



Ragan Leigh Payne

June 9, 1980 - February 1, 2026

Virginia Beach-Ragan Payne, 45, passed away on Sunday, February 1, 2026. She was born on June 9, 1980 in Portsmouth, Virginia. She was the daughter of Karen and Bill Shoaf, and C.C. and Christine Smith. Ragan was predeceased by her husband and best friend Kimball Payne; her paternal grandfather Leon Smith Sr.; and her maternal grandparents Eddie and Patty Joyner.

Left to cherish her memory are her precious children, son Maddox and daughter Owyn; her brother Jeremy Smith and wife Sara, nephews Ike and Ivan Smith; grandmother Burma Smith; father and mother-in-law, Dr. John and Jane Payne; brother and sister-in-law, David and Jennifer Payne; nephews, Beckett and Xander. Also left to cherish her memory are many aunts, uncles, cousins and her large network of friends.

Ragan loved her family, loved being anywhere there was water and sunshine, especially at Chix Beach with her friends. She would light up a room just by her presence, and to know her was to love her. She had a way of making people feel better about themselves with her tender and loving heart. Friendships, whether family or friends, meant everything to her.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 PM, Saturday February 21, 2026, at First Baptist Norfolk, 312 Kempsville Road, Norfolk, VA 23502.

In lieu of flowers, you may give your gift of love to the Downs Syndrome Association of Hampton Roads (dsahr.org) in remembrance of Ragan Payne.

Many thanks to J.T. Fisher Funeral Services in Chesapeake for their assistance and kindness during this difficult time.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB **21**. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Norfolk
312 Kempsville Rd
Norfolk, VA 23502-4726
(757) 461-3226

Tribute Wall

TK

“ Our hearts and prayers go out to the family!
She was loved by so many!
We have donated to Ragan's charity. May
those happy memories help
you all through. With Love, Tim and Jackie
Kittrell



Tim and Jackie Kittrell - February 24 at 02:28 PM



“ In loving memory of Ragan Payne, a donation was made to the
Downs Syndrome Association of Hampton Roads in her honor.

May her light continue to shine through her beautiful children and
everyone who loved her. She will always be remembered.

With love,
Martin and Rebecca Joseph

Rebecca Duncan-Joseph - February 21 at 08:49 AM

EF

“ Edward Musante Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ragan Leigh
Payne.

Edward Musante Family - February 20 at 05:07 PM

EF

“ Edward Musante Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ragan Leigh Payne.



Edward Musante Family - February 20 at 05:07 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ragan Leigh Payne.



February 20 at 02:44 PM

MR

“ Matt and Oxana Robertson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ragan Leigh Payne.

Matt and Oxana Robertson - February 19 at 08:33 PM

MR

“ Matt and Oxana Robertson purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Ragan Leigh Payne.



Matt and Oxana Robertson - February 19 at 08:33 PM

SW

“ Stacie Wojcik planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ragan Leigh Payne.

Stacie Wojcik - February 19 at 11:57 AM

SW

“ Stacie Wojcik purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ragan Leigh Payne.



Stacie Wojcik - February 19 at 11:57 AM

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“ Heather Smith & Cindy Sennett (Mcduffee) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ragan Leigh Payne.

Heather Smith & Cindy Sennett (Mcduffee) - February 18 at 06:39 PM

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“ Heather Smith & Cindy Sennett (Mcduffee) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ragan Leigh Payne.



Heather Smith & Cindy Sennett (Mcduffee) - February 18 at 06:39 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ragan Leigh Payne.*



February 18 at 12:46 AM



“ *Maddox and Owyn: I have no words to adequately express my sympathy. You were well and truly loved by both your Mom and your Dad. And my love will always be with you.*

*Aunt Fee
Felicia L. Mason*

Felicia Mason - February 16 at 05:09 PM



“ *I was devastated to hear about Ragan's passing. From the moment I first remember meeting her she was always such a joyful person to be around from the jokes to crazy dance battles. She was so sweet, kind, and caring for everyone around her especially her kids and her late husband Kimble. She was an important person in my family so much I thought of her as another sister I gained in my life. She will be greatly missed and life won't be the same without her.*



Nick Passarella

Nicholas Passarella - February 16 at 09:33 AM

DH

“ Deborah H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ragan Leigh Payne.

Deborah H. - February 15 at 10:01 AM

DM

“ I was so saddened to learn of Ragan’s passing. My heart goes out to her children, C.C., Christine, and the Smith and Joyner families and Ragan’s friends. I will keep all of you in my prayers during this sad time. I hope your memories of Ragan will be a blessing and a comfort to you all.



Debbie Ballentine Meads and Charlie

Debbie Ballentine Meads - February 14 at 04:35 PM

TF

“ The Lancaster-Smith Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Ragan Leigh Payne.

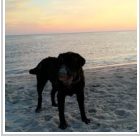


The Lancaster-Smith Family - February 14 at 01:11 PM

TF

“ The Lancaster-Smith Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ragan Leigh Payne.

The Lancaster-Smith Family - February 14 at 01:11 PM



“ *Sending my deepest condolences to the Joyner family and friends. While I didn't know her well, I know how much she was loved by this community. Wishing you all peace and comfort during this difficult time*

Darren Lehm - February 13 at 11:49 PM

AS

“ *Ragan was such a dedicated and caring mother to our student, Owyn. We are very saddened by her sudden passing and will be a source of support for Owyn at school. Sending love and prayers to the family.*

-Anne Stauch

Anne Stauch - February 13 at 04:36 PM

SB

“ *My condolences to all who are experiencing this devastating loss. For me, to be around Ragan was to be happy. She somehow found a way to exude light even through the darkest of times. Even through her tears would pop a quick joke, or that smile.*

Being invited to the Payne household, I always felt privileged, which was ridiculous because everyone was always invited; but to be in their presence, and the presence of those who they were surrounded by, was always a gift. It was always laughter, music, fun, dancing...

Ganster Rap, to Country, to Yacht Rock, as we all know, she did not discriminate.

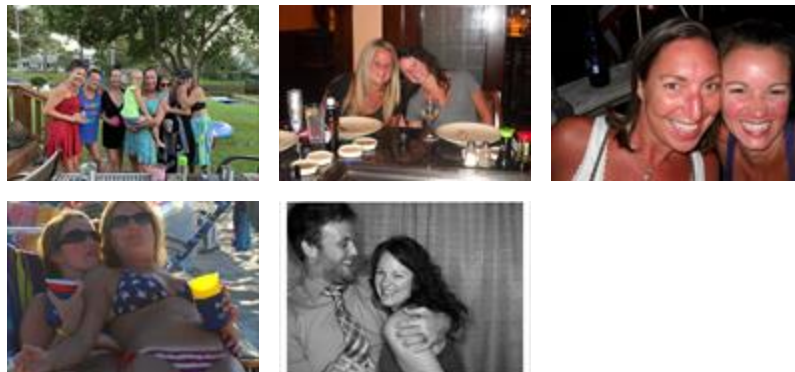
That spirit will carry on, inside all that knew her.

We will find a new place to gather. She will always be there with us. She would call me a total Loser for writing this, but I'm okay with that.

Shane Baker - February 13 at 12:15 PM

SB

“ 6 files added to the album Pictures



Shane Baker - February 13 at 12:07 PM

JF

“ Joyner Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ragan Leigh Payne.

Joyner Family - February 13 at 11:07 AM

JF

“ Joyner Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ragan Leigh Payne.



Joyner Family - February 13 at 11:07 AM

DB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. She was always so kind and considerate and thinking of others. Donna and Jim Belote, Onancock, Virginia.

Donna and Jim belote - February 12 at 09:53 PM

WB

Deepest sympathy to Karen and C C and their families in the lost of Ragan..In our prayers Love in Christ Woody& Dianne Brown

Woody& Dianne Brown - February 19 at 08:15 PM