



William Payment

January 31, 1947 - May 1, 2016

William "Bobby" George Payment, age 69, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, May 1, 2016 while on a fishing trip north of Newberry, MI at Little Lake. William was born on January 31, 1947 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan to the late William and Lucille (Gregg) Payment. He graduated from Sault High School with the class of 1966. He later earned his Associate's Degree at LSSU in law enforcement. He married Laurene Westover on June 13, 1967 at the First Church of Christ in Sault Ste. Marie. William served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War as a member of the "Big Red 1". He earned the rank of Sergeant. He went on to served in the Army National Guard for 15 years. He worked as a Police Officer in Sault Ste. Marie and was hurt in the line of duty, so he continued working as a 911 dispatcher. He had a combined 31 years working for the city of Sault Ste. Marie. William enjoyed fishing, his family (the grandchildren), cribbage, and pool. In his younger years, he was a Demolition Derby trophy winner. William loved everyone and he never met a stranger. William is survived by his wife; Laurene; his two children: William "Billy" (Mary) Payment and Brenda (Joel) Wiggins both Sault Ste. Maie, MI; four grandchildren: Frank (Whitney), Megan, Dale, and Alex; and three great grandchildren: Cheyenne, Diondre and Brayden. He is also survived by his siblings: Jimmy (Janice) Payment of Kincheloe, MI and Leo Payment of Atlanta, GA. Bobby was preceded in death by his parents: one son: James Jonathon Payment; three brothers: Orville Payment, Richard Payment, and Jerry Payment. A

celebration of life gathering will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2016 and the Christopher Columbus Hall from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. In lieu of flowers memorials may be left to the VFW Post # 3676.

Tribute Wall

DC

“ My condolences to Bill's family . Bill and I "practiced" painting a car once when we were in high school . We agreed it looked like a teal fish with the paint runs looking like scales. Many other memories and fun with Bill . Sincerely Dean

Dean carley - May 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ He was a nice caring man who always had a smile. I'm going to miss you neighbor!!

Jennifer Livingston - May 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ RIP in peace Bill. I have pleasant memories of drinking coffee and talking at Rosini's with you many years ago. You had some great stories. Peace and blessings to your family.

Lee Freedman - May 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Rest in peace ...

Jim Boulton - May 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ RIP Bill. You were always a great guy and you will be missed by many. I didn't realize that we shared the same birthdate (1-31-1947). We will all meet again and I hope that you have everything arranged for those of us that will follow...M

Michael Weston - May 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ He was a great cousin and will be missed muchly...

D. Cameron Pittman - May 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ God Bless Bill. I knew him when I was a kid, as I knew his younger brothers, and rekindled the friendship when I was hired as a "Jailer" at Chippewa County. He retired before we could really compare notes of the past. He was a great contributor to our community, and a pleasure to know. Godspeed, Officer Payment. Your shift has been completed.

Richard McBryde - May 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Bill was always full of jokes and fun. I worked across the hall from him when he was at the City Police, and saw him almost annually when he made his trek to Little Lake and the Two Hearted on his Spring fishing trip. Although I haven't seen him in recent years, I thought of him during the Spring fishing season North of Newberry. He will be missed.

TOM MCBRYDE - May 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Mr. Payment was a good man and a heck of an officer! He will be missed!

LuAnn Miller - May 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ I'm so sorry for your loss! Mine too! He was such a great friend! I don't know what else to say, my heart is sad. Prayers and Gods love to you all! I may have signed this twice, not sure.... just so sad.

Sally Jabour - May 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ I will most certainly try to be there. I have company coming, but I want to be there SO much! I loved / Love Bill. He was such a great / beautiful person / soul. I'm going to miss his smile, laughter and hugs. Gods speed to all! Much love and prayers to everyone.

Sally Jabour - May 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ I am so very sorry for you loss. Bill was always a pleasure to work with and just talk to. He will be missed by many.

Herb Henderson - May 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ He was such a wonderful man got such a kick out of teasing him my heart goes out to all his family and friends he will be missed a lot

Linda scruton - May 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Craig, Traci and Donnie Pittman

Traci Pittman - May 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HL

“ Sorry to hear about Bill. We were neighbors, back in the day. Happy to know, he passed, doing what he loved to do. Sincere condolences to his family.

Henry and Patty Lowes - May 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ So sorry for your loss He will be missed on the block

Ray and Sue Padgett - May 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ So sorry about your loss. I wish I could thank him for his service of many wonderful years. He sounds like a wonderful man. I know he had 3 wonderful children. May God Bless your family 😇

Brenda Perry - May 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM