



Ralph Gene Stone

December 1, 1935 - February 23, 2021

Ralph Gene Stone, 85, of Hurricane passed away Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at Hospice of CAMC, Charleston.

Born December 1, 1935 in Cabin Creek, he was a son of the late Tilton and Margaret Stone. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Cardis and Tilton Stone and his former wife, Connie Palmer Stone.

Ralph was a graduate of East Bank High School and was a corporate pilot for both Stone and Thomas as well as the State of West Virginia. He logged over 35,000 safe flight hours over his career and was certified through the FAA as a Flight Instructor and Safety Flight Instructor. He was an avid golfer playing in several local tournaments (sometimes even winning!) and loved WVU football. After retiring from flying, Ralph worked for the DMV, Liberty Square office, where he made lifelong friends.

Surviving are his daughters, Kelly Diane Stone of Hurricane, Amanda Lenaa Ryan (Steve) of St. Louis, MO; granddaughter, Samantha Ryan Skillington (Dr. Andrew) of St. Louis, MO; great-granddaughter, Morgan Faye Hall; sister, Patricia Roberts, (Wondel) of Hamlin; brother, Carl Ray Stone (Joann) of Marmet; sisters-in-law, Becky Stone of Marmet and Ruth Stone of Danville.

Funeral service will be held at 11am Saturday, February 27, 2021 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane with Rev. Randy Scott officiating. Burial will follow in Elk Hills Memorial Park, Big Chimney. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Masks are required and social distancing guidelines will be observed. You may also visit his tribute page at ChapmanFuneralHomes.com to share memories and offer condolences to the family.

Special appreciation and thanks is given to Dr. William Harris and the MICU nursing staff at CAMC-Memorial and Hospice Care for their compassion and care given to Ralph.

Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane is honored to serve the Stone family.

Cemetery

Elk Hills Memorial Park
4705 Pennsylvania Avenue
Charleston, WV, 25302

Events

FEB 27 Visitation 10:00AM - 11:00AM

Chapman Funeral Home, Teays Valley
3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, WV, US, 25526

FEB 27 Funeral Service 11:00AM

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Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Chapman Funeral Homes - February 24 at 06:17 PM



“ Wonderful video Love Bill & Barb

Barbara Wagner - February 25 at 04:31 PM



“ I just learned of Ralph's passing today 3/15/2021. My deepest sympathy to the Stone family. I first met Ralph when I was learning to fly, taking lessons from brother Cardis in March of 1967. I spent many hours talking and learning about flying from him. Also knew brother Carl as the pilot community is very small and tight knit. Took Ralph for an airplane ride a few years ago after he had retired from the DMV. He really seemed to enjoy getting back in the air. Ralph is now flying on a much higher "PLANE" in heaven. RIP Ralph and God Bless the Stone family.

Jim Haggerty

Jim Haggerty - March 15 at 10:43 PM



“ Ralph was a great friend and a huge sports fan. We attended East Bank HS Games together, as well as Riverside Games. He loved WVU Sports. Tilting and Ralph are talking sports about now.

Cecil Roberts - February 27 at 11:38 AM



“ Ralph was one of kind. I worked with him at DMV and loved him, always called him on birthdays and he always wanted homemade salsa and jams. He will be greatly missed. RIP Ralph

Teresa Harrah - February 26 at 09:27 PM



“ Uncle Ralph introduced me to golf when I was in high school and he and dad (Cardis) would make trips to NJ when the both worked for Stone & Thomas. My prayers go out to family at this time of loss...miss you all...Curt



Curtis Stone - February 26 at 02:58 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Curtis Stone - February 26 at 02:49 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ralph Gene Stone.



February 26 at 11:35 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ralph Gene Stone.



February 25 at 09:08 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I loved Ralph dearly. I worked with him at the DMV and can say he was one of my closet friends when we worked together. We tried to stay in touch after his retirement getting together for dinner and laughs. He trained me there we had the best times. I will truly miss him. RIP Ralph I love ya!

Elizabeth Barker - February 25 at 08:57 PM



“ I met Ralph at the DMV when I moved back to WV...he was so nice and patient. Later, we were in the same group of friends...prayers to family...

brenda burke - February 25 at 12:33 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ralph Gene Stone.



February 25 at 09:15 AM



“ Kelly and Lenaa,

I'm so sorry for your loss. I know how hard it is to lose your dad. You're in my thoughts and prayers.

Tracy Stone Bryant

Tracy - February 25 at 08:41 AM



“ Im so sorry for you loss he will be sadly missed by me and all his friend s at Tudors Ralph and I go back alot of years we have shared a lot of laughter and stories over the years I will surely miss him I want to give my condolences to all of the family I'm so sorry

Karin Pauley - February 25 at 03:02 PM



“ Kelly, Amanda and Family,

You are all in my thoughts and prayers. It was a pleasure to know and work with Ralph at DMV. Listening to all his stories and jokes always made you laugh. He was so proud and always spoke of his family and most of all of his grandchildren. He was a proud grandpa and an huge WVU FAN.

GREG WINTER

Greg Winter - February 25 at 04:46 AM



“ Uncle Ralph was one of a kind. The boys and I will miss him.

Love,

Terri Stone Meadows

Terri - February 24 at 07:53 PM



“ Patricia, our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. May your wonderful memories and the love of family and friends bring you comfort. Love and prayers,
Karen & Neal Bright

Karen Bright - February 24 at 05:34 PM



“ Dear Stone Family!

I was just thinking of Ralph yesterday! He was a wonderful gentleman and a wonderful friend! We worked together at DMV. During 9/11, he was the first person I talked to after the first plane hit! Because I knew he could give me the truth! He loved his country and his family and all his many friends! Condolences to his family and all that loved him!

Debee Noffsinger

Debee Noffsinger - February 24 at 05:18 PM



“ My very deepest sympathy to all of Ralph’s family. RIP friend. You will be missed by many.

Patricia B. Thaw - February 24 at 02:50 PM



“ I loved your dad, Ralph! I worked with him years ago when I was a real estate agent. We looked at many houses for him and that is when I got to know him. He was so funny and I enjoyed the time while working with him. I would joke with him when he worked at the DMV office! He would try to keep me from getting in trouble or embarrassing him when I would say things out loud about how could he work with one particular woman, who hated life and was mean to everybody! She is retired now! But he would handle my comments as I would smile when I said them, in a very professional way! I ALWAYS looked forward to seeing Ralph! He made my day! I worked with his daughter, LaNaa Stone Ryan , as an RN at CAMC. She is just as positive with life and has a happy heart as he did! Our loss is heavens gain! Your beautiful smile and happy personality will be missed, Ralph! Thanks for making this old world a more fun filled place to live! Until we meet again, "Save a place for me!"
Jill Fisher Justice

Jill Ann Justice - February 24 at 10:17 AM