

# Special Deputy Clyde Hensley Payne, Jr. (1930-2020)

Clyde was born March 27, 1930 in East Bernstadt, Kentucky to Frank and Lucille “Lucy” (Hensley) Payne.

He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on October 8, 1953 and assigned to the 7<sup>th</sup> Recruit Training Battalion at Paris Island. He was honorably discharged probably in 1957.

Clyde joined the London, Kentucky Police Department as a Patrolman, married Clara Lee Mullins, and started a family in London. During 1958, he moved his family to Hamilton and began working at the Ford Motor Company.



Clyde joined the Butler County Sheriff’s Office as a Special Deputy in 1966 under Sheriff James A. Hixon. He was sworn in also by Sheriff Harold Carpenter in 1968. He earned his Peace Officer Certificate on January 14, 1978. Deputy Payne retired on January 3, 2005 with almost 35 years of service to his country and the London city community and Butler County communities.

Deputy Payne joined the O’Tucks (and Ohio-Kentucky social club) in 1969. From at least 1974 and through 1977 he served as its Sergeant at Arms and was selected as “O’Tuck of the Year of 1974.” He was commissioned in 1971 as a Kentucky Colonel. He was also a substitute school bus driver and active in the Fairfield Church of Christ.

Special Deputy Payne died on September 16, 2020 at the age of 90.

He was predeceased by his wife of 56 years, Clara Lee (Mullins) Payne (2011); a son, Donald Clyde Payne; and his seven siblings. Special Deputy Payne is survived by his children Beverly (Jon) Vanderpool, Lee Rose, Linda Mott, and retired Hamilton Police Officers Robert Payne and Randall (Beth) Payne; eleven grandchildren, and eleven great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, September 19, 2020 at Fairfield Church of Christ, 745 Symmes Road. A funeral service will be held at 12 p.m. with Pastor Brian Schreiber officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Fairfield Church of Christ 745 Symmes Road, Fairfield, OH 45014 or Vitas Community Connection, P.O. Box 645352, Cincinnati, OH 45264.