



Mr. Richard Osborne "Dick" Payson Sr.

May 20, 2019

Mr. Richard Osborne "Dick" Payson, Sr., age 84, a resident of Deatsville, AL passed away on Monday May 20, 2019 at a local hospital. The family will receive visitors from 9am with funeral service beginning at 10am on Thursday, May 23, 2019 from Robinson Springs United Methodist Church with Rev. Mark Waldo and Rev. Janet Krantz officiating. The interment will follow at Brookside Memorial Gardens with Military Honors. "Dick", as he was affectionately known, served his country in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. He and his family left Castine, Maine, landed in Montgomery, Alabama, where he remained for the last sixty-two years. Upon leaving the Air Force, he became a Motorcycle Police Officer in Montgomery. Later, he served as Director of Traffic Safety for the State of Alabama and served on three different Governors' Cabinets; Gov. George Wallace, Gov. Lurleen Wallace and Gov. Albert Brewer. He was Man of the Year in the Jaycee's and served on several civic and non-profit boards in the community. He had deep love for his family and very tenderhearted towards animals. Ever the sports enthusiast, Dick grew up playing baseball, tennis and golf. He continued playing golf and would enjoy a good game on any day. He was a cowboy at heart and loved his farm. His day was complete when he brought happiness into the lives of others. He was preceded in death by his parents Harold Tyree Payson and Ethel Dickson Payson and his first wife Ruth Bowden Payson. He is survived by his loving wife Janet Harsha Payson of Deatsville, AL, daughters Flavia Freeney (Jim) of Millbrook, AL, Lara Lewis of Prattville, AL,

Amy Wilson of Smyrna, GA, sons Richard O. "Ric" Payson, Jr. (Cheryl) of Deatsville, AL, Kelly T. Payson of Long Beach, MS, sister Bette Norris of MA, eight grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren. Pallbearers will be Richard O. Payson III "Trey", Alex Payson, Peyton Spradley, Michael Payson, Matthew Spradley and Mike McGriff.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Elmore County Humane Society, 255 Central Plank Road, Wetumpka, AL 36092.

Brookside Funeral Home of Millbrook, AL directing

Cemetery Details

Brookside Memorial Gardens

Millbrook, AL 36054

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 23. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Robinson Springs United Methodist Church
5980 Main Street
Millbrook, AL

Service

MAY 23. 10:00 AM (CT)

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5980 Main Street
Millbrook, AL

Burial

MAY 23 (CT)

Brookside Memorial Gardens
Millbrook, AL 36054

Tribute Wall

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“ *Blake lit a candle in memory of Richard Payson*



Blake - September 03, 2024 at 01:40 AM



“ *Mr. Richard Osborne "Dick" Payson Sr.*

October 09, 2023 at 12:36 PM



“ *Mr. Richard Osborne "Dick" Payson Sr.*

October 07, 2023 at 11:21 AM

MT

“ *Always enjoyed seeing Mr.P when he would come into Winn-Dixie and get the big bags of carrots for the horses, he always had a smile on his face and would ask you how you were!!! He will be missed!!! Michelle from Winn-Dixie!!*

Michelle Tornow - May 23, 2019 at 10:48 PM

CG

“ Hi, I would like to extend my condolences to your family and so sorry for your loss. You don't know me but, I read Mr. Payson's obituary and I would like to say it is an honor to see a man of great works, an honorable veteran and animal lover. I know you are very proud of him and you should be. My name is Cindy Gallop and I live in Millbrook and I would just like to say thank you to Mr. Payson's family for his service to his country, society and man's best friend. God Bless you all and may you find comfort from our Lord and savior during this difficult time.



Cindy Gallop - May 23, 2019 at 04:08 PM

AL

“ So sorry to read about your dad's passing, but I guarantee he lived life to the fullest. My thoughts are with you Ric, Kelly and Flavia.

My favorite memory has to go back to Halloween of 1972 or 73, when Mr P. was driving that old light blue Polaris (I think) convertible, with the top down, around Auburn Hill, with all the Alabama enemy hiding down in the floorboard with their water balloons. He and everyone in the car were soaked by the time they got out of there. I bet there was two inches of water in that car. The next time around the top was up.

We also had fun working the cattle several times.

Allan

Allan - May 23, 2019 at 03:51 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Osborne "Dick" Payson Sr..*



May 22, 2019 at 10:14 PM



“ *One of the greatest blessings my family and I received here in Millbrook after arriving here from England as an Air Force move, was to meet Mr. Payson. Dick made Lela and I feel very welcomed right off. We fished in his ponds and shared many stories. He is an awesome Christian man and friend who will be sorely missed.*
Jab Brown

Jab Brown - May 22, 2019 at 09:58 PM



“ *Full Heart was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Osborne "Dick" Payson Sr..*



May 22, 2019 at 09:08 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathies to all the family of Dick Payton. We have so many happy and fun memories at the farm when I boarded my horse "Stormy" years ago. Dick always went out of his way to make our stay there fun. I will cherish those memories forever!*

David and Susan Zimmerman

Susan Zimmerman - May 22, 2019 at 07:48 PM

IC

“ We are so sorry to hear about Dick and send our love and prayers to you all. “Old Millbrook” friends are so special and will be missed.
Bill and Ida (Justice) Clemons

Ida Clemons - May 22, 2019 at 06:09 PM

FC

“ From your Family at Chicken Salad Chick purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Richard Osborne "Dick" Payson Sr..



From your Family at Chicken Salad Chick - May 22, 2019 at 03:40 PM

BN

“ Dear Aaron and family and friends, My deepest sympathies to you on the loss of your Uncle Dick. May your happy memories help to sustain you. Sincerely Bernadette and Brian Nelson, Worcester, MA

Bernadette M Nelson - May 21, 2019 at 10:03 PM