



## Darrell Dean Payne

March 9, 1933 - February 18, 2022

Darrell Dean Payne was born on March 9, 1933, in Okemah, Oklahoma, to Cecil and Clara Alta (Branscum) Payne. He grew up in Weleetka, Oklahoma, and graduated high school with the class of 1951. Darrell later relocated to Wink, Texas.

Darrell enlisted into the United States Navy and served his country honorably and faithfully until his retirement in 1981 after thirty years of dedication. He worked at the Naval Weapon Station in Concord, California, and specialized as a maintenance technician. Darrell served during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. During his time in the military, he earned many decorations, medals, badges, ribbons, and awards.

Darrell was united in marriage to Mitzie Parker on June 25, 1966, in Ojai, California, and shared fifty-five years of laughter and memories. Darrell and Mitzie were blessed with two children, Darrell E. and Lisa, and further blessed with two grandsons and one great-grandson. Darrell loved his family and treasured the time spent with them.

Darrell was an avid outdoorsman. While in California, he was the happiest when he was on the water. He shared many stories about water skiing and always enjoyed a good day spending time making memories with his family. After moving to Missouri, his passion for being near the water lead him to

enjoy fishing in the rivers, ponds, and lakes.

Darrell accepted Christ as his personal Lord and Savior at the age of eighty years. He most recently enjoyed the worship at Gladden Baptist Church and previously at Shannondale Community Church. His faith, family, and friends were most important to him and he modeled this in his daily life as a loving and dedicated husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, brother, and friend. Darrell always made you feel welcome and was very hospitable.

Darrell departed this life on February 18, 2022, in Salem, Missouri at the age of eighty-eight years. He is survived by his loving wife: Mitzie Payne of Salem, MO; son: Darrell E. Payne and wife Dawn of Pleasant Hill, MO; daughter: Lisa Senick and husband Paul of Oakley, CA; grandsons: Nicholas Senick and Zachary Senick and wife Michelle; great-grandson: Zachary; nephew: Jim Payne and wife Cheryl of Bethany, OK; as well as several great-nieces and nephews, other relatives, and dear friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents: Cecil and Clara Payne and brothers: William "Don" Payne and Lewis Payne.

Darrell was honest, hardworking, and dependable. His great sense of humor, wit, and charm will never be forgotten. He leaves behind a great legacy of a life well-lived.

Graveside Services for U. S. Navy Retiree Darrell Dean Payne were held Saturday, May 14, 2022 at Pilgrims Rest Cemetery with Pastor Jim Privett officiating. Military Honors was provided by the Missouri Honors Team. Arrangements were under the direction and care of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Online condolences may be entered at [wilsonmortuary.com](http://wilsonmortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Pilgrims Rest**

## Previous Events

### **Fellowship**

MAY **14.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Gladden Baptist Church

### **Graveside Service**

MAY **14.** 12:00 PM.

Pilgrims Rest Cemetery

# Tribute Wall



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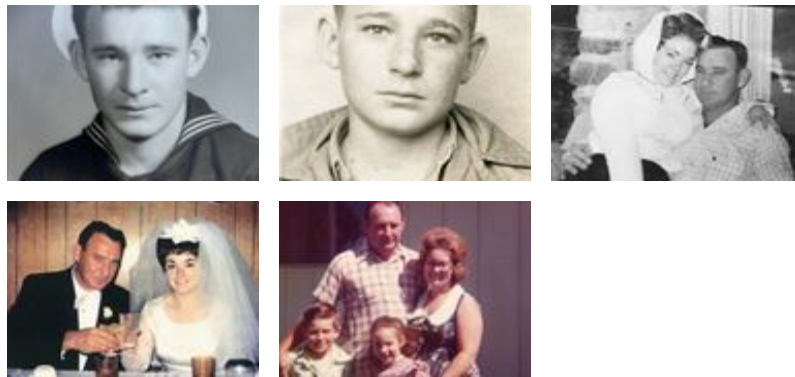


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**Wilson Mortuary** - May 24, 2022 at 11:26 AM



“ 102 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Wilson Mortuary** - May 13, 2022 at 05:12 PM

RC

“ I met and served with Darrel at Concord Naval Weapons Station . Darrel had already retired active duty and was driving truck as a civil servant . I was a CPO in the reserves from Mt. Darrel and I hit it off right away since we are both rebels in ways. Over the years , my wife and I were invited into their home and were treated as family. They stopped in North West Mt. (Libby) once on their way to a ship reunion and we sure hated to see them leave. Mitzi, we send our love and our prayers to you and all the family. To Darrel, keep the 'latch string' out and save me a bunk. See you when ever GOD calls me to cross over. Love you Buddy. RIP !

Richard "Fritz" Trumbo CPO/RET - May 11, 2022 at 11:34 PM

PR

“ Mitzie, From the Officers of the Hollister Reunion Association come our deep condolences for your loss. Darrell and you graced so many of our reunions, he will be sorely missed at our gatherings, it is our hope to see you at reunion 33 this September in Branson.

*Fair Winds and Following Seas Darrell, Rest in Peace Shipmate,  
We Have The Watch.*

*Peter Rustigian MM2  
Hollister Reunion Chaplain.*



Peter Rustigian - February 24, 2022 at 04:45 PM

MP

*Peter, I'm planning on coming. Thank you.*

Mitzie Payne - April 06, 2022 at 02:37 PM

MS

“Darrell was my dear brother-in-law, and his wife Mitzie is my precious older sister. They were always very hospitable people, opening their home to family and friends. Darrell many times told me “to come anytime I ever wanted”! He said many times that they loved my children as their own. And my children knew they were always welcome anytime. Darrell was very generous and whenever we would gather for a meal at a restaurant, he would always insist on paying the tab without any hesitation. He worked very hard in life, was an honest man, and provided well for my sister and his family. My sister always prepared wonderful meals and when he was finished, he thanked her and they would kiss! I’m so glad I was invited by my brother-in-law (expense free) to travel with them on the last three USS HOLLISTER ship reunions. I have many precious memories and pictures to treasure of being together with them. It is with celebration of his life that I know Darrell has entered into the LORD’S rest. It was his time to “go ashore”. He will be greatly missed but his wife can be proud of her man and privileged to have shared their 55+ good years together.

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**Melody Salas** - February 21, 2022 at 05:44 PM

RR

Mom, this is a lovely tribute and from the heart. I feel so very fortunate that our families were blessed with several trips to MO over the recent years to have had many engagements, meals and conversations with Uncle Darrell even when his mobility and speech slowed down. He still had all his charm and good sense of humor. He always made us feel welcome and will be missed at our family gatherings. We loved him very much.

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**Rebecca Richard** - May 09, 2022 at 10:36 PM

LS

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**Lisa Senick** - February 20, 2022 at 08:46 PM

DD

*Dearest Mitzie, my heart goes out to you and your family. I will always hold dear thoughts and memories of Darrell & the games of pool we played.*

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**Diane Dietz** - February 20, 2022 at 09:00 PM

BC

*Mitzie, Dian and I are so sorry. Darrel and I had some good times together. I always enjoyed his canny sense of humor and wit. I love it when he called me LT.*

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**Bill Cooper** - February 21, 2022 at 05:13 PM

SS

“ *God bless you, Mitzie, as you learn to live without your handsome husband. He's in God's loving care.*

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**sylvia stewart** - February 20, 2022 at 07:34 PM

MH

“ *Dear Aunt Mitzie: we are so sorry for your loss and so thankful for the witness of Uncle Darrell's life and your long, faithful marriage. We entrust Uncle Darrell to the Lord's loving heart, and as you grieve we entrust you to His care too. With prayers, Matt & Laura Hassan*

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**Matt & Laura Hassan** - February 20, 2022 at 06:26 PM

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**Darrell E Payne** - February 20, 2022 at 05:20 PM

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**Darrell E Payne** - February 20, 2022 at 04:58 PM