



## Mrs. LaRue Payne Clifton

December 19, 1923 - March 30, 2019

Mrs. LaRue Payne Clifton, 95, of Tifton died Saturday March 30, 2019 at Maple Court Assisted Living of Tifton, GA.

Her funeral service will be held Tuesday 11:00AM at Kimbrell-Stern with interment to follow at Crown Hill Cemetery. Rev. Chip Grantham will be officiating. The family will receive friends one hour before service at Kimbrell-Stern.

Mrs. Clifton was the daughter of Oscar Homer Payne and Alma Mae Starling Payne. She was born December 19, 1923 in Turner County and moved to Albany after High School graduation.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, E.L. (Bo) Clifton. They were married for 59 years living in Albany, GA for 44 years and 15 years living at Lake Blackshear. Lived last 10 years in Tifton, GA.

She retired from Marine Corp. Logistics Base after 30 years of service as an accounting manager.

Her biggest pleasure was spending time with her family. She dedicated her life to taking care of others in a special nurturing way. She enjoyed gardening, reading, taking care of her two grandchildren and especially living at the lake. She has been blessed with a family that loved her dearly and with a long, healthy life and independent until the last two years of her life.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Essie Mae Payne Clifton, Helen Payne Culbreth and three brothers, Everett Payne, Hilton Payne and Dewey Payne.

She is survived by her daughter Carol Clifton Mathews and her husband Mark McKinney Mathews of Tifton, GA; two grandchildren Katie Mathews Lodge and her husband Blake of Tifton, GA; a grandson Mark McKinney Mathews Jr. and his wife Sarah of Jacksonville, FL; four great-grandchildren, Payne Lodge, 10, Caroline Lodge, 6, Bryden Mathews, 2 ½, and Annie Mathews, 3 months.

Flowers will be accepted. Those desiring to make donations can send to Tifton First United Methodist Church, 107 12th St. W. Tifton, GA 31794 or Southern Care Hospice Services 143 S. Hwy 319 Suite 1, Moultrie, GA 31768. The Family wants to sincerely thank the Maple Court Assisted Living Staff, Southern Care Hospice, and Pamela Drayton for all of their care.

# Cemetery Details

## Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern  
1503 Dawson Road  
Albany, GA 31707  
(229) 883-4152  
<https://www.kimbrellstern.com?>

## Funeral Service

APR 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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1503 Dawson Road  
Albany, GA 31707  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. LaRue Payne Clifton*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



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May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



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“ *Mrs. LaRue Payne Clifton*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Carol, I am so sorry to learn of this sad news - thinking of you and your family... Arleeta Henry*

**Arleeta Henry** - April 12, 2019 at 01:09 AM

PH

“ Carol, I was so sorry to hear the passing of your mom, LaRue. I will always remember how she loved "dem" grandchildren and how pleasant it was talking with her. May the memories of your parents sustain you for a lifetime. Hope to see you soon.



*Panzer & Gordy*

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**Panzer Hall** - April 03, 2019 at 03:29 PM

AG

“ Annette Griner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaRue Payne Clifton



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**Annette Griner** - April 02, 2019 at 10:26 PM

AG

*I am very sorry for the loss of your mother. I met Mrs. LaRue the end of 2017 when my sister moved in Maple Court she was a very special & sweet person when I would eat with my sister I would sat at the table with her & Opal Smith*

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**Annette Griner** - April 02, 2019 at 10:36 PM

NG

“ Carol, so sorry to hear about the death of your Mother. You and your family will be in my prayers.  
Love, Nancy Goode

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**Nancy F Goode** - April 02, 2019 at 09:30 AM

PA

“ LaRue Clifton was my next door neighbor from the time I was 5 until I married and left home. She was such a sweet, smart and always well dressed lady. Her daughter Carol and I were best friends and we lived between her house and mine. Bo and LaRue were like another set of parents to me. They car pooled me and Carol to school and dancing with my mama. We had great times growing up on Whispering Pined Road and when my wonderful memories come back, LaRue’s sweet face and kind ways are etched in my mind ❤️ You will be greatly missed LaRue and thanks for loving me and putting up with me. Pam Persall Aiken

Pam Aiken - April 01, 2019 at 06:31 PM

RH

“ LaRue was one of the sweetest and kindest people I have ever known. She always had a smile on her face and enjoyed life and the love of her family.

Ronald Hawkins - April 01, 2019 at 04:23 PM

BP

“ A DEAR COUSIN WILL BE DEARLY MISSED! SHE WAS A LOVING AND KIND PERSON AND ALWAYS HAD A SMILE ON HER FACE!



BILLY PAYNE - April 01, 2019 at 02:50 PM

BP

“ *BILLY PAYNE lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaRue Payne Clifton*



**BILLY PAYNE** - April 01, 2019 at 02:47 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. LaRue Payne Clifton.*



April 01, 2019 at 08:08 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. LaRue Payne Clifton.*



March 31, 2019 at 04:57 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. LaRue Payne Clifton.*



March 31, 2019 at 10:56 AM