



Russell A. Payne

September 3, 1949 - August 13, 2011

Russell A. Payne of Cadillac died early Saturday morning August 13, 2011 at his home. He was 61. He was born in Manistee on September 3, 1949 to Raymond "Bill" and Rosemary J. (Ozdech) Payne and they preceded him in death.

Russ was co-owner/manager of the Phillip 66 Service Station in Cadillac. He then worked for Dean's Used Auto Parts for seven years and had been a tow truck operator for Peterson's Towing for 22 years and from 2004 until the present he was a truck driver for T.J.'s Trucking in Cadillac. Russ had also served as an Auxiliary Police Officer for the City of Cadillac. His favorite past time was spending time with family and grandchildren. He was best known as "Super Dad", "Super Grandpa", "Super Husband" and "Super Man". His life long motto was: "Give, Take, and Communicate". He also enjoyed sailing, fishing, canoeing and kayaking.

On September 24, 1983 in Cadillac he married the former Diane D. Whaley and she survives him along with three sons: Kenneth (Christie) Payne of Tustin, Robert (Mari) Fuzi of New Mexico, and Rod (Tammy) Payne of Cadillac; grandchildren: Paul Hoving of Rockford, Ember Lhamon of Kingsley, Alexis Dahlstrom of Cadillac, Makayla Fuzi of North Carolina, Brooke Shackleton of New Mexico, Kayci Pulaskey of New Mexico, Kennedy Payne of Tustin, Michael Payne of Tustin, and Rachael Payne of Jackson; brothers:

Chuck (Kathy) Payne of Cadillac and Tim (Barb) Payne of Traverse City; sisters: Mary (Ken) Blackman of Cadillac, Barb (Mark) Fuzi of Gaylord, and Julie (Pat) Cronkhite of Tennessee; mother-in-law, Donna Whaley of Tustin; father-in-law, Bob Fortlage to Tustin; sister and brother-in-laws: Deb (Ed) Lewis of Texas and Dan (Rose) Whaley of Cadillac and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a brother, Jimmy Payne and a son, Paul G. Fuzi.

A tribute to his life will be held 4:00 PM Saturday, September 3, 2011 at Hodgson Park (47 Road) in Cadillac. Memorial contributions may be made to Mercy Hospice or to the Family. An online guestbook is available at www.peter-sonfh.com

Tribute Wall

KP

“ I’
ll be looking at our “
star”
. I have never wavered in my almost 35 years from you being my
best friend, and hero.
Thanks to everyone for there kind words. See you on the 3rd.
Questions and directions call me anytime 9207800.

Ken Payne - August 23, 2011 at 04:04 AM

CF

“ Ken-
So sorry to hear about your dad. He was a wonderful man and will
be sadly missed. You and your entire family will be in our thoughts
and prayers everyday. Keep on smiling. Again, so sorry for your
loss.

Corey and Shelly Hughes and family - August 21, 2011 at 01:09 PM

PS

“ I’
m so sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in my thoughts
and prayers.

Paul Sewell - August 21, 2011 at 01:02 PM

BS

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Russ was a great man. You all will be
in our thoughts and prayers.

Bruce and Shirley Sewell - August 21, 2011 at 12:57 PM

CF

“ *What a beautiful man Russ was, he cared about so many and was always helping someone out. May God be with you all at his time of deep sorrow. Prayers and thoughts go out to you all.*

Carol Feltman - August 21, 2011 at 04:20 AM

AB

“ *Although we never knew Russ personally it is evident that he was a fine man from reading the guest book. Our condolences go to Diane & family & friends also to her mother Donna whom we knew for a long time.h35h*

Al & Nella Bode - August 18, 2011 at 06:08 PM

JF

“ *For the short amount of time I knew & worked with him, he was the most helpful & caring person I could know. You will be missed. I want to thank Russ for all of the help and advice he has given me during my first year of driving. He was a great teacher.*

Jamie Jenema and Family - August 17, 2011 at 03:21 PM

SY

“ *Always liked Russ real nice guy .easy going.*

Steve Yager - August 16, 2011 at 10:19 PM

BC

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss, I remember Russ as an all around nice guy. Rod and Ken your are in our thoughts and prayers! Barb and Nathan Bowling (my dad)*

Barb (Bowling) Cressy - August 16, 2011 at 07:17 PM

MJ

“ *I miss you, Little Buddy*

Mike Jenema - August 16, 2011 at 12:25 PM

EL

“ *While we've been apart there are always so many things that remind us of all the fun we had with Russ & Diane. Diane & family, you are in our prayers.*

Erma & Chip Lorion - August 16, 2011 at 12:04 PM

RM

“ *Ken, Diane and family, we were sad to learn of your loss. Our friendship over the years has meant alot to us. You are all in our prayers.*

Rich and Claudia Moutsatson - August 16, 2011 at 11:35 AM

BS

“ *Grandpa was always a big, nice, comfy pillow to sleep on, on the couch with. I miss you Grandpa Russ!*

Brooke Shackelton - August 16, 2011 at 10:52 AM

KP

“ *Big Bad Russ was the best grandpa in the world. I love and miss him a lot.*

Kayci pulaskey - August 16, 2011 at 10:50 AM

RF

“ *Russ is one of the greatest men I have ever known. Patience was one of his greatest lessons to me, one I am still learning.*

Robert fuzi - August 16, 2011 at 10:45 AM

TJ

“ Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for a while and leave footprints on our hearts and we are never the same. How could one man leave so many footprints on so many hearts? We love you and miss you, Russ.

T.J.and Sally Jenema - August 16, 2011 at 10:33 AM

SH

“ your family has forever impacted mine. even the miles that are between us - Memories of my Childhood have flooded me over the days of all you (kids) the part you played in those years has mostly stayed with me as an adult. As I made calls to my family my heart broke. As I came to work (hospital) So many people that Russ touched in his daily life were so Sad. Russ will be so greatly missed. My prayers go to the total family.

Sheila (carnahan) Hildebrant - August 16, 2011 at 06:48 AM

JG

“ Whenever Russ came into the office he had to drag his hands down the side of the walls, letting everyone know of his entrance, when I heard the thunder Saturday morning I knew that was Russ making his entrance into Heaven. I can only imagine the people lined up to hear his stories!! Russ was an awesome man and will be missed by so many.

Jim & Dana Westdorp & girls - August 15, 2011 at 10:10 PM

SK

“ Russ, you're the best. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family, Russ will be sadly missed.

Skeeter and Angie Kline - August 15, 2011 at 10:06 PM

DK

“ Russ was a good man and will be missed by all . I had the honor of working with him at the Cadillac Police Dept. Russ was an honorable and joy to be around. Sleep tight my brother. You have earned your eternal rest.

David Koenig - August 15, 2011 at 07:17 PM

NB

“ yep russ worked may times on my cars and a great neighbor

nathan bowling - August 15, 2011 at 06:05 PM

DR

“ Russ was one of my favorite truck drivers. I am the receiving clerk at Michigan Rubber Products. I could always tell when it was Russ there because he would always leave me some hard candy on my desk. So I nicknamed him the candyman. So sorry to the family for your loss. He was a great man and will be truely missed. Thoughts and prayers go out to all of you.

Darci Reed - August 15, 2011 at 05:57 PM

DF

“ ΓÇóGod saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be. So He put His arms around you and whispered " come to me."

With tearful eyes we watched you, and saw you pass away. Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hardworking hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best. Diane, Ken, and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Doug Cooper and family - August 15, 2011 at 01:37 PM

DP

“ a good friend

dean porteous - August 15, 2011 at 01:16 PM

TY

“ Russ you were such a good friend. I will miss you. The coffee will be cold and thing won't be the same without you my buddy. I will miss all the wonderful talks that we had. But i know that one day my friend i will see you. Diane you had a wonderful man a man that love you as much as the stars i am truly sorry for you lost but i am sure god will make it easy for you as the day go by. His spirit will all live through us my paryer are with you and you family.

Terry Yokeum - August 15, 2011 at 01:15 PM

AB

“ So very sorry for your loss. May God hold all of Russe's family in his arm's and lead you through this sad time. Prayer's are with you !

Annie Olmstead Burmania - August 15, 2011 at 12:33 PM

SH

“ Sorry to hear...

Sterling Hill - August 15, 2011 at 12:03 PM

MD

“ Thanks for all the candy! A very nice man will be missed by all who new him. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Michelle Brass-Wicksall Dist. - August 15, 2011 at 11:25 AM

JS

“ Russ was one of the most memorable people I have worked with in over 40 years in the trucking business. I miss him very much. " and then there was Russ"

Jack Speelman - August 15, 2011 at 11:01 AM

KF

“ Uncle Russ, you will always be the great Son, Dad, husband, Brother, Uncle, Cousin, friend, that made you the Super Person you were. That legacy will live on through your family as it already does because of the foundation you laid with your life! Our thoughts and prayers with Love goes out to all the family!

Klint Weaver and Family - August 15, 2011 at 10:41 AM

T(

“ Dear Diane and family,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My father Ron Holcom spoke very highly of Russ, and enjoyed working with him at Dean's. He always seemed to have a funny story to tell, and I know he considered Russ a true friend. You will be in my thoughts and prayers may you find healing in The Lord for your broken hearts, much love, Tina on behalf of Lavon and the Holcom family

tina (holcom)campell - August 15, 2011 at 10:38 AM

SB

“ check out the chess games see if they are any good at it see you soon ken

steve birdwell - August 15, 2011 at 10:12 AM

AW

“ On Saturday morning we knew when we heard the thunder that they were starting that big truck for your last run. You will be forever in our hearts. I am proud to say you are my Uncle. Love you always and forever Uncle Russ.

Amy (Payne) Weaver - August 15, 2011 at 09:46 AM

CP

“ Ken - Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We know how much your Dad meant to you. So sorry for your loss.

Chris and Michelle Payne - August 15, 2011 at 09:04 AM

CF

“ Just call Russ, he'
Il do it.

Curt and Jan Jenema and family - August 15, 2011 at 08:21 AM