

Gene Payne

Private services have been held for Gene Payne of Lancaster, who died on Monday, Sept. 23, in the Antelope Valley Hospital Medical Center at the age of 56. Chapel of the Valley Mortuary in Palmdale was in charge of the arrangements.

Mr. Payne was born Nov. 27, 1928, in Palmdale. He had lived in the Antelope Valley all his life.

He was a mechanic 15 years for the Mojave Truck Stop. He served during World War II in the U.S. Army as a private first class.

He was preceded in death by his father, Blake Payne, in 1967; his mother, Esta Payne, in 1972; his sister, Rosemary, in 1945; and his brother, Phinis, in 1977.

Survivors include two brothers, Clyde Payne of Ocean Beach and Thomas Payne of Lancaster, and three sisters, Helen A. Clerico and Deborah H. Ridgway, both of Lancaster, and Beverly A. Foley of Oceanside.