

INTERMENT

Dayton National Cemetery
4400 West Third Street – Dayton, OH 45428

PALLBEARERS

Bryan Joshua Payne – Mason Callahan – William Darryl Gee
Darnell Gee – Jayson Gee

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Jeremiah J. Payne – Jayzion M. Payne – Josiah B. Payne

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Family would like to thank all of the Doctors, Nurses
and Support Staff of the VA Hospital as well as the
Springfield Regional Medical Center.
The care provided to our loved one
was truly appreciated.

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF



LETHA
RENEE PAYNE

SUNRISE SUNSET
December 9, 1952 | July 18, 2026

Thursday – August 6, 2026

Visitation: 10:00 AM
Service: 11:00 AM

THE CHAPEL OF PEACE SPRINGFIELD
823 South Yellow Springs Road
Springfield, OH 45506



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1 FUNERAL HOME | 5 LOCATIONS

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OBITUARY

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Letha Renee Payne, age 73 passed away at home on Saturday, July 18, 2026. Letha, affectionately known as Renee to family and friends, was born on December 9, 1952 in Springfield, Ohio. Renee enlisted in the United States Air Force and dutifully served our country from 1973 until her honorable discharge in 1981 with the rank of Sergeant. During her enlistment she received a Longevity Service Ribbon; National Defense Service Medal; Good Conduct Medal and Outstanding Unit Award.

Throughout the years Renee continued to spend her life in the service of others working with various ministries and community outreach programs. In 2023 she retired from Greater Dayton RTA after 15 years, where she also received innumerable commendations for her exemplary work. In her final years, her greatest love was truly time spent with her grandsons. Renee was a devoted member of Encounter Church Global Outreach Ministry in Dayton. When health permitted, Renee found great comfort and enjoyment in fellowship with her Encounter Church family.

Renee was preceded in death by her mother: Beulah Stevenson (Springfield, Ohio); father: Charles Gilbert (Springfield, Ohio); sister: Pamela West (Alaska); sister: Nadine Stevenson (O'Fallon, Illinois); an aunt and three uncles.

Renee is survived by her Daughter: Nikki Callahan (Springfield, Ohio); Son: Bryan Joshua Payne (Dayton, Ohio); Grandson: Mason Callahan (Springfield, Ohio); Grandson: Jeremiah Joshua Payne (Dayton, Ohio); Grandson: Jayzion Michael Payne (Dayton, Ohio); Grandson: Josiah Benjamin Payne (Dayton, Ohio); one aunt; two nephews; numerous cousins and countless chosen family and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Parting View

Scripture

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-4.....Reverend Cynthia L. Blackwell

New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13, 14.....Valerie Blackwell-Truitt

Prayer.....Pastor Raleigh Thornton, Jr.

Selection.....*"Jesus Understands"*
By: Larry Coleman, The Music In Me

Acknowledgements/Condolences.....Nisa Blackwell-Turner

Remarks.....Bryan J. Payne and Jeremiah J. Payne

Reading of the Obituary.....Mason Callahan

Selection.....*"I Can Go To God In Prayer"*
By: Albertina Walker

The Eulogy
Pastor Raleigh Thornton, Jr.

Benediction.....Pastor Raleigh Thornton, Jr.

Recessional.....Clergy, Family and Friends
"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"
By: Lauryn Hill and Tanya Blount