

Brother Thomas Arthur Payne (1945-2017)

Tom was born August 3, 1945 in Cleveland, the only child of Arthur and Martha (Stemberg) Payne. He attended Catholic elementary schools and St. Joseph High School.

At 18, he entered the Chamanade Preparatory School in Marcy, New York and then continued on to earn an associate's degree in mechanical engineering at the University of Dayton in 1968.

Brother Payne entered the minstry and taught science and engineering drawing at Memphis Catholic High School.



During 1972, he moved to Cincinnati and trained with the Diocesan Council of Churches to serve troubled youth as a chaplain in the juvenile court system. Over the next 10 years, he implemented a police clergy crisis team for the Cincinnati Police Division, served as chaplain for the Division, and provided crisis intervention and bereavement services.

Brother Payne earned a bachelor's in mechanical engineering technology at the University of Dayton in 1976 and a masters degree in religion at the Athenaeum of Ohio in 1980.

He returned to Memphis and served as a chaplain and directory of ministry at 6 prisons. From 1984 to 1994, he was the director of maintenance at at Bergamo Center for Lifelong Learning. From 1994 to 1999 he was the director of Marianist property management for the Cincinnati Province. During 1999, he traveled to Kenya to become the property manager for the Marianists there. He moved to Hawaii to serve as environmental safety officer at Chamanade University in Honolulu.

During 2015, Brother Payne was diagnosed with cancer. He was treated in Hawaii and moved to Cupertino, California for further treatment. The treatment failing, he entered hospice care in October 2017. Brother Payne passed away on November 3, 2017 in Cupertino at the age of 72.

A vigil service was held on November 10, 2017 at the Marianist Community in Cupertino. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on November 11, 2017. He was buried at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Los Altos, California.

Memorials may be made to The Marianist Province USA, 4425 W. Pine Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63108-2301.