

Clifford Harold James Payne
Leading Aircraftman in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
Service number 1410042
Age 20

Clifford was born at Bushey at the end of 1922. The son of Arthur Joseph and Margaret Payne. Arthur was a poultry dealer.

Arthur Joseph Payne aged 27 married Margaret Benfield aged 22 at the end of 1908. The marriage was registered at Wareham. They lived with their family all their lives at Bushey. They had five children. Clifford was the fourth born.

Arthur died in 1967 aged 86, Margaret died in 1978 aged 92.

Clifford died on the 9th April 1943, aged 20, when the Jeep in which he was travelling to Donna Nook airfield was in collision with a lorry.

RAF Donna Nook was an airfield about 140 miles north of London. Built in 1936 as a relief landing ground. It was used as a small airfield under RAF North Coates control.

Clifford is buried at North Cotes (St Nicholas) Churchyard, Lincolnshire. Grave number 37.

Inscription 'THOU SHALT GUIDE ME WITH THY COUNSEL AND AFTERWARD RECEIVE ME TO GLORY'



Commemorated on the memorial at Corfe Castle