



## James Payden Jr.

October 22, 1944 - July 12, 2025

James Payden Jr. was born on October 22, 1944, in Youngstown, Ohio, the beloved third child of James and Mabel Payden. He departed this life unexpectedly surrounded by his loving family on July 12, 2025. A veteran of the U.S. Army, James had a passion for sports. He coached many baseball, basketball and softball teams in Michigan and Ohio. James absolutely adored his grandchildren and great-grandchildren who affectionately knew him as "Papa."

In 1967, he met and later married Lorene Madison, and together they built a beautiful family, raising six children: Phyllis, John, Cassandra, James, Howard, and Sharlene. He remained very active in his children's and grandchildren's lives, cherishing every moment.

James dedicated many years of service as an electrician for Detroit Edison before retiring. He enjoyed traveling, golfing, playing racquetball, getting pedicures and taking vacations with his family. He remained a constant in his extended family's lives who lovingly referred to him as "Uncle June."

James was preceded in death by his parents, James Sr. and Mabel Payden; his daughter, Phyllis; his sister, Ardene; and his brother, Frank.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Lorene; his children, John, Cassandra, James (Lynnell), Howard (Karena), and Sharlene (James). He also leaves to cherish his memory thirteen grandchildren: Marqueshia, Phillip, Jaymee, Brandon (Big B), Brandon (Lil B), Kabria, Bryanna, Jalen, James (IV), Karena, Jayla, Syncere, and Jaden; as well as nine great-grandchildren:

Kierra, Kayla, Lil Phillip, Josiah, Brandon, Zakari, London, Eziah, and Kaison. He is also survived by his sisters, Betty Askew and Laureen Spivey, and a host of other nieces, nephews and loving relatives and friends.

Friends may visit at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., Toledo, OH on Friday, July 18 from 1:00 until the time of the funeral ceremony at 2:00 p.m. Interment will be private.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 18. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614


## Funeral Ceremony

JUL 18. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614

# Tribute Wall

BL

“ He was the coolest guy i know. My friend  you've earned your wings. Missed but not forgotten Sister Niecy Lanier

Bernice Lanier - July 29, 2025 at 03:21 PM

CA

“ Cassandra planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Payden Jr..

Cassandra - July 18, 2025 at 02:31 AM

CA

“ Cassandra purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of James Payden Jr..



Cassandra - July 18, 2025 at 02:31 AM

AM

“ Arleen, Tracy, Aason, Cimone & Monique purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Payden Jr..



Arleen, Tracy, Aason, Cimone & Monique - July 17, 2025 at 11:43 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of James Payden Jr..



July 17, 2025 at 05:13 PM



“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - July 17, 2025 at 04:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Payden Jr..

July 17, 2025 at 12:33 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Payden Jr..



July 17, 2025 at 12:33 PM

DR

“ There are no words that can make this better ,but please know your Chaplaincy family are here for you.We're thinking of you and your family and sending you strength& comfort during this difficult time .Local 12 Chaplaincy Committee

Doris Roberts - July 17, 2025 at 12:32 PM

FG

“ From Trice (The Griffin's) purchased the Express Sympathy and Condolences "I Have You in My Heart" with Butterfly Wind Chime for the family of James Payden Jr..



From Trice (The Griffin's) - July 17, 2025 at 10:57 AM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Payden Jr..

July 17, 2025 at 10:46 AM

JR

“ Juanita, Yunique, and Jordan Robinson. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Payden Jr..

Juanita, Yunique, and Jordan Robinson. - July 17, 2025 at 09:18 AM

JR

“ Juanita, Yunique, and Jordan Robinson.  
purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for  
the family of James Payden Jr..



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**Juanita, Yunique, and Jordan Robinson.** - July 17, 2025 at  
09:18 AM

KM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**K. Madison** - July 17, 2025 at 01:45 AM

KF

“ Kent Madison & Family purchased the *Arrive in S*  
*tyle* for the family of James Payden Jr..



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**Kent Madison & Family** - July 17, 2025 at 01:08 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for  
the family of James Payden Jr..



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July 16, 2025 at 09:02 PM

MS

“ *Martin Soldenwagner purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Payden Jr..*



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**Martin Soldenwagner** - July 16, 2025 at 04:03 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Payden Jr..

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July 16, 2025 at 10:41 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Payden Jr..*



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July 16, 2025 at 10:41 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of James Payden Jr..*



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July 15, 2025 at 08:22 AM

PG

“ Jim was a mentor and friend to many. He was always available to lift you up and encourage you. I had the privilege of knowing and working with Jim for many years. He leaves behind many family members and his wife Lorene which will miss him dearly. Jim thank you and your family for all the great memories and I know we will never say goodbye in glory!

Paul J Gibbs - July 15, 2025 at 07:24 AM

DR

“ Wishing you peace and comfort during this challenging time. Please accept our our deepest sympathies Local 12 Chaplaincy Committee

Doris Roberts - July 14, 2025 at 09:59 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Earl Armstrong - July 14, 2025 at 09:24 PM

EF

“ Earl & Monica Armstrong Family purchased the S imply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Payden Jr..



Earl & Monica Armstrong Family - July 14, 2025 at 09:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Payden Jr..

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July 14, 2025 at 08:55 PM