



## Mr. Keithren L. "Keith" Payne

August 11, 1928 - February 28, 2015

Mr. Keithren L. "Keith" Payne, age 86, a longtime resident of New Hartford, and spent his later years in Ocala, FL, passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at the Abraham House.

Born in Catawba County, North Carolina on August 11, 1928, he was the son of the late David and Maude (Crow) Payne. He moved to Utica as a child and attended local schools. Keithren joined the US Army Air Corp during the latter part of WWII and served in Japan. He married the former Joyce Ann Brunette on July 14, 1951; sharing a union of 56 years prior to her passing on June 13, 2008.

Keith was an Operating Engineer for over 50 years and a member of Local 545 until his retirement in 1996. He was a self-taught man who developed an outstanding work ethic which all of his children admired. He was an avid and talented hunter.

He is survived by his six children and their spouses, Gary M. Payne of Utica, Laura A. Misiaszek of New Hartford, Debra L. and Sam Mancuso of Marcy, James A. and Mindy Payne of Boerne TX, Keith J. Payne of Clark Mills, and David A. Payne of New Hartford. He will be remembered by his grandchildren, Mark and Breanna Mancuso, Michael Mancuso and fiancée Shelby Matthews, David Misiaszek and fiancée Katy Kozminski, Brandon Misiaszek, Brian Payne, Chad and Terra Payne, Abigail Payne, and Zachary Payne; his sister, Peggy Starkey of Greenville, SC; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. Keith was predeceased by two brothers, Jack, and

Buddy Payne; one sister, Delphia Starkey; and brother-in-law, James Starkey. The family is grateful to the staff and volunteers of the Abraham House who took wonderful care of all of his needs, and made his last days very comfortable, as well as sharing concern for his family. Thank you also to Mary Ellen from Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc. for her guidance. Keith's family is following his wishes and will gather privately. Memorial contributions in his honor may be considered to the Abraham House, 1203 Kemble Street, Utica, NY 13501 in lieu of floral offerings.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Marianne Boehlert-Mankad lit a candle in memory of Mr. Keithren L. "Keith" Payne*



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**Marianne Boehlert-Mankad** - March 01, 2015 at 07:07 AM