



Mildred Doyle Payne

March 14, 2018 - October 7, 2018

Mildred Doyle Payne, 78- years-old, died on October 7th 2018, at 3:52 a.m. in her home in Craig County, Virginia. After her valiant fight with Lung Cancer in 2010. Mildred's battle resumed in July 2017 with Stage 3 Lung Cancer that spread to her bones, and eventually metastasizing to Stage 4 Brain Cancer. With a strong will to live, and an unwavering will to give up hope Mildred continued treatments of grueling Chemotherapy and radiation without success. In Mildred's last weeks she found comfort with her family, her Lewis Gale 4-East and other friends, and grandchildren. Although, being affected by the horrendous disease, she still found a way to light a room with her welcoming, and contagious laughter. Mildred was born on March 14, 1940 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Michael and Mildred Doyle. She is the middle child of 6 Irish, Roman Catholic children. She is survived by Michael and Georgia Doyle of Florida, John and Cheryl Payne of Florida, William and Elizabeth McCall of Pennsylvania, Anthony "Tony" and Deborah Doyle. Mildred is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her older sister Helene Doyle; and her infant son Michael Francis Payne; and Godson Christopher Garruto.

Known for her passion of loving and caring for others, Mildred opened her doors to what is known as "Mildred's home for wayward girls." Mildred became a foster mother in Oceanside, California. Taking in abused teenage girls giving them a place to live, feeding them and most importantly showing them what true parental love was. Her passion for caring and nurturing people inspired her to go back to school and get her Registered Nursing Degree. This passion to nurture, not only her children and her wayward girls, it also gave her joy to work as a Labor and Delivery Nurse. It brought joy, compassion, and laughter to her heart that will never be forgotten. After leaving Oceanside, California and moving to Virginia Mildred became a home health nurse, where she found that same desire to care for people. It was her ultimate gift to this world. Her last job was at Lewis Gale 4-East where she made long lasting friendships that she will carry on with her. As an adolescent girl, Mildred attended Little Flower High School. Little Flower Catholic High School is best remembered for her basketball talents and singing in the girls' choir. Mildred was the youngest girl and started as freshman point guard for the High School Basketball team. Little Flower averaged an attendance of 3,000 girls. Mildred's love for

sports carried on as she attended all of her granddaughter, Suzanne's, sporting events. With the loudest cheer, biggest smile and the most encouragement not only for her granddaughter but the other teammates as well.

After graduating high school she married Francis Patrick Payne of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on January 2nd 1960. She is survived by her three beautiful daughters. Shawn Marie Toolin Barbour (John Barbour), Jeanne Marie Payne Dailey (Erick Dailey), Michele Denise Payne Gillespie (James William Gillespie Sr.) Mildred has 12 grandchildren (Jeanne) Sean Gans, Jamie Gans, Jason Gans, Lisa Sulfaro, John Sulfaro, Timothy Newlin, Gabriel Newlin, and Victoria Newlin. (Michele) Molly Triplett, James William Gillespie Jr., Hayley Gillespie, and lastly, Suzanne Gans whom Mildred raised as her own daughter. Mildred also had 15 great grandchildren. However, she was extremely close to 6 of them Logan, Dylan, Emmett, Macy Doss, Aiden, and Gavin. She leaves many friends and once wayward step-daughters in Oceanside. The most significant friends near and dear to heart are Erica and Richard Tewes, Carol and Tory Lystra, Carl Samuelson, Shannon Miller, Ruth Johnson and Tom Gans.

In the last days of Mildred's fight, she lived it peacefully, with a smile, funny jokes, and listening to violin music which reminded her of a time when her youngest daughter. Michele played this and other favorite songs for her enjoyment. Mildred was everything to her granddaughter, Suzanne, who will find comfort knowing she is no longer suffering. She would want us to remember that peace exists, it lives in everything that we hold dear. That, those we love, do not go away they walk beside us every day unseen, unheard, but are always near, still loved, still missed and very, very dear. Unfortunately, Mildred's home for wayward girls, is now permanently closed, she will always be with each of you. Mildred would want people to remember "love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things, love never ends." -1 Corinthians 13:7

Events

OCT **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Paitzel Funeral Home

286 Main Street PO Box 326, New Castle, VA, US, 24127

OCT **Funeral Service** 05:00PM - 06:00PM

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Comments



“ What a beautiful tribute to Mildred. Didn't know her very well but know how much she meant to Suzanne and her family. She lived a faithful life -- one well lived as a Christian. So sorry that in her last days she had to suffer the effect of the dreaded Cancer. May her family find comfort in the same way that Mildred lived.
Nancy McIntosh

Nancy McIntosh - October 13, 2018 at 03:54 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mildred Doyle Payne.



October 11, 2018 at 09:35 AM



“ Carl purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Mildred Doyle Payne.



Carl - October 10, 2018 at 12:40 PM



“ Cherry, John, Lezlie and Jack purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mildred Doyle Payne.



Cherry, John, Lezlie and Jack - October 10, 2018 at 11:22 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mildred Doyle Payne.



October 09, 2018 at 11:57 PM



“ With love, Liz purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Mildred Doyle Payne.



With love, Liz - October 09, 2018 at 11:53 PM



“ Sherry lit a candle in memory of Mildred Doyle Payne



sherry - October 09, 2018 at 11:21 PM



“ Richard Tewes and Erica Randall purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mildred Doyle Payne.



Richard Tewes and Erica Randall - October 09, 2018 at 10:37 PM



“ Tomi Uglow-Faapouli lit a candle in memory of Mildred Doyle Payne



Tomi Uglow-Faapouli - October 09, 2018 at 09:22 PM



“ Richard Tewes lit a candle in memory of Mildred Doyle Payne



Richard Tewes - October 09, 2018 at 09:15 PM



“ Erica Randall lit a candle in memory of Mildred Doyle Payne



Erica Randall - October 09, 2018 at 09:12 PM



“ Mildred Payne was one of a kind. I don't think she ever met anyone she couldn't consider a friend and she was a dear loving friend to me. In the 46 years that I've know her, she opened her compassionate, generous heart to so many who needed a place to stay, some food to eat and a good ear to listen to. This included opening her home to me when, really, there was no room. She invited me into her life and her children's and grand-children's lives. I am so honored by that. I miss you sweet friend. You will always reside in my heart. Erica

Erica Randall - October 09, 2018 at 08:59 PM



“ From: Carolyn & Carter, Nancy & Foy, Pat, John purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mildred Doyle Payne.



From: Carolyn & Carter, Nancy & Foy, Pat, John - October 09, 2018 at 11:29 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mildred Doyle Payne.



October 08, 2018 at 10:41 PM



“ Suzanne Gans lit a candle in memory of Mildred Doyle Payne



suzanne gans - October 08, 2018 at 10:31 PM



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Jeanne dailey - October 08, 2018 at 09:13 PM



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Molly Triplett - October 08, 2018 at 07:01 PM



“ Susan Smith lit a candle in memory of Mildred Doyle Payne



Susan Smith - October 08, 2018 at 06:29 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mildred Doyle Payne.



October 08, 2018 at 05:47 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mildred Doyle Payne.



October 08, 2018 at 03:10 PM



“ Anita lit a candle in memory of Mildred Doyle Payne



Anita - October 08, 2018 at 03:04 PM



“ Anita lit a candle in memory of Mildred Doyle Payne



Anita - October 08, 2018 at 03:01 PM