



## Janice Virginia Payne

January 12, 1932 - September 11, 2016

Memorial services for Janice Virginia Payne, 84, of Tyler, will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2016, at 9:30 AM at Meadow Lakes in Tyler with Rev. Bob Green officiating, under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mrs. Payne passed away Sunday, September 11, in Tyler.

She was born January 12, 1932 in Dallas to Clifford and Rena Tull.

Janice spent her early years in Edgewood then attended Arlington Junior College, Texas State Women's College and Long Beach City College, majoring in art and merchandising.

After college Janice started modeling at Neiman-Marcus Department store in Dallas and from there went to New York City, modeling for various dress houses on 7th Avenue which she said "was an experience she will never forget." She became so valuable that she was sent out to 23 states with one manufactures' line and only returned to New York four times a year to pick up the new designs. Her desire for travel increased and she took a job with Braniff Airlines as a hostess. She was with them for two years and after a South American vacation of six weeks she decided to come back to the United States and settle down. Janice married Jesse "Jess" Payne on November 25, 1959 and they were married for 44 years, until his death. She and Jess earned their real estate license in Nevada where they worked until 1970. They then moved to Fallbrook CA and bought an Avocado grove and opened a real estate office. Working in the Avocado grove was a family

affair for Jess, Jan and Jason and their 5 dogs and 11 cats. After Jess died, she moved to Tyler to take care of her mother, finding time to do volunteer work and play bridge, making many new “bridge” friends.

In addition to her parents, Jan was preceded in death by her husband of 44 years, Jesse “Jess” Payne.

She is survived by her loving family including he son, Jason Payne of Vista, California; daughter, Carol Johnson of Fredericksburg and cousins in Van Zandt County.

In lieu of flowers, memorial can be made to The Hospice of East Texas Foundation 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, Texas 75701.

# Previous Events

## Mem. Service

SEP 21. 9:30 AM (CT)

Meadow Lakes Senior Living Community  
16044 CR 165  
Tyler, TX 75703

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Sending our deepest sympathy and condolences to the Payne family.  
May the GOD of all comfort strengthen you to cope and endure at this  
difficult time, sorry for your loss  
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**Mary Ann** - September 14, 2016 at 09:12 AM