



Jane Payne

March 3, 1933 - January 6, 2023

Mrs Jane Headley Payne, 89, of Milledgeville, passed away January 6, 2023 after an extended illness.

Mary Jane Brune was born in 1933 in Baltimore, Maryland. She was one of five children of Lawrence and Catherine Brune.

In the early 50s, Jane met William "Bill" Headley, a medical student at the University of Maryland. Bill and Jane married June 29, 1955. Bill then accepted an internship at Johns Hopkins and then 2 years at NIH as a fellow. During this time, the family moved to Charlottesville, VA before moving to Augusta, GA. where Bill taught surgery at the Medical College of Georgia.

By this time the family had grown to five children and Bill accepted a job in Milledgeville, where he practiced medicine for 28 years. Jane, even while raising 5 children, also filled positions like cub scout mom, president of the Milledgeville swim Team, and president of the Baldwin County Hospital Auxiliary.

Jane loved gardening and was very active in the local art community. The Navy caught wind of her talents and commissioned her for a portrait of the late Carl Vinson. She laughed that, even though it was an honor to have been chosen for this task, she never was actually paid.

Around 1980, Bill and Jane divorced, and both remarried. Jane then married Charles "Chuck" Payne. In the early 90s, Chuck and Jane took off on a cross-country whirlwind tour of the US on a Goldwing motorcycle. Chuck preceded Jane in death in 2003. For the next 20 years, Jane remained the matriarch and shining light of her 5 children, 7 grand children, and 3 great grand children.

Services will be held Saturday, January 28, 2023 at 2PM at St Stephen's Episcopal Church.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Stephens Episcopal Church
220 S. Wayne St.
Milledgeville, GA 31061

Tribute Wall

CS

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Jane Headley Payne, who was like a second mother to me back in the 60s and 70s. Having her youngest daughter Kim as my forever friend since the age of 5, I was fortunate to spend many hours in that beautiful home in Carrington Woods. All the kids in the neighborhood wanted to be friends with the Headley kids, in part because they had the coolest mother in town. She would pile loads of us in the back of her station wagon and haul us to Pete’s Place to pick out fireballs, ‘wax lips’, and pixy sticks. Then on the return trip back to the house, she would take the curvy parts of Lakeside Drive near the big cliff at a speed that had all of us kids screeching with laughter. Jane was elegant, witty, artistic beyond compare, and she had an incredible eye for design. Her passion for gardening was the envy of the neighborhood. I remember being fascinated with her koi pond in the backyard. Jane’s beautiful legacy is that her many gifts and talents were passed down to all of her five beloved children. I have been blessed by knowing this special lady.

Catherine Cardoso Sweat - January 30, 2023 at 08:27 PM

AC

“ Jane, or Mrs. Headley as she always was for me, was my godmother. As my mother wrote below, they asked this special friend to take the honored spot of being their third and last child's godmother. She did so with lots of love, verbal encouragement, a few outings, and some generous art classes. I have many memories of being up at the (their) big house walking her garden with her, swimming in the pool, or following her like a puppy dog around her house as she did her chores yet also sharing with me memories of pictures, furniture, or paintings she had created. The energy she had was infectious; she was always happily busy on some project, and ever positive of an outcome. Quite an inspiration and a blessing of a godmother. Rest in Peace in our Lord's loving arms.

Angela Cardoso - January 28, 2023 at 08:25 AM



“ Jane was one of the first people I met when my family and I moved to Milledgeville in 1964. We lived only two houses away from each other in Carrington Woods. She took me 'under her wing' and made sure I met people and even took me with her on outings. Our children were young at that time and enjoyed playing with each other. Jane was so much fun to be around as she was compassionate and understanding. If she was working in her beautiful garden, which was one of her many passions, she would take time to visit, listen, and make you feel as though you were important.

She was a gifted artist, creating so many beautiful paintings over the years. Once when she was taking an art class in Augusta, she asked me if I would sit for the class. One day we drove in the snow when no one else was brave enough to be out and about. On another occasion, she dressed me up as a clown to sit for a class she was teaching. I still cherish the paintings she did of me all those years ago.

Even in her garden clothes, Jane was always elegant and beautiful. She was gentle and loving, and I am blessed to have known her. Although we didn't see a lot of each other these last few years, whenever my children were home, her name along with one of her five wonderful children usually came up in the conversation beginning with 'Remember when...'. I am grateful for each and every 'remember when' and I treasure every memory of my precious friend, Jane.

Carol Cardoso - January 27, 2023 at 04:31 PM

LH

“ Jane was a BEAUTIFUL lady inside and out, a kind, gentle spirit and an amazing artist. I always wanted something she had painted and wish I had gotten something back in the day. She was one special lady for sure, and I loved knowing her as a little girl, as well as a grown adult. She will be greatly missed by us. The world was brighter because of her.



Lisa Helton Hudson - January 24, 2023 at 07:12 PM

JA

“ I was best friends with her oldest son back mostly in the '70s. We did some crazy things my mother would have killed me for had she found out but Jane had a way of finding out and would only say things like “you boys be careful”. I was always amazed at what a talented artist she was by seeing her drawings and paintings around their house. She was such a beautiful classy lady and seemed to be a wonderful mother. My prayers go out to the family.

Jimmy Arnold - January 22, 2023 at 11:08 AM

MH

“ Jane lived a life to be admired. She lived a life of love, kindness and integrity. A wonderful lady and I am glad she was a part of my life. Condolences to the family.

Margie Headley - January 18, 2023 at 06:24 AM

DH

“ I've always considered myself extremely fortunate to have this amazing person as my mother. I have a box of photo albums in front of me. I'll spend the next few days stirring up wonderful memories of her. I'm thankful to no end that I spent lots of time with Mom in her final weeks.

Dean Headley - January 16, 2023 at 07:24 PM

JB

Sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family

Janice Pounds bivins - January 17, 2023 at 11:48 AM

MA

I have so many precious memories of Jane and will always cherish the precious memories as they come to the forefront of my mind and I admit, tears flow as I truly still miss her each and every time I think about her. Amen!

Mary Archer - January 18, 2023 at 07:40 AM

VD

So sorry for the loss of this beautiful woman. I knew her from Carrington Woods many years ago. though we were only kids, she was the most hospitable host anyone could ask for. I have fond memories of her infectious love for people, animals and nature.

Vickie Duncan - January 18, 2023 at 03:23 PM

DN

On behalf of the Old Capitol Area Chapter/Military Officers Association of America, please accept our sincere condolences as we extend Prayers for our member Jane and to her Family.

1LT Donald H. Nau US Army (Fmr) - President

Donald Nau - January 22, 2023 at 12:14 PM

JM

Jane was such a unique person, exceptional in so many ways. Her compassion and support meant so much to so many. I feel blessed to have been one of them. She will forever be cherished in the hearts of all who loved her.

James McMullen - January 27, 2023 at 01:28 PM



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Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - January 16, 2023 at 01:58 PM