

An Expression of Gratitude

The family of William (Billy) Stone wishes to express our deep gratitude for the prayers and all the kind expressions of sympathy shown to us during this time. Your love, support, kindness and concern mean more than you will ever know. Special thanks to the doctors and nurses of Carlisle Manor Nursing Home Staff and the Hospice team for your special care of him. We ask you keep us in your prayers and that God will strengthen us as a family.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

God's Garden

*God looked around his garden and found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful, he always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering, he knew you were in pain;
He knew that you would never, get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough and the hills were hard to climb,
So he closed your weary eyelids and whispered, "Peace be thine."
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone,
For a part of us went with you, the day God called you home.*



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A Memorial Service for William H. Stone, Sr.

June 1, 1936 — January 1, 2021



"Billy"

Monday, January 11, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.



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Elder William H. Myers, *Officiating*

Obituary

William (Billy) Herndon Stone, Sr. went home to be with the Lord on January 1, 2021 at Carlisle Nursing Home.

Billy, as he was affectionately known, was born on June 1, 1936, in Middletown, OH and was the third of three sons born to Neal Cornelius Stone and Anna B. (Herndon) Stone.

Billy was educated in the Middletown School System. He worked for several years at The Middletown Hospital, and was a long time employee of Harding Jones Paper Company before his retirement.

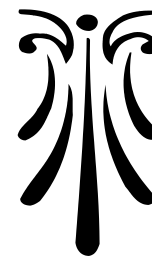
Billy was well liked by all who knew him. He had an infectious smile and a joyful personality. He will be sorely missed by family and friends.

Billy was preceded in death by his parents, Neal and Anna Stone, one brother, Thomas D. Stone and two sons, Rodney and Larry Stone.

Billy leaves to cherish his memories: two sons, William Jr. (Jackie) of Atlanta, GA and Kenneth Stone of Middletown; four daughters, Deborah Ann (Carl) Foster of Middletown, Marilyn Jackson of Detroit, MI, Carolyn Jackson Allen and Renee Norris of Newport News, VA; his brother, Norvell (Pat) Stone of Middletown; niece, Doris Stone Tate; nephew, Bradley Stone of Youngstown, OH; special niece, Janice Sweatt of Middletown; 18 grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude	Minister John Burg
Statement of Purpose and Prayer	Elder William H. Myers
Holy Scriptures	Geraldine Bess
Musical Selection	Minister John Burg
The Reflections from Family and Friends	(2 minutes, please)
Musical Selection	Minister John Burg
The Eulogy	Elder William H. Myers
The Benediction	Elder William H. Myers
The Recessional	



I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. — St. John 11:25-26