



## Donald Edward Payne

January 12, 1934 - May 29, 2009

Donald Payne, son of the late Edward Payne and Anna Mae Greenfield, was born on January, in Baltimore, Maryland. He departed this life on May 29, 2009 after a lengthy illness. He received his education in Baltimore City, graduating from Douglass High School June 1951. After graduation he enrolled at Morgan State University. A year later, he was offered and accepted a position with the United States Postal Service. He retired at the age of 55. He was a life long member of St. Peter Claver Catholic Church. Within the church circle he joined the Holy Name Society men's group. The men worked with the church youth to instill God-like examples. He was the treasurer. On February 25, 1952, he married Ida Samuels, and from this union three children were born, Donald Jr., Courtenay and Kirby. Donald made numerous friends wherever he went, and everyone who knew him loved him dearly. He had an exceptional love for sports (especially basketball), reading and writing. During his spare time he worked as a softball and basketball sports official. When Operation Champ's program was successful Donald was hired as their top sports official. When Operation Champ's program was successful Donald was hired as their top sports official. He was excellent and very fair to all. Also he was employed by Recreation and Parks in their summer softball program. In 1967 Donald was instrumental in initiating a community basketball team to play against the incarcerated individuals within the Maryland State Penitentiary. This was the first time any outsiders were allowed to mingle and work with inmates. He belonged to a number of social clubs such as the Old

Timers Basketball team, YMCA, Pyramids, and the retired Federal Postal Workers. If you knew Donald, you will remember his fondness of horses and frequent visits to the racetrack. He was affectionately known as "Big Ed" to his racetrack buddies. He will really be missed by his weekly lunch bunch at Cactus Willie Wednesday. He leaves to cherish his memory and celebrate his life: one son, Donald Payne Jr. (daughter Courtayne and son Kirby preceded him in death); three grandchildren, Kirby Jr., Ravia and Courtney Payne; four great-grandchildren, Corey, Courtenaye and Mackenzie Payne and Kenaz Pettigrew; his loyal friend who took loving care of him during his illness, Christine Kendall; his childhood playmates, Clarence Shad Brown, Jr., William Dickerson, Wilburt Hassell, Cleve Brister, Hezekiah Braxton, Howard Campbell, James Newton, Willard Wright, Warren Hayman, Arthur Bragg, Ted Redmond, Charles Green and Gordon Baker; nieces, nephews, a host of other relatives and friends.

# Tribute Wall



“ Donald Edward Payne

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“ Please accept my deepest sympathy for I too know the pain of losing someone you love. Our loving Heavenly Father Jehovah promises us that very soon he will by means of his son Christ Jesus 'bring the last enemy death to nothing'. What a wonderful day that is going to be! (1Corinthians 15:26)##imported-begin##Kevin Jackson##imported-end##

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“ I was so sorry to hear about your loss. Mr. Payne will be truly missed and always loved by all that knew him.##imported-begin##Shelly Green (Brewington)##imported-end##

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“ I send my warm and heartfelt condolences to the family of Donald. Losing a loved one in death is truly hard to come to grips with, and it's so sad that any family has to go through this. This was never Jehovah's purpose for us from the beginning, and he promises at 1st Cor 15:26, "As the last enemy, death will be brought to nothing."What a happy day it will be when sickness, violence, and death will not be a part of our lives anymore. This is not just a dream, because all of God's promises always come true. They were fulfilled in the past, and we can rest assured that these future blessings will come about. Even the dead will be brought back to life on that glorious day of salvation. Acts 24:15. Isiah 55:11. may you be comforted and strengthened by Jehovah's wonderful promises.##imported-begin##R Johnson##imported-end##

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“ Please accept my sincere condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. We all look forward to a time when Jehovah God will wipe out every tear from our eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore (Rev. 21:4). May you find comfort in God and the many promises found in his word the Bible because Titus 1:2 assures us that he cannot lie.##imported-begin##C. Murphy##imported-end##

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