



Edward Payne

January 31, 1937 - January 31, 2009

CRYSTAL FALLS - Edward "Timer" Payne, 72, of Crystal Falls, died on Saturday, Jan. 31, 2009, at his home surrounded by family.

He was born on June 4, 1936, in Crystal Falls, son of the late Clyde and Myrtle (Johnson) Payne. He graduated from Forest Park High School.

He married the former Phyllis "Jo" Bair on Jan. 12, 1957, in Trenton, Ill. and spent 52 wonderful years together.

Timer joined the United States Air Force on June 24, 1954, and was honorably discharged on June 24, 1958. While serving with the U.S. Air Force, he worked as a radio operator and cryptographer, and would obtain the rank of staff sergeant. He served in the Korean War, and with the inactive reserves until 1962.

Upon his return home, Ed worked for the City of Crystal Falls as the power plant operator until retiring in 1998.

Ed was a member of the Christ United Methodist Church where he served as a lay minister. He was an avid Forest Park Trojans and Green Bay Packer fan, and a big supporter of all Forest Park activities.

Ed is survived by his loving wife, Phyllis "Jo" Payne of Crystal Falls; sons, Harold Allen (Dawn) Payne of Crystal Falls, Douglas Edwin (Susan) Payne of Mukwonago, Wis., and Ronnie Lee Payne of Bossier City, La.; daughters, Cheryl Ann (Zeke) Bouche of Iron Mountain, Jo Lynn Perry of Crystal Falls, and Erin Kay (Shannon) Reinke of Fountain, Colo.; 17 grandchildren, Erica, Kimberly, Monica, Bryant, Elaina, James, Michael, Jeremy, Kim, Cathi, Jessica, Jennifer, Brian, Julia, Grace, Lily, and Caleb; three great-grandchildren, Joseph, Mikie, and Carson; sisters, Joyce Arlene Zavada, twin sister, Edna Ann (Eddie) Heikkinen, and Emma Jean Forsman; brothers-in-law, Duane (Linda) Bair, Ollie (Marie) Bair, Donnie (Pat) Bair and Larry (Charlotte) Bair; sisters-in-law, Bonnie, Loretta, Rosalie, and Dorothy Bair; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Clyde Fredrick Payne Jr. and Marvin Leigh Payne; two sisters, Janet Beverly and Nancy Carol; son-in-law, Tom Perry and a grandson, Austin Reinke; his in-laws, Ervin and Sarah Bair; brothers-in-law, Harold, Michael, and Gary Bair, Jack Forsman, Robert Zavada, and Eugene James; and sisters-in-law, Betty and Suellen Bair.

Visitation will be Friday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Nash Funeral Home in Crystal Falls, and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Christ United Methodist Church in Crystal Falls.

The funeral service will follow Saturday at 11 a.m. at the church. Rev. Stephen Rhoades will officiate.

The Eastside Side Veterans Council will accord military honors at 10:45 a.m. Saturday.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in his memory.

Condolences to the family of Ed "Timer" Payne can be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home of Crystal Falls with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

KV

“ Dear Payne family, My thoughts and prayers go out to your family. I have had the pleasure of knowing Timer for many years and was always glad to see him when I went back to Crystal for ball games. The best memory of Timer was when we bet on the Cowboy/Packer game oh 10 or so years ago and when the Packer's lost he had to wear my Dallas Cowboys ball hat for a week. The funniest thing is he did wear it and it looked great with his packer jacket. I will miss him very much!!!!

Karen (Shoup) Veesser - February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Sorry for your loss. If you need any thing please let me know. My Prayers are with you.

Blanche

Blanche Gursky - February 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Dear Jo and family,
We lost a dear friend and family member. We always looked forward to the fellowship and laughs we shared with Timer at the Payne family reunions, as well as "chance meetings" in Wal-Mart, Jubilee, etc. He will always have a special place in our hearts. May the Promise of the Resurrected Christ give you strength during this difficult time.

John and Lorna Anderson - February 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Dear Payne Family,
I'm sorry to hear about the passing of Timer. I had always enjoyed talking with him about life, especially the sports. He always had interesting insights about what was going on. Since I left Crystal Falls, I've heard a lot about Timer and from Timer through my dad. My dad has always had nothing but good things to say about him and I know he'll miss him very much. I will miss the things passed on from Timer through my dad as well. Our prayers are with you.

Jerry Shoup, Jr. - February 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Sharing time with Ronnie during my high school and afterwards, I just want to give you my condolences - and let you know that I am thinking and praying for you and your family.

Susie (Alexa) Clearwater - February 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Payne family during their loss. My favorite memory of Timer was during the first years of slow pitch softball. The league was new and was in competition with fast-pitch... I was a new sponsor in the league and Timer was always there for guidance. He actually worked with me on my hitting.... I was a lefty and always pulled the ball... he tried to help me.... I was a hopeless cause... So long my friend, slam a homer for me...

Sincerely,
Mike Nantelle

Mike Nantelle - February 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Dear Payne Family, I'm very sorry to hear about the death of Timer. He was a great man and will be greatly missed. I know he was one of my biggest fans while playing volleyball at Forest Park. I would always look for him to be sitting on the corner of the bleachers. My thoughts go out to the family!

Kelle Anderson - February 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ We are very sorry to hear about your loss. I work with Doug in Waukesha and have had the pleasure of meeting Ed a couple times. He seemed like a pretty wonderful man and Im sure he will be greatly missed by the entire family! Our prayers are with you all!

Rick and Darlene Schmid - February 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ One of the the best memories we have of Timer was his support of the Lada Red Owl Baseball Team. He was always there cheering the guys on and even putting up with the "Hooterettes". He was fun to talk to and laugh with. He was a man who always put his family first. He'll be missed by many.

Turk and Mary Jean Thoreson - February 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ I cannot believe that "St. Ed" has left us - but I know that he has gone home to be with his Lord Jesus. My heartfelt condolences to all the family members. I will always remember our Disciple classes together and all the hugs and laughter. I look forward to seeing him again.

TERRI SELVEY - February 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dear Payne Family,

I don't know what to say. Going over to your house growing up and going to the power plant with my Dad when he worked and Timer was there. It was great he was like another Dad. I have very fond memories of Timer and I always will. He was a great, kind and gentle man. My deepest thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. I know he touched many lives.

Michelle Smokevitch-Graves - February 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM