

BEN WALTER STONE, I



Mr. Ben Walter Stone, I, 68, of Callahan, passed away Saturday, January 8, 2022 in St. Marys, Georgia. Mr. Stone was born on July 15, 1953 in Homerville, Georgia to the late Edward and Edna Stone. A few words come to our mind when describing the type of person Ben was, the first being loving. He was a loving dad, papa, brother, friend and person. Ben always put others needs above his own. If Ben had it and you didn't he would make certain you didn't go without! Ben loved his grandchildren more than anything. He was always doing whatever it takes to make them laugh.

The second word we would use to describe Ben is amusing. Ben did what his grandchildren believed to be the funniest things! Ben told the funniest jokes and made the funniest faces. Ben always had his dancing shoes on! Everywhere we went Ben would get down and groovy, says his grandchildren. Ben would dance in the car, he'd dance in the living room, he'd grab random ladies and dance them around, even in restaurants! It was always amusing to watch Ben! There was absolutely never a dull moment.

Ben was also a listener. If there was anything other than dancing that Ben was superior in it would be listening. No matter the time of day, no matter what situation if you needed anyone to vent to, he was the man! Ben helped his grandkids many of times by giving them life advice, relationship advice, school related advice and much more! He always listened and always had the right words to say. There are so many more words that could describe this man: caring, ensuring, spontaneous, funky, positive. Ben was always positive! He always looked at the bright side of things and taught his children and grandchildren to do the same.

Another word to describe Ben is strong. Ben was strong right alongside of being positive. In the toughest situations, this man had always kept his head held high and looked for the good and not bad. Ben was very religious and constantly preached God to his children and grandchildren! If there's one man that loves God, it's that one. Ben was also a fighter, but not an aggressive one...he always fought to stay strong, and positive when things went wrong. He fought so hard to stay for his family until the good Lord called him home. Perfection doesn't exist but if anybody was closest to it, it would be that man. There isn't a negative thing on earth anyone could say about Ben. He always lit up the room with his smile, laughter, and spontaneous personality! Ben left a positive impact on everyone's lives! Ben was the man, the myth, the legend. And per his grandchildren and children, his legacy will never die! Papa, we don't hope but we know that you're dancing in the sky.

He is survived by his children, Maria (Robert) Valentich of Mansfield, TX, Lois Stone of Bloomington, IL, Dena (Stephen) Cook of Stafford, VA, Ben (Sherri) Stone, II, of Callahan, Edward (Corrina) Stone of Newnan, GA, Scott (Stacy) Deuel and Carrie Deuel, all of Green Cove Springs, Ashlee (Ronald) Stone of Kingsland, Erin Deuel of Jacksonville and Marsha Deuel of Rexburg, ID; sister Susan (James) Jenkins; his brothers Richard (Janice) Stone and Mark (Manya) Stone; his grandchildren Jared, Jason, Jarom, Christian, Michael, Toby, Daniel, Alex, Sam, Hannah, Becca, Adam, Ben, III, Matthew, Hailey, Chloe, Taylor, Kayden, Joshua, Kayla, Annalisa, Zachary, Zander, Brittany, Courtney, Landon, Ariana, Ronald, Jr., Mark, and Luke; and his great-grandchildren Isadora, Evelyn, and Olivia.

He was preceded in death by his wife Mary Haskins Stone; his grandchildren Anna Marie and Josephina; and most recently his sister Lynda Warner.

A memorial service will be held Friday, January 14 at 2 p.m. at the Church of Latter Day Saints in Kingsland. Inurnment will be held privately by the family.

Coastal Camden Funeral Home in Kingsland is entrusted with Mr. Stone's arrangements.