



## Herbert E. Payne

February 17, 1937 - January 17, 2013

Age 75, passed away at his home following a long illness on Thursday, January 17, 2013 with his family by his side. He was born February 17, 1937 in Ypsilanti, MI, the son of Bert E. and Margaret F. (Hayden) Payne. Herb graduated from St. John's Catholic School in 1955 and later attended the Ann Arbor Police Academy and Northwestern University Traffic Institute. On August 2, 1958 he married "the greatest gal in the world" Marylee and they were married for 54 years. Herbert was hired on November 1, 1969 by the Saline Police Department, where he was Saline's first D.A.R.E. officer. His mission as a police officer was to help people and make a difference; if you knew Herb you know he fulfilled his mission, both on the job and off. Herb set the standard high for being a respected public servant. Survivors include his daughter Sandra (Michael) Cook, and many cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Marylee Payne, his parents Bert E. and Margaret F. Payne, beloved son Brian Scott Payne, and mother-in-law Virginia King. A Mass of the Resurrection will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at the St. Andrew Catholic Church in Saline with Rev. Fr. David Rosenberg, celebrant, and Chaplin Beth Foster. Burial will take place following the service at the Oakwood Cemetery in Saline. Memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice or to the Huron Valley Humane Society. Envelopes will be available at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline where friends may begin calling on Sunday, January 20, 2013 between the hours of 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. and Monday, January 21, 2013 between the hours of 2:00

P.M. to 7:00 P.M. with a Rosary Service at 7:00 P.M. and at the church on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 from 10:00 A.M. until the time of service at 11:00 A.M. Herb will be remembered as a loving husband and father. He was loved and will be missed by many! To sign Herb's guestbook, to leave a memory, or for more information or directions please visit [www.rbhfsaline.com](http://www.rbhfsaline.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

227 West Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 20. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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301 E Michigan Ave  
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## Visitation

JAN 21. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Rosary Service

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JAN 21. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Herbert E. Payne*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *I remember when Herb took the explorer scouts in 1982 to Washington DC, Todd Gay and I were the senior scouts at that time! Herb took all those kids with one other adult on a trip in a van hundreds of miles from home..And created one of my favorite memories i have as an 18 year old. Herb taught us so much by just being a friend and mentor! I Love Ya Herb  
Thanks for everything  
Donnie Anderson*

**Donald Anderson** - January 23, 2013 at 05:02 PM



“ *Rest In Pease !! Herb.*



**Mary Lou Hess** - January 23, 2013 at 12:45 PM



“ *Jeanne Hess lit a candle in memory of Herbert E. Payne*



**Jeanne Hess** - January 23, 2013 at 06:10 AM

LM

“ *Herbie, you were the best mentor-friend-cop we ever met. We will both miss you. -Laurie and Norm Maxwell*

Laurie Maxwell - January 22, 2013 at 09:01 AM

JS

“ *James & Doris Silcox lit a candle in memory of Herbert E. Payne*



James & Doris Silcox - January 21, 2013 at 04:16 PM

JS

*Sandy: Your father was one of the greatest men I ever met. May he rest in peace. You have been a very loving and faithful daughter to him. I hope God gives you peace in the days to come. Love you, Uncle Jay*

James & Doris Silcox - January 21, 2013 at 04:29 PM

RM

*Sandy,*

*I was always amazed how such a gentle man could teach kindness so strongly simply by example. I know you and the family will miss Jim but he has gone home to be reunited with Marylee, Brian, and Virginia. My life has always been enriched by all of you and for this I am very grateful. It was a privilege for me to be allowed to minister to you over the years and I always felt I received much more than I gave. Thank you. May the Peace of the Lord be with you and your loved ones always.*

*Rev. Edward Marsh*

Rev. Edward Marsh - January 22, 2013 at 08:01 AM



“ *Deanna Rucinski lit a candle in memory of Herbert E. Payne*



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**Deanna Rucinski** - January 21, 2013 at 09:55 AM



*Herb: You will truly be missed by so many.. You were a WONDERFUL officer and D.A.R.E. officer in the city of Saline for so many years.. They were so lucky to have you! Sending lots of support to your family.. I am sure you and ML are back together and having a GREAT time in heaven.. Much Love I will miss you Herb.. until we meet again...*

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**Deanna Rucinski** - January 21, 2013 at 09:57 AM



“ *Charles Erickson III lit a candle in memory of Herbert E. Payne*



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**Charles Erickson III** - January 21, 2013 at 02:55 AM



“ *Charles Erickson III lit a candle in memory of Herbert E. Payne*



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**Charles Erickson III** - January 21, 2013 at 02:55 AM

SM

“ i was in some of the d.a.r.e. classes he taught and i will always remember him teaching us kids about drugs and drinking. rest in peace good sir.



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steve k mckeen - January 21, 2013 at 12:27 AM

RN

“ Sandy,  
Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you! Sending you a BIG HUG!! Your dad was the greatest cop there ever was! He was a huge figure of my childhood as he meant so much to my family and I. Words alone cannot express how grateful I am to have had your dad a part of my life! Remember the time I snuck you home from school and I was hiding you out in my bedroom? About 8pm that night there was a knock at my parents front door and of course....It was Officer Payne! Holey crap! Were we in trouble! He threatened to arrest me for harboring a runaway! HIS DAUGHTER!! Lol! My goodness! We were shaking in our boots! But we also knew like so many other times that if we got caught by Officer Payne, yeah we were in trouble, but we also knew we were safe! Bless your heart Herb, for all that you have done for everyone! You are our hero! Always and forever! Love,

Rebecca Makielski Neckel

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Rebecca Makielski Neckel - January 20, 2013 at 10:06 PM

RN

“ *Rebecca Makielski Neckel lit a candle in memory of Herbert E. Payne*



Rebecca Makielski Neckel - January 20, 2013 at 09:46 PM

KS

“ *Kevin E. Steeb lit a candle in memory of Herbert E. Payne*



Kevin E. Steeb - January 20, 2013 at 07:52 PM

KS

*My Father also liked these. God Bless you Sir.*

Kevin E. Steeb - January 20, 2013 at 07:54 PM

KS

“ *God Bless You Mr. Payne. May your family have faith that you are in a better place. Again, God Bless you Sir.*

Kevin E. Steeb - January 20, 2013 at 07:46 PM



“ *Tamsy Martin lit a candle in memory of Herbert E. Payne*



Tamsy Martin - January 20, 2013 at 07:29 PM



“ I have known Herb Payne for 38 years, his daughter Sandy and I grew up together, and have been best friends! He was a wonderful Father, and Friend, he disciplined me with love and understanding as a young girl. I grew up without a Father, and He filled that gap, without him I don't know what path I would have taken. I was a Saline Police Cadet, but didn't go as far as I wanted, but I did grow up knowing Herb, Marylee, Brian and Sandy loved me I will always see them as family.

I moved to California when I was 21, but I always visited....My last visit with Dad/Herb was in Sept, I knew he was tired, and he, wanted to let go, He was always worried about his baby girl Sandy! Dad, it's ok to rest now, we are family, and just know that Mike, and the rest of us will take care of Sandy! Love You...now it's time to Rest!

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**Tamsy Martin** - January 20, 2013 at 06:39 PM

ST

“ Sandy & Mike-

Words cannot fix the emptiness you are feeling right now; however these stories of your Dad must bring such love and happiness to you. He was such a wonderful, kind man who always gave back and strived to make this world a better place. He was an honor to be related to, may his mark be carried on by all who knew him. We are here always, Love you Steph & Steve Taylor



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**Stephanie Taylor** - January 20, 2013 at 05:30 PM

CS

“ *Sandy, Our prayers are with you and your family.*

*Charlie & Carol Silcox*



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**Charles Silcox** - January 20, 2013 at 07:50 AM

BC

“ *Bonnie (Blackmon) Collins lit a candle in memory of Herbert E. Payne*



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**Bonnie (Blackmon) Collins** - January 19, 2013 at 07:32 PM

JR

“ *Herb was a good cop, and a wonderful mentor. I'm not sure where I would be now if it wasn't for Herb's guidance. Herb was salt of the earth, and one of the best people that ever graced this earth. It was an extreme pleasure and honor to work with, and now Herb. R.I.P. you will be sorely missed.*

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**Jeffrey Reimold** - January 19, 2013 at 06:12 PM

TM

“ Sandy has been my best friend for 38 years, I spent many nights, and vacations with Herb and Marylee, Brian and Sandy. Growing up without a Father, finding Him was a God send, He showed me lots of love and steered me in the right direction. I have lived in California for 23 years, and I always went to visit Him, I last saw him in September, and I held his hand and I knew he was ready to be with Mom and Brian, the hardest thing for him was to leave his baby girl Sandy, but I truly believe He knows Mike will take care of her. Herb, we are a family, I will always be here for Sandy. I love you and will miss you! It's time to rest now, I will see You in my dreams and talk about you as if you were still here! With tears running down my cheeks I say goodbye.  
Love Tamsy

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**Tamsy Martin** - January 19, 2013 at 04:28 PM

RC

“ I was a Police Cadet in high school in the 80's, the time spent learning from Herb Payne and his fellow officers was one of the best times of my high school experience! I eventually pursued a career in law enforcement. I know you will be missed, yet you will be watching and smiling where you are.

*Regina (Doub) Christopherson*

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**Regina Christopherson** - January 19, 2013 at 04:09 PM

CH

“ I worked with Herb in the "cop shop" for several years. He was a genuinely nice man. I remember transporting a woman prisoner who was into drugs to Ann Arbor. Herb was driving and he gave this gal a fatherly lecture all the way over to the jail.... "You need to get off drugs and turn your life around" type talk. Another memory is from when his son died. Herb asked me had to make an enlargement of his son's photo for the funeral. I got stopped for speeding on the way to the guy's home where I did the enlargement....and I told the cop who stopped me---An Ann Arbor policeman that I didn't know-- where I was going and what I was doing and he didn't ticket me because I was helping Herb. That says volumes about him. God bless you, Herb.

*Carolyn Houghton*

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**Carolyn Houghton** - January 19, 2013 at 09:50 AM

MH

“ Herb was the very epitome of the good public servant. Always helpful, gracious and friendly. The perfect DARE officer who helped instill respect for the law and admiration of police officers into young minds. Every small town police department should be so blessed.

*My thoughts are with the family. Mark Hopper, Mayor, 1987-1991.*

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**Mark A. Hopper** - January 19, 2013 at 08:31 AM



“ Herbert Officer Payne was my mentor and friend, he is the reason I went into police work. His kindness to the children and the public of Saline will always be remembered. I will never forget the day he caught me and my friend running away to go see Santa Clause and he said to me "Eric where are you going" I said to go see Santa Clause. Herb said "Ok, but did you know you are going South not North where Santa lives". Now I can call Herbert my brother in that he and I wore the same uniform. And I thank him for helping me become a police officer just like him. Thank you Herb and Gods Speed!

Paul "Eric" Huffman  
Friend & Police Brethren

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paulhuffman1@yahoo.com - January 19, 2013 at 07:52 AM



“ "An incredible public servant. An inspiration and a friend."

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Dirk Fischbach - January 19, 2013 at 12:24 AM



“ A true mentor to me. I always looked up to him and cherished the time with him as a Saline Police Cadet. The memory of him will always be with me.

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Rick Kuss - January 18, 2013 at 11:41 PM



“ Michael Cook lit a candle in memory of Herbert E. Payne



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michael cook - January 18, 2013 at 09:25 PM

AT

“ Sandy,

*I am so blessed to have had the honor of meeting you and Herb. Your Dad is one of the greatest people I have ever had the privilege to know. Thank you so much for having me in your home each week. Bringing you and Herb the Eucharist and praying with you has been a blessing. I will always remember cheering on the Tigers with my friend Herb.*

*Anna Tomecek*

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**Anna Tomecek** - January 18, 2013 at 05:03 PM



“ *Our prayers are with The family and friends. He Was Such A Good Man. Rick Parsons And Family.*

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**Rick Parsons** - January 18, 2013 at 03:19 PM

GD

“ *Our prayers are with you all, family and friends. What a lovely person Herb Payne was. We saw him as such a gentle spirit, someone we respected.*

*Gene and Sandy DeRossett*

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**Gene and Sandy DeRossett** - January 18, 2013 at 02:25 PM