



## **Mrs. Velma Jerome Payne**

April 21, 1922 - September 14, 2020

Mrs. Velma Jerome Payne, age 97 of 1502 Lakeview Road, Fairmont, NC closed her eyes and went to meet her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Monday, September 14, 2020 at her home with her family and friends by her side. Services entrusted to Colvin Funeral Home, Lumberton, NC.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP **26.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel  
1904 Elizabethtown Road  
Lumberton, NC 28358

# Tribute Wall

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“ As I began research on the amazing women who served in WWII for the 6888, the second name on the list was a lady from Elizabeth, NJ. PFC Velma Jerome Arkward born in 1927. According to historic records, she returned from the war and married William Payne from North Carolina. Being a woman, her history is a bit harder to find, but her husband led me to find her here.

*For all those women who followed you, thank you for your courageous service to our country. For all those who never knew, she was part of an exclusive group of women chosen to sort mail. These ladies rose above the hate of the time and showed the world what greatness looked like.*

*As I hold my hand proudly in a salute to you, Madame Private First Class Velma Jerome Payne Nee Arkward, thank you for your service to our county. You are a great yet humble example for all the girls who look for a hero in their communities. These woman may never realize who their mother or grandmother was.*

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**Josephine Oliveri** - January 03, 2025 at 10:24 AM

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“ Love you, miss you so very much, but I no your with Red, Pop Pop, Mate, Aunt Lois, Uncle Jr, Aunt Lila and so many many more, the Lord told me your in good hands and I believe. Love you will see you all one day. Your Son

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**jerome** - September 24, 2020 at 08:33 AM

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“ Praying that Gods caring and comforting presence will surround the family of  
Ms. Velma Jerome Payne and may the love and mercy of our Lord be bestowed upon you at this time .

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**Sheriff Burnis Wilkins** - September 16, 2020 at 08:27 AM