



# Peggy Payne

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## **Peggy Payne**

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**P**eggy Wyatt Payne, 92, passed away December 16, 2014, at her home in Dallas, Texas. A Plano native, Peggy was born August 15, 1922, the proud daughter of Dr. Slater B. and Frances Jackson Wyatt. Peggy's family had a passion for the care and education of children. For their many years of service to the community, both Dr. Wyatt and Peggy's grandfather, Frank W. Jackson, were honored with the naming of Wyatt and Jackson Elementary Schools in Plano After graduating from Plano High School, Peggy earned a BS degree at SMU where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority, SMU beauty nominee, and Rotunda favorite A beautiful blonde with a powerful voice, she played the accordion and sang with the college quartet "Three Co's and an Ed". Peggy had a brilliant mind and her recall of people's lives, businesses, and her family heritage was unmatched. In 1944, Peggy married her college sweetheart, Felix Payne, Jr, and the couple later moved to Wichita Falls with their two young sons. Peggy spent 21 years there raising her family and working as the Vice President of Development at Southwest National Bank. In Dallas, she was owner and manager of the Wyatt Building on Yale Boulevard. She owned and operated a costume jewelry business, "Pretty Things" for 16 years. Peggy treasured her faith, family and friends. Her style and grace were evident in her frequent, thoughtful notes. Peggy always strived to make the world a better place and never hesitated to take the time to write a letter to a company's president to praise or comment on how they could improve their business. She was quick with advice on hairstyles and fashion and could recall and recite instantly the perfect poem for any occasion. She lived her favorite quote every day: "Let us be grateful to people that make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom into our best selves." Peggy was named Wichita County's Polio Mother of the Year for the March of Dimes in 1957. An active member of the Dallas Woman's Club, The Dallas Garden Club, The First Friday Club and Pi Beta Phi Alumni Club, she served on



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various committees at Highland Park United Methodist Church. Preceded in death by her beloved son, Felix "Tracy" Payne, III; parents, Dr. Slater B. and Frances Jackson Wyatt of Plano; sister, Dorothy, Mrs. James Lucas Stephenson, Sr. and her brother, Jackson R. Wyatt. Survived by her devoted son, Slater Wyatt Payne, and his loving wife, Judy Burbank Payne; her grandsons and their families whom she adored: Curtis Wyatt Payne and wife Rachel and their daughter, Presley; Derek Slater Payne and wife, Kami, their son, Slater, and daughter, Skylar; and Trey Burbank Payne, all from the Houston area. Peggy also leaves behind a treasured niece, Nancy Stephenson Ortiz and her husband, Frankie Ortiz, and nephew, Jack R. Wyatt, Jr. all of Dallas. Peggy's family would like to thank Hospice Plus for the kind and compassionate way they comforted her in her final days. A private burial will be at Restland Cemetery in Dallas. A celebration of Peggy's life will be held on Monday, December 22, at 3:30 PM, Rev. Terry Jones will officiate at Highland Park United Methodist Church, 3300 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Texas with visitation afterwards, in Fellowship Hall. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Restland Funeral Home and Memorial Park, 13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX 75238 at Restland Road. In lieu of flowers, a memorial gift may be made in Peggy's honor to Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, 2222 Welborn Street; Dallas, Texas 75219 [www.tsrhc.org](http://www.tsrhc.org) or a charity of choice.



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DI

**Don Iglehart** posted:

Peggy was a dear friend to Dorothy since their early childhoods in Plano. Peggy used to say they knew each other before they were born because their mothers used to walk together when they were pregnant with the two of them. I will treasure forever Peggy's beautiful tribute to their friendship at Dorothy's memorial service in March of 2010. She became my friend as well when we were all in SMU together. She loved people and was happiest when she was with her friends, and there were many. Peggy was a fighter. She refused to give up in the face of the fatal lung disease that was diagnosed about six years ago. She continued to be an active participant in life until the very end. I admired her and valued her friendship. Don Iglehart

August 24 at 4:21 PM

SD

**Steve Dillon** posted:

Again Great Memories Of our youth knowing Peggy in Wichita Falls- she was one of a kind and surely had her own mind- she will be missed by all and I still will remember her chaperoning Wyatt's Dance parties , Steve D

August 24 at 12:25 PM



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TL

**Tom Lea** posted:

My memories of my Aunt Peggy are from more than forty years ago. And yet, I think of her quite often. If I had to describe my Aunt Peggy in one word, that word would be ELEGANT. She was a beautiful woman, always impeccably dressed and coiffed. I recall many happy times when we would stay with Aunt Peg and Uncle Felix, Wyatt and our beloved Tracy. There were the nights staying up watching Shock Theater, catching tarantulas in the ravine behind their first house, playing in the ? spook house?. When they moved to Morningside Drive, I remember almost drowning my brother in their pool (and then he almost drowning me). I remember Sweet Tracy ? his courage and cheerfulness in the face of his polio. The brace he had to wear; his smile even when he was strapped in the iron lung; and his short, eighteen year life. Through it all, I never saw Aunt Peg sad or not composed. She gave off a calm and grace that you had to admire. After her divorce from my Uncle Felix, I never saw her again. And yet there is one memory that I will always cherish of her. It was at my Uncle Bill and Mary Jane?s house. We were all sitting around their breakfast room table, reminiscing as families will. We began talking about Mary Jane?s and Felix?s song and dance career when they were kids. Felix mentioned that Peggy was quite a musician in her own right ? an accordionist! He went back to their house and came back with this beautiful accordion. Peggy began playing and entertained us for almost an hour. As she played, she would make funny faces at key points in the songs. We were laughing and singing and asking for encore after encore. One of the happiest moments in my life, thanks to my Aunt Peg. To this day, every time I hear accordion music, I think of Peggy. And I probably will until I die. You see, accordion music – conjunto, zydeco and polka ? are some of my favorite music genres. I think, maybe, because it reminds me of happy times, together with my family. And my lovely, elegant Aunt Peggy.

December 15 at 7:00 PM

RG

**Ralph Garcia** posted:

Peggy was one of my very best favorite customers, she was always encouraging ,always giving the best advice, helping others like my self.Thank you peggy payne with out your wonderful words of advice i wouldn't have made this happened. Thank u once again in my heart you are an angel from god and you will always be in my heart and in everyone else's heart youve ever touched with your wonderful words thank you... rafael garcia

August 24 at 10:45 AM

CK

**Carolyn Mccullough Kelly** posted:

Wyatt,Judy and Family, I am so sorry about the passing of your dear Mom. She was elegant, independent, smart, and beautiful. Daddy was a Director at SWNB and he simply adored her..who didn't? Again, my condolences to such a special woman. Carolyn McCullough Kelly

August 24 at 4:58 AM



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RC

**Rebecca Collins** posted:

What a blessing Peggy was to this world. That bright smile, quick brilliant mind, open and dear and loving heart. I feel so lucky to have known her. With my mother and Peggy I got to see a miraculous, purely delightful friendship...what a treasure to have a lifetime (literally) friend, with whom one could laugh out loud together, brightest smiles on earth.....that kind of laughter you really only get with that kind of long term loving friendship. What a duo. She was so brave, so fun, so active, Always reaching out to others, and "making happy". What a precious family she raised...all so dear, Wyatt and Judy, you all were so wonderful to her, with her, especially in the last months. She was fun and sharp til she just decided to peacefully go to sleep. Before that she was alert, on top of everything, and just beautiful, with "great hair", and a great wit and sense of humor. I think our moms are just getting heaven organized, having parties up there, cheering everyone else up... that's a reunion I would have loved to witness! Love to all of you. That picture says so much..."HELLO, HERE I AM, LET'S PARTY and at the same time SO LONG, HAVE FUN, YOU KNOW I WILL. A bushel and a peck Love, Becky I Collins

December 15 at 7:00 PM

JP

**Judy Payne** posted:

Peggy was always encouraging people to "do better" and "look their best" (or stay at home). Her favorite carpet cleaner came this week and was so saddened to hear of her passing. He told me how she always encouraged him to do better. He was very good at what he did and honest. She told him if he would jump ship with his present company and start up his own, she would help him by promoting him to her very many friends. One month ago, he started his own company. He couldn't have been more grateful to Peggy for her suggestions and encouragement. Peggy made a difference in peoples lives. She took the time to write notes to companies to praise their products or give advice on how to improve their products or their advertisements. There is no one like Peggy Payne. She was, and still is, a treasure in my life. I will always be grateful to have had her as a mentor in my life.

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JU

**Judy** posted:

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HM

**Hayden Mitchell** posted:

Payne Family mere words cannot express the sadness I am feeling for the loss of this great lady! I had the true privilege getting to know Peggy while assisting the son of a friend of mine when he was tasked with finding former Plano High School/Plano Senior High School Football Sweethearts/Homecoming Queens in 1998 for which I found out that Peggy was the PHS 1939 Football Sweetheart and ensured that she was invited to homecoming to be presented on the field during half time of the PSHS Homecoming Game. Peggy was also classmates with my father Ray "Boney" Mitchell, and friends with Davis "Clods" Thompson, Elizabeth Pearson Thompson (PHS Football Sweetheart 1935 & 1936) to name a few. Getting to know Peggy and having the privilege to interact with her during several of these homecoming games I could see exactly why she was selected for such an honor by the football team, and the entire school. She was one of the most elegant and classy ladies that ever represented the football players with this honor. My thoughts and prayers are with you and know that Peggy's legacy will live on in the memories of all that have known the great lady that she is. Hayden Mitchell Lifetime Plano resident & 1978 PSHS graduate

December 15 at 7:00 PM

RD

**Restland Of Dallas** posted:

Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Peggy Payne.

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Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Peggy Payne.

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