



## Mrs. Reita Thomas Payne

January 27, 1925 - March 5, 2018

Reita Thomas Payne, 93, went to be with her Lord on March 5, 2018. She was born on January 27, 1925 to the late William Earle Thomas and the late Hattie Laney Thomas.

She married John Payne Jr. on November 23, 1950 in Ozark, Alabama. She and John moved to Albany in 1952 and raised their four children. Her love for her family was unconditional.

Five years following the family move to Albany she became employed with Phoebe Putney Hospital as the Administrator for the former Heart and Tumor Clinic where she worked for many years. She was an active member of Sherwood Baptist Church and served her Lord faithfully. She was a proud graduate of Auburn University and an avid football fan.

She is preceded in death by her husband and is survived by her children: Karen Payne, Peggy Hood (Jeff), John Thomas Payne, and Betty Bridges (Flynn); eleven grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Sherwood Baptist Church Missions, 2201 Whispering Pines Road, Albany, GA 31707 or a non-profit of choice.

Her family extends a special thanks to Dawson Health and Rehabilitation for their care and concern over the past five years.

A graveside service will be held at Noon on Friday, March 9, 2018 at Crown Hill Cemetery. The Rev. Jeff Hood and Dr. Michael Catt will officiate. The family will receive friends following the service.



# Cemetery Details

## Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAR 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

Crown Hill Cemetery  
1907 Dawson Rd  
Albany, GA 31707  
(229) 883-6600

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Reita Thomas Payne*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mrs. Reita Thomas Payne*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



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“ *Mrs. Reita Thomas Payne*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *I am sorry for your loss I will be praying for you and your family. Your mom was one of the sweetest ladies and I know you will miss her. We are so fortunate to have our moms for such a long life. love you Jan Phillips*

**jan Phillips** - March 16, 2018 at 02:52 PM

SJ

“ *Payne Family, We are never ready to loose our parents but we have to Thank God for the many years we have had them. I remember your mother from our days at Northside. A day will not go by that you want to ask her a question. I hope we will all be united in Heaven in the future. Betty I still have your grammar school picture you gave me in the 50s or early 60s. God Bless you all. Stanley Jones*

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**Stanley L. Jones** - March 13, 2018 at 04:12 PM

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“ *Flynn and Betty,  
Thinking of you and your family at this time!  
Nancy Reimer*

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**Nancy Reimer** - March 11, 2018 at 06:09 PM

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“ *Betty Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Reita Thomas Payne*



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**Betty Reynolds** - March 08, 2018 at 12:18 PM

EG

“ I have special memories of Aunt Reita and the rest of family especially at Christmas. When all of the Payne's, Godfrey's, Green's and Thomas' would get together at Daddy T and Mama T's house. The Payne's always brought the goody box of fruit and candy. The hit of the day, especially for us kids. May God be with you during this time of loss and in the days ahead when the memories come back. May He comfort you all - Karen, Peggy, Johnny, Betty and the rest of the family. Earle Green and family

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**Earle Green** - March 07, 2018 at 04:50 PM

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“ We are so sorry - please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Your Mother and your Dad were special friends when we were in Albany. "Coach" Ferrell and Arleeta Henry

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**Arleeta Henry** - March 07, 2018 at 03:46 PM