



## Doug Dee Payne

March 12, 1935 - August 3, 2021

Douglas Dee Payne, our beloved, caring, kind, highly respected, fun-loving Daddy and “PaPa” was born on March 12, 1935 in Okemah, OK to Fred Walker and Kathryn Benita (London) Payne. He was number 12 out of 15 children, and loved to share stories about his large family. At the age of 86, Doug entered Heaven on August 3, 2021 from his home in Bryan County, Oklahoma.

Doug married Wanda Rebecca Serner on February 22, 1958 and they were united as one for 45 years until Wanda’s death on March 27, 2003. They were blessed with three daughters and many precious grandchildren. Doug proudly served his country in the United States Air Force for eight years, as a Radio Operator, specifically for Flight and Morse Code Operations. During his military career, Doug was stationed one year in Thule Air Base - Greenland, with the 463d Communications Squadron, TAC, and spent time at bases in Mississippi, Colorado, with his final assignment at Ardmore OK Air Force Base. On June 29, 1961, Doug was Honorably Discharged and began his career as an Air Traffic Controller at the FAA Air Traffic Control Center in Eules, Texas. Doug retired August 1986 before becoming an ATC Instructor where he shared his passion for safety until the late 1990’s. Doug was a member of Shady Oaks Baptist Church in Hurst, TX and volunteered for Meals on Wheels and HEB School District After School Program. Doug deeply loved his family and enjoyed coaching, watching his grandchildren’s sporting

events, OU football and playing a competitive game of Chicken Foot. He unashamedly lived a Christian, patriotic, and responsible life, while leading his family and others to uphold these values.

Doug was preceded in death by his wife Wanda Payne; daughter Linda Sue (Payne) Watson; parents Fred and Kathryn Payne and siblings Gladys Collins, Lucille Myers, Woodrow Payne, Willa Faye Roman, Jo Deane Thomas, Warren Payne, Elreno Kinslow, Mary Neal Robinson, Bobby Payne, Jimmy Payne and Judy Wester.

Doug is survived by his daughters Rebecca Kay Payne and Lisa Gail Pippin and husband Terry; sister Nova Collier; brothers Patrick Payne and wife Debbie and Larry Richard Payne and wife Jerrie; grandchildren: Shaunda Usry and husband Kyle, Brad Mitchell, Nathan Beaty and wife Jenny, Katy Watson, Michael Watson and wife Natalya and Brandon Watson; great grandchildren Matthew Usry and wife Allison, Tanner Davidson, Trista Davidson, Morgann Usry, Madison Usry, Ruby Rayne Mitchell, Michael Medwid, Audree Skinner, Gunner Beaty, Abbie Beaty, Pippa Watson, Wynnie Watson and Hunter Beaty – all loved by “PaPa”; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Brown’s Funeral Service Chapel, Durant, OK will be the location for Family and Friends Visitation 6-8 PM Friday, August 6, 2021 and the Funeral Service at 1:00 PM Saturday, August 7. Doug’s nephew, Allen Serner, will officiate. Pallbearers are Brad Mitchell, Nathan Beaty, Michael Watson, Brandon Watson, Matthew Usry, Tanner Davidson, Terry Pippin (Honorary Pallbearers: Tolly Payne, Kent Thomas, Jason Serner, and Walter Serner). Burial will take place August 12 at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to either the Gideon International to distribute Bibles worldwide or a local Meals on Wheels

organization. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.brownsfuneralservice.com](http://www.brownsfuneralservice.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Brown's Durant Funeral and Cremation Service.

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/6BBJ4BC8KRB6ZLH8>

# Cemetery Details

## DFW National Cemetery

Dallas, TX

# Previous Events

## Family Visitation

AUG 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Service - Durant  
4900 West US Hwy 70  
Durant, OK 74701  
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## Funeral Service

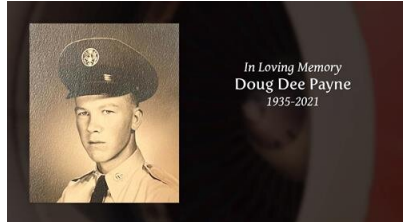
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Doug Dee Payne*



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**Brown's Durant Funeral Service** - August 06, 2021 at 03:14 PM



“ *Doug Dee Payne*

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January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *We're so sorry to learn of Doug's passing, we knew him from his many years at Shady Oaks Baptist Church in Hurst, TX. Such a kind man.*

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**Terry & Lisa Jump** - September 08, 2021 at 11:22 AM



“ *Bonnie Boyd lit a candle in memory of Doug Dee Payne*



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**Bonnie Boyd** - August 07, 2021 at 11:05 PM

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*My condolences go out to the entire Payne family. I had the pleasure of working with Doug at Fort Worth Center for 20 years. In all that time, i never heard Doug say a harsh word about anyone. He was a true gentleman and a consummate professional controller and was always the first one to help out wherever it was needed. As a former controller, as well as USAF veteran, i salute Doug and everything he stood for. R.I.P Doug, Heaven gained one heck of a man 🙏😊*

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**Robbie Alexander** - August 12, 2021 at 12:18 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Doug Dee Payne.*



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August 06, 2021 at 12:54 PM

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“ *So sorry Rebecca for your loss. Certainly sounds from the obituary that he was a good man and very special to many. I know you know where he is and that is comforting. His absence will be loud, but he is so much better now. Seeing how you guys cared for him to the end was remarkable and a true testament to the deep love and utmost respect him, his care and his dignity. Well done! Think of you often. Pray for you always. Love, respect and admiration, Dale.*

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**Dale Wester** - August 06, 2021 at 08:37 AM

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“ We salute your veteran. Our condolences for your loss & gratitude for your loved one's service to our country. May your memories & God's love bring you peace, comfort & strength at this difficult time. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal but LOVE leaves a memory no one can steal.



Death takes the body. God takes the soul. Our mind holds the memories. Our heart keeps the love. Our faith lets us know we will meet again someday.

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Larry & Lana Hurt (NE OK PGR) - August 06, 2021 at 04:36 AM