



Eunice Joyce Payne

January 31, 1931 - May 9, 2018

A celebration of the life of Eunice “Joyce” Payne will be 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at Hayhurst Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Park Grove Cemetery. Friends may visit the funeral home on Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Joyce was born on January 31, 1931 in Stigler, Oklahoma to William and Ava (Fulty) Hurst. She passed away on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at the age of 87.

Joyce graduated from high school and went on to earn a Bachelor’s degree in Education from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah. She then went on to earn a Master’s degree from Oklahoma State University. Joyce enjoyed a successful career as an elementary school teacher in Sand Springs, Oklahoma, Richardson, Texas and finally retiring from Tulsa Public Schools. She loved making a difference in the lives of young children. She set up a specialized reading program at her school that will continue to help students for years to come.

Joyce married the love of her life, Donald Payne in Sand Springs, Oklahoma. She was a wonderful, devoted and loving wife. She and Don spent many happy years together.

Longtime OSU Cowboy fans, Joyce and Don enjoyed watching OSU football,

basketball and wrestling matches as season ticket holders in Stillwater for many years and also traveled to many bowl games with the Posse and OSU Alumni Association. Joyce loved to travel with Don on coach tours in the United States and in Europe where she could explore new cultures and destinations.

Joyce was a dog lover and greatly enjoyed her 2 poodles before she and Don started breeding and raising Kerry Blue Terriers. Their puppies were purchased throughout the United States except for the several that they chose to keep for themselves as beloved pets.

Joyce was a long time member of the First Baptist Church of Broken Arrow where she taught an adult women's class for over 20 years. She loved those ladies and often entertained them in their home.

Joyce is survived by her husband, Don Payne, and the entire family of sisters, nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Tulsa Chapter, 2448 E. 81st St., Tulsa, OK 74137.

Cemetery Details

Park Grove Cemetery

1000 W. Houston St.
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 259-8691

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 14. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

MAY 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

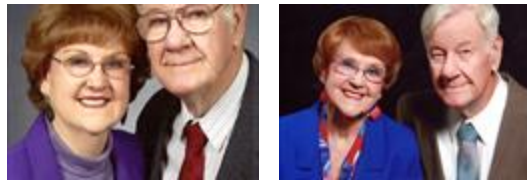


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“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Payne family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Eunice*



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“ *I would like to express my deepest sympathy to family and friends. May all of your good memories be greater than your sadness during this difficult time. (Isaiah 25:8)*

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