



Robert Mathis Stone, Sr.

September 5, 1937 - September 2, 2022

After a valiant battle against cancer, Robert M. Stone, Sr. peacefully passed away on September 2, 2022. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lowery Stone on September 5, 1937, he was a lifelong resident of Laurel and Jones County aside from short stays in Natchez, MS, and Morgan City, LA. A favorite uncle, L.D. Morgan, baptized him into the Christian faith in Pasadena, TX, in 1947. He was a member of the 1955 graduating class of Jones County Agricultural High School and maintained many friendships with those classmates until his death. A favorite memory he loved to share was his participation as a cheer leader when his team traveled to Pasadena, CA, to compete in the 1955 Junior Rose Bowl, a historic occasion. Late in 1955 he began Naval Reserve Training and amused many with tales from this experience.

In 1956, he wed Barbara Ellen Smith, also of Laurel, and shared almost 66 years of marriage, raising three children in Laurel, as he built a career in the oil and gas industry. Over 70 years in the industry, he proved his grit and tenacity, staying the course through market volatility and many other challenges. Along the way, he mentored and inspired scores of young men with his depth of knowledge and determination to tackle and finish a job properly. Even in his last months of life, he was being sought for his advice and expertise.

As much as he loved his work, his greatest joy was the privilege of having a

large and tight-knit extended family. He was never happier than when all 100+ Stones were convened for an annual reunion, now a 50 year tradition. An expert marksman, an avid boater and fisherman, an enthusiastic bird hunter, and even a competent golfer and tennis player, he took the time to teach his children, grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews the finer points of these disciplines. He was also gifted with a lovely singing voice and enjoyed regaling anyone with the occasional tune, sometimes with the right lyrics, and sometimes with even better ones! He was also a Patriot Life Member of the National Rifle Association and a 32* Mason.

Robert is survived by his loving wife, Barbara “Bobbie” Stone and son Robert M. Stone, Jr. (Carolyn) all of Laurel, daughter Alison Stone Moyers (Paul) of Oxford, daughter-in-law Darlene H. Stone of Pensacola, grandchildren Morgan Stone Samuels (Aaron) of Jackson, Stephanie Stone Lott (Clay) of Sumrall, Eric Thomas Stone (Lauren), Laura Elizabeth Stone, Olivia Rose Ellen Stone, all of Pensacola, Meredith Ellen Moyers of New York City, Alexander Mathis Moyers of Oxford, and step granddaughter Leslie Campbell (Geoffrey) of Canton, GA. and eight great-grandchildren. Additionally, his sister, Evelyn Ann Stone McCarty of Pascagoula, his sister-in-law Verna Riley Stone of Laurel, and a host of wonderful cousins scattered from New Mexico to Florida.

Preceding him in death were his beloved son James Gregory Stone of Pensacola, his dear brother, James Larry Stone of Laurel, and his cherished brother-in-law Jolly P. McCarty of Pascagoula.

Pall bearers will be grandsons and nephews: Eric Stone, Alex Moyers, Jeff Blackledge, Andy Stone, Lance McCarty and Landon McCarty. Honorary pall bearers will be those known affectionately as “his men”, the loyal employees of Oilfield Service and Supply Company.

In Robert's memory, donations to the charity of your choice may be considered.

There will be a visitation on Tuesday, September 6, from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, September 7 from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. with the service at 11:00. All will take place at Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel. Burial will follow the service at Lake Park Hills Cemetery, Laurel.

Cemetery Details

Lake Park Hills Cemetery

2806 Emmy Dr.
Laurel, MS 39440

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
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Service

SEP 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MK

“ Mr Robert was a very good man and taught me almost everything I know. I just learned of his passing today, August 21, 23. In my eyes and my life, there was no greater man than Robert, or as I use to call him, "Daddy Rob" Stone and when I use to pull up on locations when I worked for OFS, people would call me Roberts boy because I worked as he taught me and led his Tank Crew in that manner. To this day, I have had many dreams with Mr Robert in them with him and I working. RIP you great man, you have always been missed by me and I thank you for all you did for me and for all you taught me even the unknown things that only he and I will ever know of. My sincere condolences to the Stone family.

Mike L King - August 21, 2023 at 05:54 PM



“ Great memories for working Mr Roberts... Such a honest hard working man... Csab from hungary Ezekiel 37:13-14

Csab Mc - September 07, 2022 at 03:59 PM

MR

“ Martha & Ronnie Rickerfor purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of Robert Mathis Stone, Sr..



Martha & Ronnie Rickerfor - September 06, 2022 at 10:26 AM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to your family. Praying for you in the days ahead.

*David & Angela Rudolph
Nell Gieger*

Angela Rudolph - September 06, 2022 at 08:48 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Mr. Stone. He was such a wonderful man and a great boss. He is definitely missed and we will miss his stories, going to shoots with him, his wonderful gardens, etc. Hope he is enjoying singing with the Angels. -The Lindsey family

Alicia Lindsey - September 05, 2022 at 05:40 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Mathis Stone, Sr..



September 05, 2022 at 01:51 PM

JE

“ Jan Ellzey lit a candle in memory of Robert Mathis Stone, Sr.



Jan Ellzey - September 04, 2022 at 06:08 PM

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“ *Wonderful Man of God. Him and daddy can hang out now.*

TK Thornton - September 04, 2022 at 09:10 AM

FC

“ *To the family of Robert. I am very saddened by the loss of such a fine man & my friend & my family's friend for many, many years. We sure had some good times on all the Dove & Duck hunts we were on together. I will pray for the family. He will forever be in my heart.*
Frank Clark

Frank Clark - September 03, 2022 at 10:59 PM