

Remember Them Forever

Name: Roy Elbert Payne

Birth: 22 Aug 1923
Argyle, Denton County, Texas

Death: 22 Jun 1999
Denton County, Texas

Cemetery: Prairie Mound Cemetery
Cemetery Location: 1006 4th Street
Argyle, TX 76226

Section: East, Block M
Plot GPS: 33° 06' 31" N
97° 13' 33" W

Military: Roy served as a Private First Class (PFC) in the U.S. Army Air Forces during WW II. He enlisted on 05 Nov 1943 and was discharged on 16 Jul 1945.

Civilian: When Roy registered for the draft in 1942, he was employed by North American Aviation. After his military service, 26-year-old Roy was recorded as working as an assembler in an airplane factory in the 1950 Census.

Family: Roy was the son of James Harvey Payne and Sarah Armendia Stinchcomb. He had four brothers and one sister. Two of his brothers, Jesse Lee and Floyd Martin, are also veterans buried in Prairie Mound Cemetery. Roy was married to Zelma Fay Arnold on 18 Dec 1942. The couple raised three sons.

Sources: Ancestry.com; Find a Grave memorial 106428245; 1950 U.S. Census; U.S., World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947; Texas, U.S., Select County Marriage Records, 1837-1965; U.S., Department of Veterans Affairs BIRLS death File, 1850-2020; obituary for Fay Payne, obituaries.rootsweb.com

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