceased, Mother's sister

Richard Payne, Mazon, IL. His Father Ivan Payne, Dad's brother

Beverly Bill, Cedar Lake, IN married to the late Melvin Bill. Melvin's mom was Dorothy Brieske, Mike's Dad's sister Jerilyn Joyce, Fort Worth, Texas. Her mother was Dorothy Brieske as well.

He graduated from St. Michael Central High School Chicago, IL 1968

He served in the US Army Reserve 1969-73.

In his youth he was a produce manager eventually managing “Food for Life,” in the early 70’s, one of the first health food stores on Chicago’s north side. From there he became a self-employed house painter eventually becoming a drywall contractor. In his early 40’s he decided to become a nurse, but never finished his nursing degree. Instead he became a nursing assistant at Weiss Memorial Hospital for 8 years. As a Nursing Assistant he was renowned for his ability to “find a active” vein on the HIV patients in the critical care unit. In 2000 he was diagnosed with serve diabetes forcing him into an early retirement / disability. Throughout this time he managed an apartment building that he co-owned with his brother Greg for 40 years.

Throughout his life Mike was an avid athlete. He loved playing baseball as a youngster and played hockey in “bar leagues” with his brother as a young adult. He was enthusiastic bicycle rider all through his life and, despite his disability, rode his bike everyday, even in the Chicago winters up until his death. He also frequently vacation rode the California foothills with his brother Greg.

He had a number of deep friendships that unfortunately ended with his friends passing in the recent years. He was loved by many and will be long remembered and missed.

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Michael Payne*

October 08, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Greg - A voice from the past reaching out with my deepest sympathies on the loss of your brother. I remember you speaking of Mike. I fondly remember the great times we had with Pine Point Ski Club. There are no words to make a loss easier, but do know that my prayers are with your entire family. Donna Docz (now Donna Kaszynski)*

**Donna Kaszynski** - December 22, 2019 at 05:10 PM



*Thanks Donna. What a nice surprise to hear from you. Let's connect.  
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**Greg Payne** - January 08, 2020 at 02:41 PM