



David Preston Stone

August 26, 1956 - March 8, 2021

David Preston Stone, age 64, of Santa Barbara, CA passed away on March 8, 2021 surrounded by his children and former spouse Janet Stone.

David was born on August 26, 1956 to Robert R. Banks and Agnes E. Stone in Salisbury, MD. After graduating from Wicomico High School also in Salisbury, MD, he enlisted in the US Air Force. After receiving an honorable discharge after 10 years of service, David eventually relocated with his family to Santa Barbara, CA where he was employed by Santa Barbara City College ("SBCC") as an Inventory Control Technician. During his tenure at SBCC, he went on to gain his Associates Degree from SBCC and Bachelor of Arts Degree in Black Studies from University of California, Santa Barbara. David retired from SBCC in March, 2017.

David was predeceased by his parents Robert R. Banks and Agnes E. Stone, sisters Ellen Stone, Barbara Jean Banks and Elva Elizabeth Banks, and brother Richard Albert Banks. He is survived by his sister Monica Cottman, brothers Conrad Stone, Guy Banks and Rob Banks, only daughter Terri Whitney, four sons Justin Stone, Jason Stone, Julyan Stone and Frank Holdsworth, daughter-in-law Sarina Stone and mother of his youngest grandchild Jessica R. Rando, and 8 wonderful grandchildren that he adored.

David was a member of Greater Hope Missionary Baptist Church. He was

also heavily involved in community service throughout Santa Barbara County and beyond. David believed strongly in speaking out on injustice, and being of service to others where there was a need especially where young people were concerned. David's relationships with friends particularly those of a long time were deeply special to him and held a bond that was unbreakable. The life force of David Preston Stone was God and his family, and we will deeply miss him.

Sleep with the Angels Dad, Grandpa and Stone.

Tribute Wall

MP

“ *Loved David. He was the conscience of SBCC. I had tremendous respect for him. He was also loads of fun. RIP, friend. I had no idea you'd passed.*

Michele Peterson - September 25, 2021 at 06:16 PM

PR

“ *I worked with David at SBCC. Even though he was small in stature, David woke up “Sleepy College” with his in-your-face and reality-check campus emails. His messages were always just reminders to be kind and inclusive. He was what SBCC needed.*

Peter Rojas - September 25, 2021 at 06:11 PM

KA

“ *Our hearts are with the Stone family during this time. We will miss Stone Man so much. Have very fun memories living on the Mesa with him. Glad we were able to catch up with him this past year. Lots of love, Lena & Kira.*

Kira Adams - March 17, 2021 at 09:13 PM

JS

*Thank you.
Jan Stone*

Janet Stone - April 16, 2021 at 05:25 PM

EB

“ *Sincerest condolences to the Stone family. I recall how energetic David was when helping Derrick Curtis, backstage at the Arlington Theater for several years, in celebrating the annual holiday presented by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee of Santa Barbara (MLKSB). We will miss him and the positive energy he shared with all in his presence.*
E. onja Brown, President, MLKSB

E onja Brown - March 14, 2021 at 03:38 AM

JS

Thank you so much, and he thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the annual MLK celebration.

Janet Cooley Stone - March 15, 2021 at 02:55 PM



“ *I have missed Stoney for a long time since he retired from SBCC and left out of state. Myself along with Ron Paris had the best of times together filled with laughs talking together and watching games at Ron's home. I was grateful that he worked with me on many of my BASSH productions at the Libero, Center Stage, and New Vic theaters. All of the performers loved him. Most of all what I miss was our conversations, the openness we had with one another. Love you, Stoney!!!!*

Derrick Curtis

Derrick Curtis - March 11, 2021 at 01:46 PM

JS

Stone had such a good time working with you on those projects. It was a good time for him. His relationships with you and Ron were also very special to him, and the conversations and laughs i can only imagine we're unforgettable. Thank you for your thoughts about Stone, and God bless you.

Janet Cooley Stone - March 15, 2021 at 03:32 PM

DN

“ *My condolences*

Dorothy Nicholson - March 11, 2021 at 01:32 PM

JS

Thank you Dorothy.

Janet Cooley Stone - March 15, 2021 at 03:33 PM

BV

“ *My condolences to the Stone Family, prayers, love and comfort at this time.*

Bert and Noah Valerio - March 11, 2021 at 02:21 AM

JS

We thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

Janet Cooley Stone - March 15, 2021 at 03:34 PM