



## Cheryl Payne

December 3, 1950 - February 21, 2009

PAYNE, Mrs. Cheryl Christine - Age 58, passed away Saturday, February 21, 2009 at St Joseph Mercy Hospital Oakland. Funeral service 11:00a.m. Friday, February 27, 2009 at Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, 123 Wessen St., Dr. Drew Marshall, officiating. Interment Perry Mount Park Cemetery, 878 N. Perry St. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 1:00p.m. Friday. There will be no public viewing.

# Tribute Wall

TB

“ Sorry I can't be with you at this time of need. But you are in my thoughts and prayers. May God Be with you in your loss. The same God who made you, loves you with all the tenderness and compassion a Father's heart can hold. You are more important to him than you could ever imagine. At this time of sadness, may you find strength in God and comfort in the warm and loving thoughts of others.....call upon me in the day of trouble...I will deliver thee\*\*\*\*PSALMS 50:15

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**Twyla Mays- Bradley** - February 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TU

“ Cheryl was my supervisor for a number of years in Flint before transferring to Pontiac. She was a positive role model for me and a great all around person. It was in part, through her leadership that helped me to move into a management role. My sincere condolences to the family. God bless you Cheryl!

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**Thomas Utley** - February 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ My prayers go out to the family and her friends

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**BRIAN GRANGER** - February 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I AM SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT THE PASSING OF CHERYL.

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**JEANNE SUMMERS** - February 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ SO SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR LOSS. CHERYL WAS A VERY SWEET AND CARING PERSON . SHE WILL BE MISSED. MAY GOD BLESS YOUR FAMILY.YOU WILL BE IN MY PRAYERS.

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**EARLEY COLLINS** - February 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ I only worked with Cheryl for a short time in Genesee County, but she was a joy to be around. My prayers and sympathy go out to the family. Sunset in one place is Sunrise in another.

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**Bobie Douglas** - February 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Cheryl not only to the family but to the Department. She was an excellent person to work with during the short time that we were in the Genesee County North District together. She was an amazing person. Please accept my expression of sympathy to the family.

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**Nancy Somers** - February 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ I met Ms. Payne while working for the Oakland County DHS. She was not my immediate supervisor, however her door was always open to me. Ms. Payne was a very upfront individual with smirk that you just couldn't help but love. She was a wealth of knowledge as well as asset to anyone that shared a conversation with her. She will be sadly missed. May God bless you family.

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**Tamika January** - February 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VE

“ I am so sad. Mrs. Payne was such a nice lady. I pray her family to have strength in the Lord and try to make it through. God bless you.

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**Venetta** - February 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Cheryl was very helpful to me as I first became a manager for the State of Michigan. She had a positive impact on me and I will miss her. I will keep her family in my prayers!

Dan

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**Dan Savoie** - February 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ SHE WILL BE MISSED.

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**SANDRA M WILSON** - February 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Dear Family,  
In this time of your loss, I lift you up in prayer. I pray that in your sorrow, you'll find that God is there. And though we can't be with Ms. Payne, she is in our thoughts each day. For I shall always remember her when I kneel and pray. Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day, unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear.  
Death leaves a heartache no one can heal; Love leaves a memory no one can steal.

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**Corliss D. Tripp** - February 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ On behalf of Odelia Davis Stringer (Cheryl's Aunt) and family (Daughters: Marietta S. Wilson, Jennifer A. Stringer, Patricia E. Stringer and Georgette A. Stringer and Son: Carl (Betty) D. Stringer, Sr.), we extend our deepest sympathies. We pray that God will comfort and strengthen the entire family during this very difficult time. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you.

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**Georgette A. Stringer** - February 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I worked with Cheryl for a few years in Genesee County and was glad that our paths cross. She was funny yet a force to be reckon with. I pray for your comfort in your memories of her. Pleaa remember to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

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**Mary Davis-Taylor** - February 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ I have always been glad that I had a chance to know Cheryl. She was a bright spot in Genesee County and would go out of her way to help anyone and to make a difference. Cheryl will definitely be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family.

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**Melanie Piper** - February 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Ms. Payne has always been the structure and foundation of our Unit here at DHS. She always found the time for us, be it personal or professional. She has enlightened our spirits more than can be imagined and touched each one of our hearts individually. She our backbone, like David and Goliath, defending us no matter what the situation. Ms. Payne, you will ALWAYS be in our hearts, never be forgotten, and ALWAYS loved. My prayers to all of her family and dear friends. Rest in Peace My Sister and May God Rock Your Soul in the Bosom of Abraham.

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**Marsha Maxey** - February 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ I haven't known Cheryl as long as many have, but I consider her a friend, and I'm having a hard time inagining what it's going to be like around work without her. She was such a GREAT person to be around. My heart goes out to her family, and she will all ways be in my prayers.  
Cheryl I miss you.

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**JoLynn Tanzini** - February 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Ms Payne was my supervisor for only a short time but she really left her mark. She was an advocate for the people we served as well as the people who worked under her. She was an energetic and kind woman who will be sorely missed. My prayers go out for her whole family. God Bless you Cheryl

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**Kathy Hopper** - February 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ I MET CHERYL WHILE WORKING AT THE DHS OFFICE IN PONTIAC,MI. AND ALTHOUGH CHERYL WAS NOT MY IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR SHE SHARED HER ADVICE,KNOWLEDGE AND KIND HEART WITH ME WITH NO STRINGS ATTACHED. FROM MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH CHERYL SHE WAS A STRAIGHT FOURTH YET DOWN TO EARTH , TELL IT LIKE IT IS PERSON.SHE ALWAYS MADE HERSELF READILY AVAILABLE AND FOR THOSE THINGS SHE WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED AND WILL SADLY BE MISSED. TO THE FAMILY OF CHERYL - STAY STRONG , HOLD TO YOUR FAITH- AND KNOW THAT GOD HAS EVERYTHING IN DIVINE ORDER. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU IN YOUR PRECIOUS TIME OF NEED.

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**KIMBERLY FLOWERS-CAREY** - February 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ Cheryl was like sunshine, she always had a kind word and a pleasant smile that would always brighten up my day. I will miss you but you will always have a special place in my heart. My prayers will be with the family.

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**Finetta Bridgewater** - February 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ Cheryl was a beautiful person to know. Very kind, helpful and loving. She will truly be missed!!

*My condolences to Val Bell and her family.*

*Be Blessed  
Love Pamela Pringle*

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**Pamela Pringle** - February 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *My deepest sympathies and condolences. Your family is in my heart and prayers. Cheryl was a beautiful person and a very supportive manager. She will be missed by all who were privileged to know her.*

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**LaChay Wilson** - February 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Cheryl's passing. We met years ago when she first came to Genesee Co. She was a great person and we had many good times while she was here. She was extremely intelligent, loved words and used them very effectively(just a few of her many qualities). I will miss her. Gone too soon, but never forgotten. My prayers to the family. God Bless.*

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**Sheila Wilson** - February 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ You get an empty feeling inside when you lose a loved one. You start thinking about the little things that you always took for granted. I miss my sister and just the little things -- the way she smiled, her sense of humor, how she always stayed cold even in the summer and how she loved the summer heat. Just the little things. She was so smart, intelligent and very knowledgable of all subjects. The way she would act when watching a baseball game on television. Just the little things. How proud she was of her family and how deeply she loved her family. I looked at her as the historian of the family and whenever I had a question about how are they related to us, I could always ask her and she would know the answer and break it down so well. I'll never forget the look on her face everytime I took her only grandchild Diamond to see her and the conversations that she had with her granddaughter. I'll never forget the comfort I felt when we did family stuff together. Again, just the litte things. As I read the many tributes from her co-workers and others, I am impressed by the kind things they all said about her and happy that they really knew her just from what they said about her. Before she left this earth I know my sister knew how much she was loved and respected by her family and friends. I miss you dear sister and forever will love you and keep you in my heart right next to Momma, Daddy and Byron.

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**Marilyn S. Davis-Williams** - February 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Sis. Payne was such a lovely person, we taught in the childrens/youth on Thursday nights. She was very dedicated and loved children. We will definitely miss her. The family will continue to be in my prayers.

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**LEAH BUGGS** - February 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM