



John Russell Payne

July 19, 1958 - February 25, 2011

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“Russ”

Age 52, of Palm Beach Gardens, FL passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on Friday, February 25, 2011. Russ was born July 19, 1958 in Murray, Kentucky to Donald and Anne (Stonis) Payne. Russ was the owner/operator of Lighthouse Pools, Inc., and a dedicated youth coach in PBG. Russ' #1 passion of life was his family. He was a devoted friend to all that knew him and has touched the lives of many.

Survivors include his loving wife, Cori; his two adored children, Tyler and Taylor; his father, Donald (Marge) Payne; mother, Anne Payne; brothers, Richard (Lisa) Payne and Ronald Payne; mother-in-law, Pat (Jerry) Soltisiak; two nephews, Aaron and Ryan; one niece, Andrea.

Friends may visit with the family from 5-9 PM, Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home, 250 Center Street, Jupiter, FL 33458. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 6 PM, Thursday, March 3, 2011 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 13591 Prosperity Farms Road, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410. Interment will take place 10 AM, Friday, March 4, 2011 at Riverside Memorial Park, Tequesta, FL. For directions & online condolences, please visit www.taylorandmodeen.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *John Russell Payne*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *I just happened to have been talking with someone about old times and the Big Apple in Tequesta, Florida came up, and then suddenly your name, and then suddenly the news of your passing. Russ, I worked with you there. You dubbed me "Junior" in the Big Apple kitchen, while you proclaimed your occasional culinary creations "Wold Renowned" because you made them. This displays your good-natured and very, very fun character. That was many years ago, the late 70s and early 80s, and we each went different ways. I'm glad to see you went on to live a happy and rich, albeit too short life.*

Stephen Ewen - Green Bay, WI - Co-worker at Big Apple in Fla - September 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I stayed at your home, swam in your pool and played with your 2 lab dogs. We ate together and enjoyed each others company. Russ you will be so missed, you will always be remembered and my thoughts are with Cory, your 2 children, brothers Ron and Rick ,your mom Anna,. and the rest of your family. My deepest sympathy. Dawn Witek (New Jersey)*

Dawn Witek - His brother Ron's fiance. - March 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I just moved to The area just 9 months ago and met John at our basketball draft. He was so warm and friendly and helped me with some of the names! He was a class act and all the kids loved him. I just found out today when I saw someone from basketball. I am still in total shock just seeing him a couple of weeks ago! I will keep him and his family in my daily prayers!

Michael Ortiz - Palm Beach Gardens, FL - Friend - March 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

D7

“ Russ & I met in the late 70's when working at Club Spanky in Long Branch, NJ. We called him 'Big' Russ....and then he relocated to Tequesta to help David renovate the Big Apple Restaurant... Russ, you were so much fun, a hard worker and part of our Big Apple family! You are 'gone too soon'....My deepest sympathy goes out to your family, Cory & your children~Your memories will live forever in our hearts~ May you rest in peace~ Love, Debbie

Debbie Calise - Eatontown, NJ - Friend from 70's - March 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Hey Russ

This is to the Magic Carpet Ride, I will miss you and my best to your wife and children always and forever.

Biff & Muffy

Biff Muffy - Raleigh, NC - Friend - March 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Russ,

Thank you for being so wonderful to my boys. You encouraged them to be the best they could and always made them laugh. I am so honored to have known you. I will miss you dearly! As Adam said, the only thing that makes sense is that God needed a new pool and coach for all his angels. You are the best and are missed by all who knew you.

*Susan Hassett
xoxoxoxo*

Susan Hassett - Friend - March 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ *Was a real pleasure to have the chance of knowing you. Always honest and hard working, we will miss you much. It is very sad that such a great man's life was cut so short.*

We remember you coming to visit us every now and then at the showroom with your new projects, always smiling and fun to work with. You always had such kind and loving things to say about your family.

We will always remember you and your family is in our prayers.

*Eric and Karen
Accurate Tile*

Eric & Karen Laflamme - Friend - March 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Shared some good times over the years with you and Charles, the Big Apple; the oceanfront condo you guys shared in Jupiter;...so sorry your life was cut so short. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family in this difficult time.

Michele Ancona Downs - Friend - March 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Cori....you and your children are loved very much by the Marsh Pointe family...Mr Payne was a loving kind man who will be missed by many...we are all here for you, Taylor and Tyler.
We love you!
Ms. Donna :)

Donna Wildhorn - Palm Beach gardens, FL - friend - March 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I am deeply saddened by Russ' sudden passing. I'm one of the many people who worked with Russ over the years and was proud to call him a friend. His absence will be felt by many, none more so than his wife and children to whom I send my heartfelt condolences.

Mark Mazzoli - Port St Lucie, FL - Friend - March 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM