



## Rhonda Lynn Payne

January 10, 1971 - July 22, 2024

Rhonda L. Payne, 53, of South Haven, died Monday, July 22, 2024, at the Corewell Health Lakeland Hospital in St. Joseph.

Services celebrating her life will be held at 1 PM on Thursday, July 25, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Township with Rev. James Dunn officiating. Burial will follow in North Shore Memory Gardens. The visitation will be from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM on Thursday at the Fairplain Chapel. Please send memories or messages to [www.florin.net](http://www.florin.net).

Rhonda was born on January 10, 1971 in St. Joseph to Charles Payne and Betty Payne-Baum. She graduated from Hartford High School in 1993. She enjoyed fishing, painting, and going to the beach. She loved her two cats. She also enjoyed planting flowers in her flower garden. Rhonda was a loving mother and loved being with her family and children.

Rhonda's family includes her mother, Betty (Robert) Baum, of Eau Claire; her sons, Branden (Tisha) Blackston, who is in the US Army, stationed in Hawaii, Cody Blackston of South Haven and Travis Blackston of South Haven; her sisters, Anita (Matt) Hauch of Coloma, and Tresa (Ted) Smith of Niles; her brother, David Payne of Benton Harbor; her four grandchildren and her nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father Charles Payne and the father of her children, Henry Blackston, in March of 2024.



# Cemetery Details

## North Shore Memory Gardens

5027 M 63 N  
Coloma, MI 49038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 25. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service  
1053 East Napier Avenue  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
(269) 926-7222  
staff@florin.net

## Celebration of life

JUL 25. 1:00 PM (ET)

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1053 East Napier Avenue  
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## Burial

JUL **25** (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I love you Rhonda ❤️ thank you for all the great memories growing up, I will treasure them all,

Tammatha Ford - July 25, 2024 at 08:18 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss, I went to high school with Rhonda and she was a great friend, I haven't lived in Michigan for many years but always remember the good times I had with Rhonda, she was a great person and friend. She will be missed. Lori Krenek Graves



Lori Graves - July 25, 2024 at 08:40 AM

LB

“ What a beautiful person she was with a big heart. She had three handsome sons with my cousin Henry Blackston. Haven't seen her in 20 years, but I remember her beautiful smile and warmth personality. God Bless her family and the boys. I pray God gives them peace and comfort in this time of need.

Linda Blackston - July 24, 2024 at 04:22 PM

JD

“ With heartfelt sympathy to Rhonda's family. You have our love and prayers during this transitional time. God bless the Payne family.



Josephine Doss-Smith - July 24, 2024 at 10:01 AM

RK

“ *Rhonda was a very pretty lady and a mother. She always had a smile on her face every time I saw her. Rhonda Will be missed by all who new her . RIP*

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**Ron Kiser** - July 24, 2024 at 09:55 AM