



Eric Jerome Payne

December 4, 1980 - June 30, 2025

Eric Jerome Payne was born on December 4th, 1980 to Jarvis Parker and Judy Payne in St. Louis, MO. He was educated by way of the Ferguson-Florissant School District where he received his high school diploma from Berkeley High School in 1999. At an early age, he confessed faith in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior.

Eric departed this life on June 30th, 2025 in Waco, Texas. He was preceded in death by his grandmothers Chariss Lee Mason “Charlsie” and Jimmie Lee Thomas-Payne.

Eric will be lovingly remembered for his joyful spirit, sense of humor, and the laughter he brought to those around him. He had a passion for basketball and chess, enjoyed watching movies, writing poetry, and he treasured spending time making memories with his family. His ability to make others smile through his jokes and stories was a gift he shared generously.

Throughout his life, Eric was a dedicated and hardworking individual. He held various positions, including welder and landscaper, and most recently served as a truck driver for Crossroads Transit.

As a teenager, Eric showcased his athletic talent playing AAU basketball for the Hazelwood Lakers. He also found joy in singing as a member of the youth choir at church, where his voice added warmth and spirit to the congregation. Eric's presence will be deeply missed, but the memories he created will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

He leaves to cherish his memories his mother, Judy Payne, his father Jarvis

Parker (Carol), his siblings Robert Davis, Heather Coleman (Martel), Joshua Parker, Tiffany Buchanan (Jermon), Brianna Parker, Jarvis Parker Jr., his daughters Errionna Payne, My'Ana Payne, Destiny Proctor, and Kimanee Payne, 11 nephews, 8 nieces, 3 great nieces, 1 great nephew, and a host of aunties, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Zion Cemetery

St. Louis, MO 63133

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Ferguson Church of the Nazarene
1309 N. Elizabeth Ave.
Ferguson, MO 63135

Funeral Service

JUL 15. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

JUL 15. 1:00 PM (CT)

ZION CEMETERY
7401 St Charles Rock Road
SAINT LOUIS, MO 63133

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Archway Memorial Chapel - July 14, 2025 at 04:41 PM

EM

I can't even find the words to describe how this feels to even draft this message. There are so many memories that flood my mind in this very moment. Thank you for being a friend when I needed it the most. Rest well love! Sending love and light to your family in this time. I know this farewell isn't easy at all. -Etosha M

Etosha Moses - July 15, 2025 at 08:52 PM

TA

“ *This one truly hit different. My heart goes out to you all. I'm praying that you find comfort, strength, and support in one another during this incredibly difficult time. Please know you're in my thoughts.*

Taangela - July 16, 2025 at 12:05 AM

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Etosha Moses - July 15, 2025 at 08:58 PM

KS

“ Ken McGhee & The Archway Staff lit a candle in memory of Eric Jerome Payne



Ken McGhee & the Archway Staff - July 15, 2025 at 02:05 PM

AP

“ Rest up cuz...much Love

Antonio Payne - July 14, 2025 at 11:15 PM

H.

“ Eric was one of the first young men I met at Berkeley Middle School. He was kind to me and invited me to sit at the table with his friends. That was the beginning of my journey at Berkeley. Thank you Bro for inviting me that day. I pray that God comfort your family at this time!

H.Brown - July 14, 2025 at 05:27 PM

BL

“ The Lyles Family sends our deepest condolences to the family. I was a couple years younger than Eric but seems we were together a lot during our childhood especially going on basketball trips in my dad's van from city to city. He definitely was the king of the midrange because of his smooth jump shot. He also had a great sense of humor and knew how to get people to laugh and smile. You will be missed number 5!

Bryant Lyles - July 14, 2025 at 11:45 AM



“ *The Payne-Parker family has made a bigger impact on my life than any other family. Eric and Josh were students when I arrived at Berkeley High School. Being the head girl's coach, I was able to see their work ethic and fierce competitiveness in practices on a regular basis. Eric's siblings became my coaches as an athletic director. His family became my family. As much as I enjoyed the roles of teacher, supervisor, colleague and administrator to the family, I cherish the role of friend the most. I love you all and I will always be there for you!*

Keith Rhodes - July 14, 2025 at 10:02 AM

DB

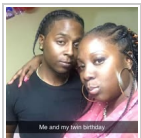
“ *Eric, you will forever live in our hearts.*

Dr. Jacquie Brown-Hadnot - July 14, 2025 at 09:32 AM

S.

“ *Hey cuzzo
I love you and the fun memories we shared the talks. You will forever be apart of my heart and in my life. Im thankful for the memories you shared with me you are a blessing to me and others love you.*

S.Payne - July 10, 2025 at 07:46 PM



“ *Judy I'm praying for you and your family and may God give you all the strength that you need 🙏*



Stephanie Day - July 10, 2025 at 06:34 PM

PC

“ *Parker Cuebas lit a candle in memory of Eric Jerome Payne*



Parker Cuebas - July 10, 2025 at 03:09 PM

PC

Praying for the family and friends of Mr. Payne. Judy we are all thinking about you. God is close to the broken hearted.

Parker Cuebas - July 10, 2025 at 03:10 PM