



Gregory James Payne

July 19, 1944 - December 11, 2025

On December 11, Gregory James Payne passed away surrounded by his family. Greg was born on July 19, 1944, to Warren F. and Lucille (Gregg) Payne in Cadillac, Michigan. He graduated from Cadillac High School in 1962 and from Ferris State University in 1966.

On August 11, 1962, he married Connie D. McTaggart, they had two daughters. They were divorced in 2023.

After graduation from Ferris State with a B.S. degree in Marketing, Greg was employed by RCA in Bloomington, IN. Deciding Michigan was home, he took a job in Grand Haven before moving on a year later to Portland, MI where he was a Customer Liaison for TRW. Greg retired from TRW in 2000 and moved back to Cadillac.

Greg was an avid hunter, enjoyed fishing, and doing outdoor work. He especially loved planting trees, pine and otherwise, and caring for them as they grew. Greg enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, creating memories for them to cherish.

Greg is survived by a daughter, Cindy (Ken) Jacob, grandson Taggart Jacob, granddaughter Madolyn Jacob, his brother, Larry (Linda) Payne, daughter Madolyn Jacob, and adopted granddaughter, Mindy (Jeremy) Hankins, many

nieces, nephews and many cousins.

Greg was preceded in death by his parents and one daughter, Cheri Ann.

Cremation has taken place and his final resting place will be Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

DG

“ Rest in peace, old friend. I'll always treasure the time we spent together, the stories we shared, and the fun we had. I especially remember an evening around the fire in the backyard of the Portland house, where we talked about life, love, loss, and anything else that came to mind. Connie got tired after a while and went to bed, but we kept staring at the fire and talking almost half the night. I will surely miss my cousin.

DeWayne Gregg

DeWayne Gregg - December 16, 2025 at 09:59 PM

TF

“ Greg & Connie were the Homecoming King & Queen of CHS' Class of 1962. It was nice getting to know Greg as my brother's friend when I attended their class monthly luncheons. I will never forget that Greg and his truck pulled me out of a snow ditch in 2022. I am sorry he suffered during his last few years. My sincerest condolences to Connie, their daughters, and grandchildren. Go in peace. Your friend, Terry Toepp Fike

Terry Toepp Fike - December 16, 2025 at 12:44 PM

MA

“ RIP Greg, lots of great memories of you with our “group” of 1962 graduate friends. Our card games, eating out at class lunch and connecting with lots of stories of the past. We will miss you. Mj & Art

MJ and Art - December 16, 2025 at 11:06 AM

DS

“ Sad to hear that another friend and classmate has passed remembering what a tough football player he was thoughts and prayers for his family and friends

danny Stafford - December 16, 2025 at 09:47 AM

LD

“ Will always be grateful to Greg and his brother, Larry, who always engaged in conversation with my Stepmom when they came daily to feed their Mom at Sunnyside. They were an inspiration in their loving care of their Mom and their kindness to all the other residents. Our sympathies to Larry and also to Greg's children and grandchildren. Linda and Jim Dishman

Linda Dishman - December 16, 2025 at 09:09 AM

RM

“ Greg was a special person in our 1962 graduating class. My thoughts are with all of his family at this very sad time.
Rita Majerle-Klug

Rita Majerle-Klug - December 16, 2025 at 08:30 AM