



Liege John Kirkland Payne

December 15, 1941 - January 27, 2020

Liege John Kirkland Payne, affectionately known as “Pop Pop”, celebrated seventy-eight years of youth until he passed peacefully on January 27, 2020 at his home with his family by his side. He fought hard for an additional five years to be there for his family after his initial diagnosis of cancer. John was born on December 15, 1941 in Toronto, Canada to the late Lt. Colonel Liege and Evelyn (Mahoney) Payne.

John met his wife, Elizabeth “Jane” O’Regan, while working at Greenshields Investment Company in Toronto. They married and soon after moved to New York City to work in the investment business so that he could enjoy American football in time for the Super Bowl. They happily raised their family and their assortment of pets in Greenwich, Connecticut.

John dearly loved his family, friends and fellow members of The Great Beaver Society. His passion was golf, his beloved Toronto Maple Leafs and GTO’s.

John is survived by his loving wife Jane Payne, his twin daughters: Jillian Payne Gamble and her husband David and Tracy Slayne and her husband Bill; and his son Liege “Lee” Payne Jr. and his wife Sarah. He adored his six beautiful granddaughters, Quinn, Reed, Braden, Dulcey, Regan, and Dylan.

Family will receive relatives and friends on Friday, February 7th from 4pm to

8pm at Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue, Stamford, CT. A Remembrance Service will be held Saturday, February 8th at 11am at The United Church of Rowayton, 210 Rowayton Avenue, Norwalk, CT.

The family has entrusted the funeral arrangements to Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue, in Stamford, CT. If you would like to leave a condolence message for the family you may visit the guestbook on bosakfuneralhome.com or on Facebook at facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bosak Funeral Home
453 Shippan Avenue
Stamford, CT 06902
(203) 325-9300
<https://www.bosakfuneralhome.com/>

Service

FEB 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

United Church of Rowayton
210 Rowayton Ave.
Norwalk, CT 06853

Tribute Wall

JS

“ I will always have great memories of our Wednesday rounds of golf at Sterling Farms. It was a good time, and followed by lunch at the Knights of Columbus. John, this BUD is for you. May you Rest In Peace.

Jane and children sorry I cannot be at the service on Friday, still cannot drive. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jerry Slater

Jerry Slater - February 05, 2020 at 10:31 AM

GB

“ So many great memories of spending time together with the Payne family growing up. From Cape Cod, to Mount Tremblant, the toilet bowl at Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner at the Payne's house. John was an amazing person and a great dad and husband. My earliest memory of John was when I was a little kid in the 70's. My family spent time at the Payne's house in Greenwich and we were getting ready to pull out of the driveway. John decided to go into town. He was wearing jeans, a camel skin jacket and a cowboy hat getting into his bright red Cherokee Chief Jeep. I just remember thinking to myself, that guy is very cool. Only a few guys could pull that off, and he was one of them. I know I couldn't. My condolences to a great family. Greg

Greg Ball - February 01, 2020 at 06:32 PM

RL

“ Jane and family please accept my deepest sympathy on John's passing.

John will be greatly missed by all his GBS friends. One of my fondest memories of Le Grand Castor was a long lunch held at Cafe 123 in midtown which ended up at a New Year's dinner at Phil and Ann Daly's house in Westport CT. Not that we needed mire to drink John and I shared a bottle of champagne in the back seat of our new Volvo station wagon with our young daughter Kendra seated between us in a car seat. We arrived at the Daly's home where we were greeted by a somewhat puzzled Jane and a bunch of Phil and Ann' s friends.

We enjoyed wonderful steaks and after dinner we all watched Willy Nelson perform on a HBO special. The drive back to Manhattan was in a driving rain storm after a truly memorable evening.

Ray

Ray LaBrosse - February 01, 2020 at 10:10 AM

JS

“ My heart goes out to the Payne family. Hoping you are able to find comfort in happy memories of a great man. Please know my sorrow for your loss and that you're in my prayers. May the special things about your dad/husband live on inside your heart forever. I was blessed to have known him.

With deepest sympathy,

Jen

Jenny Stevens - January 30, 2020 at 09:01 PM

HM

“ Absolutely the most Vibrant and Lovable man that I have had the utmost pleasure knowing! He lit up a room when he walked in... always a smile, always a story, always entertaining. Hollywood Johnny, as he was affectionately known by his friends... and wow... there are so many.He co-founded an incredible group of Canadians on Wall Street in the early Seventies, known as The Great Beaver Society. A group of “Characters” that still meet to this day.. largely because of John. He had this passion for history and enjoyed preserving the stories and the camaraderie.

I always will remember how “Dressed to a tee” he looked, yet he was so much more comfortable in a tee shirt and Nantucket red shorts with his aviators beaming in the Sun! So many memories with John.. golfing at Tamarac, driving in his ‘65 GTO, every GBS function, Canadian Society of New York.. the list goes on...spending time with his best friends Phil Daly, Gary Ball, Lyn Goth, Ken Barclay and Walter Tomenson.

There will be many great memories and plenty of tears when we toast the “Beavers in the Sky” and John’s name will be read out in March, when the Beavers re-convene in Florida.

The most important part of John’s life was his family.. everything else was a bonus! He enjoyed and loved his family so much... that is what life is all about. Clearly a very sad time for all of us.. but at the end of the day.. he had no regrets. Family mattered so much to him.

Wouldn’t it be something if The Maple Leafs won a Stanley Cup this year!! As a Lifelong Habs fan, even I would be happy with that outcome...

Cheers to one of my best friends ever! Missing you tons, My Liege.

Hart McKeown - January 30, 2020 at 08:28 PM

PP

Rest in peace my friend!

Per Paulsson - February 01, 2020 at 09:04 AM

DR

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David Rayfield - January 30, 2020 at 07:48 PM