



## Diane E. Payne

December 25, 1942 - October 26, 2021

Diane Eldredge Payne, 78, of Fort Gibson, OK was born December 25, 1942 in Los Angeles, CA to Rollo and Ada (Klein) Pratt and peacefully passed away Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at her home with her loving family by her side.

She graduated from Norwalk High School and continued her education attending Connors State College and Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, and received her Bachelor's degree from Indiana University.

On September 11, 1973, she married the love of her life and best friend, Jerry Payne in Las Vegas, NV; together they shared forty-eight years, one month and fifteen days making precious memories together.

Diane worked at Connors State College as a Library Tech and retired on June 1, 1995. She had the most important job being a homemaker. She enjoyed reading and spending time with her family. Diane was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She will be missed by all that knew her.

Diane is preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Kathleen; brother, Walter; and a granddaughter, Lorianne Gillespie.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband, Jerry of the home; daughters, Lorraine Gillespie and husband Sam of Springdale, AR; Sherri Stephen of Sandy, UT; Desiree Hulsey and husband Bill of Florence, AZ; her son, Michael Payne and wife Melissa of Farmington, AR; 14 grandchildren, eight great grandchildren; brother, Lloyd Hatcher of Fallbrooke, CA; extended family and many friends.

A Celebration of Diane's life will be held at 12:30PM, Thursday, October 28, 2021 at Fort Gibson National Cemetery Pavilion with Bishop Chris Emler officiating. Sam Gillespie, David Hubler, Michael Payne, Jason Briley, Wilson Gonseth, David Parkes, Ryan Ferguson and Scott Munson will serve as casket bearers. Honorary casket bearers are Van Gillespie, James Payne, Jacob Corbaley, Billy, Luke and Joseph Hulseley.

The family of Diane Eldredge Payne has entrusted her care, service and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555. Online condolences may be left for the family at [clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com](http://clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT **28**. 12:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Diane E. Payne*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Diane E. Payne.*



October 29, 2021 at 09:19 PM



“ *Stephanie Keeton lit a candle in memory of Diane E. Payne*



**Stephanie Keeton** - October 28, 2021 at 12:49 PM



“ *I know we haven't been able to spend much time together, but I've always enjoyed our visits when we could. Sending love to all of my Payne family on the loss of Aunt Diane.*



**Catherine Porter, nee Payne** - October 28, 2021 at 11:50 AM

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“ *Diane has always been kind to me. I have been the recipient of her handiwork, of which she had so many talents! She was a beautiful seamstress, she crocheted and also did embroidery work. When my family moved to Neosho MO, where we didn't know anyone, Diane and Jerry drove to see us and welcome us into the Midwest. That was sure nice of them. Through the years Diane and I have stayed in touch. She has sent me birthday and Christmas cards throughout the years. She has been a steady and loving friend. God bless her loved ones with peace and love.*

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**Alene Bishop** - October 27, 2021 at 12:42 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Diane E. Payne.*



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October 27, 2021 at 11:06 AM