



James Brodie Stone

July 1, 1920 - November 16, 2016

James Brodie Stone, 96, went home to be with his Lord on November 16, 2016, surrounded by his daughters at the Country Club Retirement Center in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. The most important thing in Jim's life was the Lord Jesus and his own relationship with Him. Second only to Jim's relationship with the Lord was his love for his wife, Lib, and his four daughters.

Born in Cranberry, West Virginia, James lived most of his life in St. Albans, West Virginia. James was preceded in death by his wife, Elisabeth Ann Ballard Stone of St. Albans, WV; parents Albert and Elizabeth Stone of Mount Hope, WV; his brother, Sanford Stone; and his great-granddaughter, Hannah Mitchell.

Surviving James are his four daughters; Bonnie (Lyman) Russell, of St. Albans, WV, Jean (Thomas) Eckblad of Columbia Heights, Minnesota, Rosemary (Mervin) Ziegler of Mt. Vernon, Ohio and Sarah (Rex) Rogers of Alto, Michigan; 14 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren.

James was a graduate of Mount Hope High School in Mount Hope, WV. He worked in the coal mines for a year, attended Concord College, and went to work at Union Carbide in Charleston, WV, in 1940. Within a month of the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941, James was on Parris Island in the U. S. Marine boot camp. He was placed in G-2 Intelligence School and, after further

training, was en route to the Solomon Islands in June of 1942. On August 7, 1942, the Marines of the 1st Division landed on Guadalcanal where James was seriously wounded in the Battle of the Tenaru River sustaining permanent injury to both ears from a bomb falling in his foxhole. He was returned by ship with other wounded men to the United States in 1943. For his service, he was awarded the Purple Heart and the Silver Star. He stayed at Quantico, Virginia, to teach combat training to Marine photographers who accompanied the troops to the islands of the Pacific. He organized the PCIS, Photographers Combat Intelligence School.

In 1946, with wife and two daughters, James moved to St. Albans, WV, and resumed his work at Carbide. He enrolled in Morris Harvey College, now the University of Charleston, receiving the B.A. in Social Science, cum laude, 1951. He also attended Marshall University in Huntington, WV, and obtained the MA in Political Science.

Due to injuries to his hearing, a Navy doctor cautioned Mr. Stone to “learn a trade and work with his hands as he would not be able to make it in the working world.” Jim, however, was Safety Director at Union Carbide, 1958-1971; worked for many years with the West Virginia Department of Labor in many areas of Occupational Safety and Health; and taught for years as Marshall University Instructor, Industrial Safety.

Mr. Stone was St. Albans Civil Defense Director, 1951, and Chief of Intelligence Services Division, WV Department of Civil Defense, 1959-1967. He trained in and taught many Civil Defense classes throughout the Tri-State area.

He was Occupational Safety and Health Program Director, 1971-1973; Acting Deputy Commissioner, WV Dept. of Labor, 1972-73, working with many organizations in training programs with OSHA. Mr. Stone worked with the

Kanawha Valley Industrial Emergency Planning Council (KVIEPC), the American National Red Cross, and numerous other agencies to better prepare for industrial disasters.

He was pastor of Sattes Community Church for eleven years, taught many Bible classes, was a member of Cross Lanes Bible Church in Cross Lanes, WV, where he was on the Board of Deacons and was Chairman of the Cross Lanes Christian School.

The memorial service will be led by his son-in-law, Mervin Ziegler, at Grace Baptist Temple, 1901 MacCorkle Avenue, St. Albans, West Virginia, at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 19, following visitation with the family from noon to 1:00. Interment will be at Cunningham Memorial Park, 815 Cunningham Lane, St. Albans, West Virginia, with his son-in-law, Lyman Russell, officiating. Funeral arrangements are by the Dowds-Snyder Funeral Home of Mount Vernon, Ohio, and the Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home of St. Albans, West Virginia.

Visit ChapmanFuneralHomes.com to leave memories or condolences with the family.

Cemetery Details

Cunningham Memorial Park

815 Cunningham Lane
Saint Albans, WV 25177

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 19. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Grace Baptist Temple
1901 MacCorkle Avenue
St. Albans, WV 25177

Memorial Service

NOV 19. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James Brodie Stone*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *A soldier of the faith, an inspiration and challenge to the family of God, a man of integrity and valor. Imagine him as he heard the first words welcoming him Home!*
Kathleen

Kathleen McNally - January 01, 2017 at 08:13 AM



“ *Thinking of you and knowing that he has been welcomed Home with "Well done. You have been a good and faithful servant. Enter into my rest."*
Memories of being at the Highlawn Community Chapel as children is always precious.

Coni Johnson Dutka
Hartville, Ohio

Coni Johnson Dutka - November 19, 2016 at 05:55 PM



“ *To Bonnie and all the girls, I am very sorry that I just read the paper about the passing of your father. Please know that I am thinking of you all at this time.*

Pattee Perkins Goodwin

Pattee Perkins Goodwin - November 19, 2016 at 05:04 PM

CK

“ I'm so sorry for your loss your dad will be greatly missed,i meet your dad when he and your mom moved into ccrc they were my favorites and even after I quit working there I still visited your dad, I will miss visiting him and our note writing again I am so sorry for your loss

Catrina knight - November 19, 2016 at 06:24 AM

JL

I called him Mr stone he was a gentle man one the kindness person to me he treated me like family and after knowing him for two years he kinda was family I am so sorry for you loss I wasn't there to say goodbye I had lost my father the same week. He will always be a part missing at CCRC.

Jacki Lang - November 24, 2016 at 02:48 AM

JE

“ Dear Sarah and Rex and all the rest of the family. Jim meant a great deal to me. He was almost like a second father. He was a counselor, advisor and friend. He had a great influence on my life. In the early days of Cross Lanes Christian School, he was big help as we forged ahead in the infancy of the Christian School movement. We didn't always agree but many years ago we had some good fellowship together before I became pastor of Beth Eden Baptist church in the Denver area. May the Lord give you comfort and joy until we are together again for eternity. Jim Efaw

James M. Efaw - November 18, 2016 at 06:47 PM

SR

Thank you Pastor Efaw. We had many good years together and God continues to bless. Absent from the body, present with the Lord.

sarah rogers - November 23, 2016 at 07:40 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of James Brodie Stone.



November 18, 2016 at 11:16 AM