



John Earl "Butch" Payne

March 4, 1946 - April 12, 2025

John Earl "Butch" Payne, 79, a lifelong resident of Bloomington Indiana passed away at his residence Saturday morning, April 12, 2025 with his family by his side. He was born March 4, 1946 to Harold Payne and Hazel Basten Payne.

He attended Bloomington High School and landed his first job as a paid fireman with the Van Buren Fire Department. After his time with the fire department he worked for various vending companies and finally as a route salesman for 28+ years with Frito Lay.

Butch attended Eastview Nazarene Church, enjoyed playing cards, fishing, time with his best friend Ted Isom, and was frequently known to be a big teaser and kidder of friends and family alike. No one was immune! He was also very proud of his time he served in the United States Navy.

He leaves behind his wife Susan Kay (Spencer) Payne, children Debra A. Holden and husband Adam, and John S. Payne, grandchildren Tiffany Redlinger and husband Aaron, Garry M. Payne and wife Andrea, Conner Holden, Jacob A. Payne and fiancé Mykim Le, Adam Holden II, Allison E. Payne, Abigail W. Holden, and Austin W. Holden, as well as 10 great grandchildren.

Butch was preceded in death by his parents, son Garry L. Payne, great grandson Emmett Payne and siblings Harold Payne II, and Nancy Payne.

Funeral services will be held Thursday April 17, 2025 at 1:00PM at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37. Burial will follow in the Valhalla Memory Gardens. Visitation will be held Wednesday afternoon and evening April 16, 2025 from 5:00PM until 7:00PM also at the funeral home as well as on Thursday from 12:00PM Noon until the time of the service at 1:00PM.

Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memory Gardens

310 North Johnson Ave.
Bloomington, IN 47401

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Visitation

APR 17. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Funeral Service

APR 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Tribute Wall

PI

“ Pamela Isom lit a candle in memory of John Payne

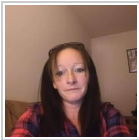


Pamela Isom - February 13 at 06:02 PM

SM

“ My husband and I always loved seeing Butch at church or in a restaurant. He always made us smile. What a dear man. We will miss him and we are praying for his dear family.

Sandi Miller - April 17, 2025 at 03:37 PM



“ awe. called him uncle butch when I was a kid. this makes me sad!

Melissa Isom-moore - April 17, 2025 at 11:30 AM

JB

“ I worked at Frito lay over 30 years and never came across a nicer person in my time there other than Maybe his side kick Ted! He helped me and a lot of other coworkers when we were first starting out! He will be missed by many!! I was very fortunate to work with John and Ted !

Jerry G Brown - April 16, 2025 at 05:20 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Earl "Butch" Payne.



April 16, 2025 at 12:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Earl "Butch" Payne.

April 16, 2025 at 12:13 PM



“ Sue, John, and Debbie- know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers! Butch was such an awesome guy. I will always remember the way he teased us when we were in high school. He teased me for being friends with Garry and he teased Garry for being friends with me. Great memories!! Much love!



julie hadley - April 16, 2025 at 08:31 AM



“ Schislars, Wittmans, O'Connors, Carolyn purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of John Earl "Butch" Payne.



Schislars, Wittmans, O'Connors, Carolyn - April 15, 2025 at 08:04 PM

SC

“ Schislars, Wittmans, O’Connors, Carolyn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Earl "Butch" Payne.

Schislars, Wittmans, O’Connors, Carolyn - April 15, 2025 at 08:04 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Earl "Butch" Payne.



April 15, 2025 at 01:58 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of John Earl "Butch" Payne.



April 14, 2025 at 09:39 PM

BE

“ Brian and Melissa (Payne) Evans planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Earl "Butch" Payne.

Brian and Melissa (Payne) Evans - April 14, 2025 at 07:30 PM

BE

“ Brian and Melissa (Payne) Evans purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of John Earl "Butch" Payne.



Brian and Melissa (Payne) Evans - April 14, 2025 at 07:30 PM

MA

“ Sue, my sincere sympathies are with you! May God pour peace on you that only He can provide! You'll be in my prayers. Much love, Michelle (Bruhy) Alcorn

Michelle Bruhy Alcorn - April 13, 2025 at 06:20 PM

DS

“ Dan Stivers purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of John Earl "Butch" Payne.



Dan Stivers - April 13, 2025 at 06:11 PM