



Mr. Carl Payne, Sr.

July 6, 1941 - April 17, 2016

Carl Payne Sr., 74, of Harrisburg, passed away peacefully on April 17, 2016, at his daughter's home in Columbia, Maryland. A family man to the core, Carl seemed to have "nine lives" because he overcame health challenge after challenge—all the while smiling and making those who loved him laugh. He didn't take himself too seriously—a quality his family and friends loved.

A huge Pittsburgh Steelers fan and self-proclaimed political junkie, Carl was born in Monessen, Pennsylvania, to Carl and Nellie Payne. He was an Army veteran and a member of St. Paul's Missionary Baptist Church in Harrisburg. He excelled in football and basketball in his younger years and then moved to Pittsburgh, and later Harrisburg, for career reasons.

An accomplished professional who served as a mentor and adviser to many, he retired as executive director of the Harrisburg Housing Authority. Prior to that, he was manager of property management for Jack Gaughen Realtor in Camp Hill, and he served as president and CEO of three corporations involved in real estate financing, development, and property management for thirteen years, serving clients such as Goldman Sachs, Ferris Baker Watts, the City of Harrisburg, and the District of Columbia Housing Financing Agency. Among the things Carl was most proud of was his tenure as CEO of the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency in Harrisburg in the 1970s. Under his leadership, the mortgage lending institution's investment portfolio increased from \$150 million in 1976 to \$600 million in 1979. Additionally, he served as division director and land use consultant at the Urban Redevelopment

Authority of the City of Pittsburgh.

Carl and his late wife, Valerie, owned a professional real estate management company focusing on asset maximization, preventive maintenance, and more. The dynamic duo managed apartment complexes of their own that served low-income residents of the Harrisburg community.

His professional success was built on a solid educational foundation. He was the first African American to earn dual masters' degrees from the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs—one in urban and regional planning and another in public administration. He also earned a bachelor's degree in 1963 from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Carl was preceded in death by the love of his life, his wife, Valerie Payne; as well as his mother and father, Nellie and Carl Ellsworth Payne; a sister, Marie Payne; a brother, Larry Payne; and the loving grandparents who raised him, Jack and Marie Littles.

He leaves to cherish his memory his daughter, January Payne of Columbia, Maryland; sons, Carl III and Jurdan Payne of Harrisburg; daughters, Celeste Payne of West Chester and Courtney Peterson of Washington, DC; his sister, Brenda Payne of Philadelphia; two grandchildren; and his "favorite mother-in-law," Ruby Wilson of Harrisburg. He also mentored and guided a host of cousins, friends, and other loved ones.

Viewing will be held this evening, Thursday, April 21st, 6-8 p.m. at Wallace Funeral Directors. Home-Going Celebration will be held for Carl on Friday, April 22nd, 11 a.m. at his church, St. Paul's Missionary Baptist Church, 1201 N. 17th Street, Harrisburg, with viewing 10-11 a.m. Interment will be at Paxtang Cemetery with military honors followed by a repast at the church.
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Flowers may be delivered to the church, 4/22, 9-9:30 a.m.

Tribute Wall

OM

“ *Olive and Marchelle purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mr. Carl Payne, Sr..*



Olive and Marchelle - April 21, 2016 at 06:48 PM

SR

“ *Carl "Jimmy" was a good man and cousin. I appreciate how he gave me advice to guide me through college. Whenever he was in Pittsburgh on business, he took the time to check on me. He even came by my dorm to visit.*

I'll see you on the other side. It's going to be the best and biggest family reunion ever!

Love, Stephanie

Stephanie Rosenberg - April 21, 2016 at 10:54 AM

BF

“ *What a wonderful testimony to a life well lived. Please accept my condolences. I went to IUP with Carl and was in the Pacemakers with him in Pittsburgh.*

Brenda Strong Frazier

Brenda L Frazier - April 21, 2016 at 08:31 AM

CC

“ *Chester B. Collins purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Carl Payne, Sr..*



Chester B. Collins - April 21, 2016 at 06:58 AM

LC

“ *A Life WELL LIVED 🌸
MY THOUGHTS & Prayers are with the
Payne Family.
Always remember the GOOD TIMES that you
all shared. Carl was a very kind individual, &
will be sorely missed,
GOD will never give you anymore that you can bear.. "PEACE BE
STILL"*



REST EASY Carl !!!

Linda M. Cammack - April 20, 2016 at 10:38 PM

AM

“ *Aunt Bea, Noryne & Major and Mary Margaret
purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of
Mr. Carl Payne, Sr..*



Aunt Bea, Noryne & Major and Mary Margaret - April 20, 2016
at 09:47 PM