



## Christine "Chrissy" Payne

May 16, 1958 - May 1, 2026

Christine Marie Payne, known lovingly as "Chrissy," passed away on May 1, 2025, in Ocala, Florida. Born on May 16, 1958, in Schenectady, New York, Chrissy lived a life defined by service, love, and an unwavering devotion to the people around her.

Chrissy's dedication to serving others began early when she joined the United States Air Force. Her commitment to protecting and caring for people didn't end with her military service. While working for Martin Marietta she worked on missiles for Hellfire and Apache Helicopters. She went on to become an ICU nurse, a career she poured herself into for an incredible 31 years. Whether on the front lines of national defense or at a patient's bedside, Chrissy showed up with the same compassion and persistence that defined everything she did.

Away from work, Chrissy was happiest surrounded by the people she loved. She enjoyed crafting, going on vacations, and spending quality time with her family. She was loyal, honest, and endlessly creative, the kind of person who made everyone around her feel seen and cared for. She also had a special bond with her beloved dog, Hooch.

Above all, Chrissy loved her husband, Ralph, and the beautiful family they built together.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Ralph Payne; her daughters, Julie Sanders and Melainie Ammerman; her sons, Jack Burnsworth and Ryan Payne; 11 grandchildren; and 9 great grandchildren.

May she find peace and rest in the light that awaits beyond this life.

Services will be held at Roberts Funeral Home, 606 SW 2nd Ave, Ocala, Florida 34471. The family welcomes all who knew and loved Chrissy to come and celebrate a life so beautifully lived.

# Upcoming Events

## Family and Friends Gathering

MAY 11. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Roberts of Ocala Downtown Chapel  
606 SW 2nd Ave  
Ocala, FL 34471  
(352) 537-8111  
<https://www.robertsfunerals.com/>

## Family and Friends Gathering

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## Graveside Service with Military Honors

MAY 22. 1:30 PM (ET)

Florida National Cemetery  
6502 SW 102nd Avenue  
Bushnell, FL 33513