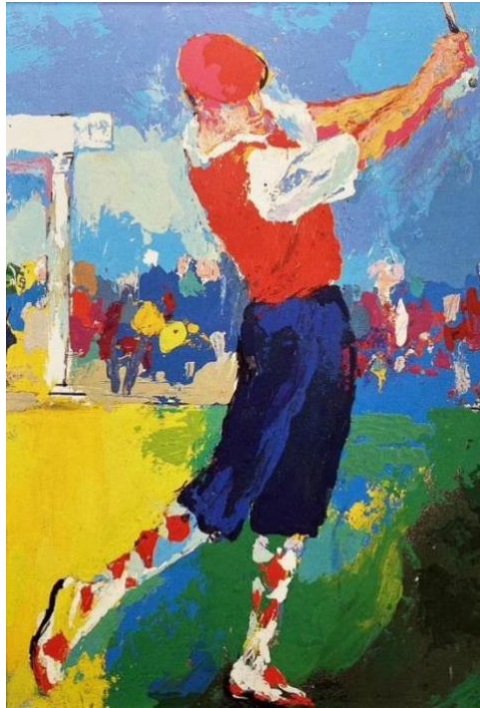


The Life & Legacy of William Payne Stewart



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Payne Stewart

is an iconic figure in the world of professional golf. His unique style, both on and off the golf course, set him apart as one of the most recognizable and beloved personalities in the sport. Known for his distinctive clothing, which included knickers and a tam-o'-shanter hat, Stewart brought a sense of fashion and flair to the game that few others could match. His unique style, sportsmanship, and continuing legacy make him one of golf's most enduring icons both with golfers and non-golfers alike. "A legend is someone who leaves behind an unforgettable impression on others. They touch lives, they're remembered, they're cherished." We celebrate the life and legacy of this iconic legend.

William Payne Stewart was born in Springfield, MO on January 30, 1957, and first stepped onto a golf course at Hickory Hills Country Club at the age of 3. Payne's mother Bee and his father Bill taught Payne the importance of practicing the game that eventually lifted him to an iconic and legendary status. Stewart attended Greenwood High School from 1971-75 and led his team to the Missouri State Championship. He attended Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX where he was a member of Phi Gamma Delta and an All-American golfer. He was the SWC individual co-champion along with Houston's Fred Couples in 1979. For all Payne's acclaim and status as a player Chuck Cook, Payne's long-time instructor said about him "he was a Missouri mule. Just a country boy from Springfield."

In 1979, Stewart turned professional upon graduation from SMU (Business Major) but failed PGA Qualifying School that year, so he competed on the Asian Tour before earning his PGA Tour card in 1981.

Stewart met Tracey Ferguson, sister of Australian golfer Mike Ferguson, in Kuala Lumpur in 1980 while he was playing on the Asia Golf Circuit, and they were married by November 1982. Payne and Tracey have two children Chelsea and Aaron.

Stewart was also a musician and played harmonica in the blues rock group Jake Trout and the Flounders, which also included fellow golfers Larry Rinker and Peter Jacobsen. The band released one album; I Love to Play in 1998

Payne won a total of 23 professional golf tournaments and played on 14 USA National Teams including 5 U.S. Ryder Cup Teams (1987, 1989, 1991, 1993 and 1999).

Tragically, he died in a plane crash October 25, 1999.

On November 12, 2001, just two years after his passing, Payne Stewart was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame. Stewart was also inducted into the PGA of America Hall of Fame in 2015. Stewart was inducted into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame in 2000.

Payne Stewart Career Highlights (chronological order)

Professional Wins

1. 1981 Indian Open | 67-67-77-73=284
2. 1981 Indonesian Open | 74-69-70-70=283
3. 1982 Magnolia Classic (PGA Tour) | 65-67-71-67=270
4. 1982 Miller High Life QCO (PGA Tour) | 66-71-68-63=268
5. 1982 Tweed Heads Classic | 71-65-71-72=279
6. 1983 Walt Disney World Classic (PGA Tour) | 69-64-69-67=269
7. 1985 Gene Sarazen Jun Classic | 69-70-70=209*
8. 1987 Hertz Bay Hill Classic (PGA Tour) | 69-67-63-65=264
9. 1989 MCI Heritage Golf Classic (PGA Tour) | 65-67-67-69=268
10. 1989 PGA Championship (PGA Tour) | 74-66-69-67=276
11. 1990 MCI Heritage Golf Classic (PGA Tour) | 70-69-66-71=276
12. 1990 World Cup of Golf Individual Medalist | 69-68-68-66=271
13. 1990 GTE Byron Nelson Golf Classic (PGA Tour) | 67-68-67=202*
14. 1991 U.S. Open (PGA Tour) | 67-70-73-72=282
15. 1991 Heineken Dutch Open | 67-68-62-70=267
16. 1991 Skins Game | \$260,000
17. 1992 Hassan II Golf Trophy Champion | 67-70-72-72=281
18. 1992 Skins Game | \$220,000

19. 1993 Hassan II Golf Trophy Champion | 69-70-71-67=277
20. 1993 Skins Game | \$280,000
21. 1995 Shell Houston Open (PGA Tour) | 73-65-70-68=276
22. 1999 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro Am (PGA Tour) 69-64-73=206*
23. 1999 U.S. Open (PGA Tour) | 68-69-72-70=279

Official Stroke Card													For USGA Use								
99th United States Open Championship*													Previous Total <u>209</u>								
Questions as to the Rules of Golf shall be referred to the USGA Rules Committee													This Round <u>70</u>								
Competitor <u>Payne Stewart</u>													New Total <u>279</u>								
Round <u>4</u> Date <u>June 20, 1999</u>													Verified: 18th <u>Pr.</u> <u>Pub.</u>								
HOLES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOTAL
YARDS	404	447	335	566	482	222	398	485	179	3,518	610	453	447	383	436	202	489	191	446	3,657	7,175
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U.S.A. National Teams:

1. 1986 Nissan Cup Team
2. 1987 Ryder Cup Team
3. **1987 Kirin Cup Team – U.S. Won**
4. 1987 World Cup Team
5. 1989 Ryder Cup Team - Draw
6. **1989 Four Tours World Championship Team – U.S. Won**
7. **1990 World Cup Team – Stewart Won Individual Competition**
8. 1990 Four Tours World Championship Team
9. **1991 Ryder Cup Team – U.S. Won**
10. **1993 Ryder Cup Team – U.S. Won**
11. **1993 Dunhill Cup Team – U.S. Won**
12. **1996 PGA TOUR Wendy's 3 Tour Challenge Team - Won**
13. **1999 Ryder Cup Team – U.S. Won | September 24–26, 1999**
14. 1999 Dunhill Cup Team | 76-72-74 | 7–10 October Old Course at St Andrews, Scotland (named as one of his all-time favorite courses) | It would be his last professional round.

Other Accomplishments:

1988 Nabisco All-Around Stat. Leader
 1989 Byron Nelson Award for lowest scoring avg. 69.485
 27 second place finishes in PGA Tour events and majors
 PGA TOUR Career Earnings: \$12,673,193.

He won over \$2 million during the 1999 season and finished seventh on the year's money list. In 1999 was 3rd on the All-time career earnings list.

RYDER CUP RECORD							
PAYNE STEWART (87 - 89 - 91 - 93 - 99)							
NO.	TOTAL	RECORD	SINGLES	FOURSOMES	FOUR-BALL	TOTAL	POINT %
	MATCHES	W-L-T	W-L-T	W-L-T	W-L-T	POINTS WON	
5	19	8/9/02	2/3/00	4/5/01	2/1/01	9	0.47

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Payne Stewart Award

In 2000, The PGA TOUR created the Payne Stewart Award given annually to a player sharing Payne’s respect for the traditions of the game, his commitment to uphold the game’s heritage of charitable support, and his professional and meticulous presentation of himself and the sport through his dress and conduct. Character | Sportsmanship | Charity

Winners of Payne Stewart Award

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|---|----------------------|
| 2000 Byron Nelson, Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer | 2012 Steve Stricker |
| 2001 Ben Crenshaw | 2013 Peter Jacobsen |
| 2002 Nick Price | 2014 Nick Faldo |
| 2003 Tom Watson | 2015 Ernie Els |
| 2004 Jay Haas | 2016 Jim Furyk |
| 2005 Brad Faxon | 2017 Stewart Cink |
| 2006 Gary Player | 2018 Bernhard Langer |
| 2007 Hal Sutton | 2019 Hale Irwin |
| 2008 Davis Love III | 2020 Zach Johnson |
| 2009 Kenny Perry | 2021 Justin Rose |
| 2010 Tom Lehman | 2022 Billy Andrade |
| 2011 David Toms | 2023 Gary Koch |
| | 2024 Brandt Snedeker |

A Biofile on Payne Stewart

DOB: January 30, 1957 In: Springfield, MO

Childhood Heroes: Jack Nicklaus – a person I tried to model myself after. My dad (Bill).

Early Golf Memory: Winning Father-Son Three Hole golf tournament at Hickory Hills Country Club (age 4).

First Job: Cleaning up for one hour at night at a book/record store. JC Penney salesman in sports department.

Favorite Movies: Raiders Of The Lost Ark movies. Lethal Weapon movies. Patton – what a great movie that was.

Favorite Athletes To Watch: Michael Jordan. Charles Barkley – we're friends. Carl Lewis. Bjorn Borg. Wayne Gretzky – pretty awesome. Joe Montana. Orel Hershiser.

Greatest Sports Moment: Everybody thinks the US Open. The 1979 Missouri State Amateur Championship. My dad won the Missouri State Senior Championship that same year. That was special for me.

Favorite Golfers To Watch: Jack Nicklaus. Seve Ballesteros – I used to love to watch Seve when he was playing well.

Favorite Sport To Watch Outside Golf: Basketball. **Favorite Sport To Play Outside Golf:** Basketball.

Closest Friends In Golf: Paul Azinger. Dan Pohl. Mark O'Meara. Roger Maltbie. Wayne O'Grady. Ian Baker-Finch.

Hobbies/Interests: Cooking, music, hunting, fishing, dancing.

First Car: 1964 green Volkswagen Bug. Hand-me-down from my sister in my sophomore year in college. Great car, always started.

Nicknames: Propane, Stewpuss, Payner, Knickers

Favorite Meal: Steak – cooked myself on the barbecue, marinated in a special sauce.

Favorite Breakfast Cereal: Nutri Grain Almond Raisin. Just Right. Try to eat healthy.

Musical Tastes: Old rock and roll. Big Band – great to dance to. Good country. Huey Lewis. Grateful Dead. Stephen Stills. Vince Gill.

Favorite Golf Courses: Monterey Peninsula (CA). Cypress Point (CA). St. Andrews (Scotland). Pebble Beach (CA).

Funniest Golfer Encountered: Paul Azinger.

Favorite TV Show: Seinfeld – pretty funny show.

Interesting Fact: Never been in a fight in my life. Always found it easier to walk away. Let 'em call you names.

People I Most Admire: My father Bill. My mother Bee. A lot of people for different reasons.

Family: Wife, Tracey; son, Aaron; daughter, Chelsea.

Education: Southern Methodist University (Business).

Future Ambition: Make a difference in someone else's life. [checkmark, fulfilled!]

Source: <https://mrbiofile.com/2023/06/05/biofile-payne-stewart-interview/>

37 Best Quotes Attributed to Payne Stewart - Make A Statement On and Off The Course

1. *The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain.*
2. *Character is not made in a crisis—it is only exhibited.*
3. *Golf is not just a game, it's a way of life.*
4. *I play golf because I love it, not because I have to.*
5. *You can't separate who you are on the golf course from who you are in life.*
6. *In the game of golf, you have to embrace the challenge and enjoy the process.*
7. *It's not about how good you are, it's about how good you want to be.*
8. *Golf teaches you the importance of patience and perseverance.*
9. *A true champion is not defined by the number of trophies, but by the character and sportsmanship they display.*
10. *Success is not measured by wins and losses, but by how much you've grown as a person.*
11. *The key to greatness is never giving up, even when it seems impossible.*
12. *Golf is a constant reminder that you can always improve and learn from your mistakes.*
13. *In life, as in golf, it's important to have a clear vision and set goals to reach your full potential.*
14. *The greatest battles are fought in the mind, not on the golf course.*
15. *Stay focused on your own game and don't let others distract you.*
16. *Believe in yourself and trust your instincts. You know what's best for you.*
17. *Success is not about the destination, but the journey you take to get there.*
18. *Golf is a game of integrity and honesty. Always play by the rules, on and off the course.*
19. *Learn to embrace failure, for it is through failure that we learn and grow.*
20. *The harder you work, the luckier you get in golf and in life.*
21. *Stay humble and grateful, no matter how much success you achieve.*

22. Champions are made in practice, not on the leaderboard.
23. *Golf is a mental game. Master your mind, and you will master golf.*
24. *Don't let fear hold you back. Take risks and embrace new challenges.*
25. *Golf is a game of precision and attention to detail. Focus on the present moment and give it your all.*
26. *The greatest victories are often those we achieve against ourselves.*
27. *Success is not about winning, but about becoming the best version of yourself.*
28. *Learn from the past, live in the present, and plan for the future.*
29. *Golf teaches you the importance of discipline and self-control.*
30. *But in the end it's still a game of golf, and if at the end of the day you can't shake hands with your opponents and still be friends, then you've missed the point.*
31. *A bad attitude is worse than a bad swing.*
32. *If you can't laugh at yourself, then how can you laugh at anybody else? I think people see the human side of you when you do that. I don't think it's healthy to take yourself too seriously.*
33. *Life is too short to waste on regrets. Make the most of every opportunity and enjoy the journey.*
34. *I think that we all have something in common in that we have dreams. The thing about dreams is sometimes you get to live them out.*
35. *First of all, I have to give thanks to the Lord. If it weren't for the faith that I have in him, I wouldn't have been able to have the faith that I had in myself on the golf course.*
36. *I'm proud of the fact that my faith in God is so much stronger, and I'm so much more at peace with myself than I've ever been in my life.*
37. *I'm going to a special place when I die, but I want to make sure my life is special while I'm here.*

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A Deeper Understanding of the Man Payne Stewart

"People who knew Payne well recognized that he had changed somehow for the better. He possessed a deeper, unusual sense of peace... a peace that hadn't always been there."

~ Tracey Stewart

"Payne and I started reading devotionals together, But before long I noticed that he was much farther along than I was. He'd read the Scripture from the devotional every night before he went to bed. He also began reading the Bible. Nobody tried to talk Payne into what he should believe or how he should live out his faith; he simply set out on his own journey with God. The Scriptures themselves were the most powerful influence on Payne's life." ~ Tracey Stewart

"Payne was very much a 'Christian in process,' not someone who felt he had arrived spiritually. He never pretended to have the answers and probably didn't know what some of the questions were. But his faith was genuine, and as he understood the Bible, the issue wasn't about how much faith he had but whether his faith in Christ was real. And everyone close to Payne knew that his faith was real." ~ Tracey Stewart

"I'm not a 'Bible-thumper'--I can't get up there on a rock and tell you what it all means, because I don't know. But I'm learning, and I like what I'm learning." ~ Payne Stewart

"Payne Stewart has finished the race, he has kept the faith, and now the crown of righteousness is his. Payne Stewart loved life and loved people. During this past year, everyone who knew Payne Stewart saw a dramatic change in his life. They saw in Payne what the Bible calls a 'peace which passes all understanding. Only God can do that because only God can change a heart.... Whoever you are, wherever you are, whatever you have done, if you feel the tug of God's Spirit on your heart, do not turn away. If, like Payne, you want to know the happiness and peace that only Jesus Christ can bring, I invite you to confess your sins and receive him as your Savior. Regardless of what your life has brought you, His love is enough. And His peace is for real." ~ Paul Azinger's eulogy at Stewart's memorial service, broadcast live around the world.

Postscript

"Then I heard [the distinct words of] a voice from heaven, saying, "Write, 'Blessed (happy, prosperous, to be admired) are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!" "Yes, [blessed indeed]," says the Spirit, "so that they may rest and have relief from their labors, for their deeds do follow them." ~ Revelation 14:13 AMP [...Payne's legacy follows him]

"We are of good courage and confident hope and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord." 2 Corinthians 5:8 AMP [...No one ever dies, they just change residences]

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ [that is, grafted in, joined to Him by faith in Him as Savior], he is a new creature [reborn and renewed by the Holy Spirit]; the old things [the previous moral and spiritual condition] have passed away. Behold, new things have come [because spiritual awakening brings a new life]." 2 Corinthians 5:17 AMP [...Payne did not lose his life, he just has a new life]

"Listen very carefully, I tell you a mystery [a secret truth decreed by God and previously hidden, but now revealed]; we will not all sleep [in death], but we will all be [completely] changed [wondrously

transformed], ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at [the sound of] the last trumpet call. For a trumpet will sound, and the dead [who believed in Christ] will be raised imperishable, and WE [who are alive in Christ] will be [completely] changed [wondrously transformed]. ⁵³ For this perishable [part of us] must put on the imperishable [nature], and this mortal [part of us that is capable of dying] must put on immortality [which is freedom from death]. ⁵⁴ And when this perishable [body of those who died in Christ] puts on the imperishable, and this mortal [those who remain in Christ] puts on immortality, then the Scripture will be fulfilled that says, “Death is swallowed up in victory (vanquished forever).” 1 Corinthians 15:51-54 AMP [...Payne has just gone from the land of the dead to the land of the living ~ Azinger]

“I (we) would have despaired had I (we) not believed that I (we) would see the goodness of the Lord (and Payne) In the land of the living.” ~ Psalm 27:13

So, we Celebrate Payne’s life and legacy, and “new life” as we look forward to a soon coming reunion “in the land of the living!” Maranatha! Amen and Amen.

If You Could Only See Me Now



Addendum:

These are additional links to insightful information about Payne Stewart – Enjoy!

[A Country Boy from Springfield](#)

[Payne Stewart film](#)

[Wikipedia Profile](#)

[A Morning Still Mourned](#) – be sure to watch Paul Azinger’s eulogy linked in the article!

[Chronicling the Spiritual Journey of Payne Stewart](#)

Epilogue:

[The Gospel in One Minute](#) | [The Four Spiritual Laws](#) | [What is the Romans Road to Salvation?](#)