



Hugh Stone

December 1, 1927 - February 28, 2022

Stone, James Hugh, age 94, of Wilsonville, passed away on February 28, 2022. The visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., Friday, March 4, 2022 at Fourmile Baptist Church. The funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m. at the church with Rev. Richard Hanna and Bro. Roger Chambers officiating. Burial will follow at Fourmile Cemetery. Bolton Funeral Home is directing. A reception will be held following the service. Friends and family are invited to attend.

Mr. Stone was preceded in death by his beloved wife of nearly 70 years, Mertice Gould Stone; parents Irvin and Eunice Stone; brothers Jack, Kelly, Joe and Keith; sisters Tommie Lou Liles and Thelma Payne; and grandchildren William Lee Stone, Matthew James Stone, and Jairrett Isaac Stone. He is survived by two sisters, Joyce Payne and Peggy Weatherspoon; children Karen Elizabeth Stone (Charlie), Sallie Stone Arvison (Bryan), Stephen Keith Stone (Nancy), and Timothy Ellis Stone (Virginia); grandchildren Andrew James Stone, Tyler Arvison, Laurabeth Bucur, Renee Brooks, Judi McCallum, Susan Musselwhite, Victoria Hubschmitt, Ian Stone, Anderson Stone, Rosie Stone; and special nephew Don Gould.

Hugh was born December 1, 1927, the oldest son of Irvin and Eunice. As a child growing up during the Great Depression, he learned to work hard, plowing with mules and working the garden, not only for his family, but also his grandfather's. Even with his responsibilities at home, Hugh didn't neglect his education, graduating from Shelby County High School in 1948. Shortly after

graduation, Hugh found his calling in the U.S. Army and completed multiple tours of duty in the Aleutian Islands, Japan, Vietnam, and assignments at several U.S. Army bases. Hugh worked as a crew chief and mechanic on fixed-wing Caribou and Mohawk transport aircraft in Vietnam. After a 20-year Army career, Sergeant First Class Stone retired in 1969. He wasn't really retiring though, as he then earned a college degree at Jefferson State Junior College and moved on to teach ROTC at Phillips High School in Birmingham, retiring from that position in 1988.

Hugh and Mertice gave generously of their time and resources to help those in need, volunteering with the Shelby Baptist Association, Alabama Disaster Relief, Kiwanis, and innumerable acts of kindness over the years. Mr. Stone served as a deacon and long-time member of Fourmile Baptist Church. He was a godly man and mentor to many young men. His children and grandchildren have fond memories of time spent with "granddaddy and grandmother" at their home in Fourmile, catching catfish, eating watermelon, and sharing jokes and stories.

Memorial donations can be made to the Cemetery Fund at Fourmile Baptist Church, 15577 Highway 61, Wilsonville, AL 35186.

Please sign online condolences at www.boltonfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Fourmile Cemetery

15577 Highway 61
Wilsonville, AL 35186

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Fourmile Baptist Church
15577 Hwy 61
Wilsonville, AL 35186
(205) 669-6681

Funeral Service

MAR 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CC

“ *Mr. Hugh was a kind man who loved and served the Lord faithfully. He was always good to others, and I will always remember him as a compassionate man to my family and me. He and Mrs. Mertice were always there for us no matter what.*

Carissa Cook - August 22, 2022 at 08:57 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Hugh Stone.*



March 03, 2022 at 03:05 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Hugh Stone.*



March 03, 2022 at 02:15 PM

JP

“ *Hugh was such a kind man, he came from a very special family . From my early years living in Fourmile, I grew to love this family. I know they're having a great reunion. Love and prayers for the family.*

Jane (Armstrong) Patterson

Jane Patterson - March 02, 2022 at 05:51 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Hugh Stone.*



March 02, 2022 at 03:28 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Hugh Stone.*



March 02, 2022 at 01:35 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Hugh Stone.*



March 02, 2022 at 08:30 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Hugh Stone.*



March 02, 2022 at 04:29 AM

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“ My condolences are with you all Karen and Sally. I love ❤️ your Daddy and mother. Mrs Stone had the child care class at the trade school my Son Telly was in her care. Sally I worked with you at the Dairy Queen before I married. Your mother and father volunteered at Linda Nolen Learning Center. Both of them have an halo on their head because of the tender loving care they showed everyone. May God wrap you all in his arms with love Tommie Head.

Tommie Head - March 01, 2022 at 11:26 PM

KM

Praying for your family 🙏
I have good memories of First Baptist Church in Columbiana with Mrs Mertice and Mr Hugh. Also good memories from Davis Drug

Kathy Morris - March 03, 2022 at 08:12 AM

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Hugh and Mertice served as faithful volunteers at Shelby Baptist Association for more than a decade, giving of themselves week by week to minister to people. Their love for God and others made a great impact on hundreds of people through the years. How thankful I am for their partnership in ministry and the blessing they were to me personally!

Debbie Snyder
Retired Ministry Development Director
Shelby Baptist Association

Debbie Snyder - March 07, 2022 at 11:21 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Hugh Stone.



March 01, 2022 at 11:10 PM