



## Ms. Frajan Elizabeth Payne

August 29, 1932 - February 12, 2023

Frajan Elizabeth Payne, was born August 29, 1932 in Jonesboro, Tennessee to the late Louis D. and Lucille Birdwell Brown. She departed this life on Sunday, February 12, 2023.

At the age of five, Frajan moved to Brooklyn, New York. During her early years she attended schools in New York City and went on to further her education at Queens College, where she obtained both her Bachelors and Master's degrees. Throughout those years, she met and married her husband, Hastings Payne in 1950. From that union they conceived 10 children; Chlotealle "Kuwan" (who preceded her in death), Dana, Jarell, Jodi, Whitney (who preceded her in death), Hastings II, Martin St. Dennis (who preceded her in death), and Paige.

Frajan was known by all to be incredibly studious, hardworking, and quick witted. After completing college, she held job positions, such as a Police Administrative Aide for the New York City Police Department for 15 years and Assistant Director of Human Resources at the Department of Social Services, where she retired in 2008.

In 2012, Frajan decided to relocate to Waldorf, Maryland. She loved reading, watching Old Western movies, and spending time with family. She also enjoyed catching up with family at annual summer family reunions.

Frajan was the second oldest of the five Brown girls; three of which preceded her in death (Chlotealle Vivian Brown Granger, Loretta Brown Feggans, and Roslyn Brown Harvey).

She leaves to cherish her memory her children, Dana Payne, Jarell Payne Sr., Jodi Payne, Hastings Payne II, and Paige Payne I; 31 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; one sister, Janith Murray; 1 brother-in-law, David Murray; 1 son-in-law, David Watts; 1 daughter-in-law, Marguerite Payne; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Mom, we loved you dearly, but God loved you best. He took away all your pain and gave you a place of rest. Mom, you will be greatly missed.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Birchette Mortuary & Cremation Service, Inc.  
219 E Millard St  
Johnson City, TN 37601  
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## Celebration of Life

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## Interment

FEB 22.

Union Grove Cemetery  
Telford, TN

# Tribute Wall

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“ On behalf of the Administration, Faculty and Staff of Queens College, we would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of Frajan Elizabeth Payne.

*May she Rest in Peace*

Anna Rossini - April 12, 2023 at 08:35 AM

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“ Frazier Lyons lit a candle in memory of Ms. Frajan Elizabeth Payne



Frazier Lyons - February 21, 2023 at 06:51 PM



“ Condolences to the Payne Family. We will miss Grandma as we all called her on Folkstone Court in MD. Paige and family we are praying for your strength at this time.



Tremia Haythe - February 21, 2023 at 12:50 PM

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*Paige, May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ comfort you and your family as you go through this period of life! We pray that peace and love will dwell in the hearts ❤️ of each family member and that each family member will honor and respect the love they that was shared by your Mom to each of you! Dwight & Adrienne Mitchell*

Mitchells - February 21, 2023 at 04:14 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Frajan Elizabeth Payne.*



February 21, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ *Babby Barner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Frajan Elizabeth Payne*



**Babby Barner** - February 20, 2023 at 06:48 PM



“ *Mary Rollins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Frajan Elizabeth Payne*



**Mary Rollins** - February 20, 2023 at 08:30 AM



“ *Phyllis. Askew lit a candle in memory of Ms. Frajan Elizabeth Payne*



**Phyllis. Askew** - February 20, 2023 at 08:20 AM

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“ *Viola Patton sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Frajan Elizabeth Payne*



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**Viola Patton** - February 19, 2023 at 09:39 PM

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“ *It is indeed a gift from God to live 90 years when we realize that 3 score and 10 is the age most often strived for based upon the scripture of promised days here on earth. Frajan has now joined our ancestors and I can only imagine the joyous reunion that occurred when she was welcomed home by Jesus. May God send each of you, my cousins, with an abundance of love and comfort during this difficult time. There is weeping in the darkness of night but oh the joy that comes in the brightness of the morning. Take your rest, Frajan, and sit high on that mountain as you share your story of “how your soul looks back and wonders how you got over” with those who went before you.*



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**Cecil, Faye, Gene and Eddie Rutledge** - February 19, 2023 at 08:54 PM