



William E. "Kirby" Stone Jr

February 28, 1934 - January 18, 2024

William E. "Kirby" Stone, Jr.

Kirby passed on from this life on January 18, just shy of his 90th birthday. Throughout his life, Kirby valued family, friendships, and his Catholic faith above all else. Whether it was his softball teammates, the other members of the Men's Choir, or his buddies down at "The Pit", everyone loved having Kirby around. His sense of humor was second only to his intellect. He was an avid reader, a die-hard sports fan, and a lover of old Westerns. What mattered most to Kirby was his wife of 70 years, Rita, and his family. Kirby and Rita raised seven children, who in turn gave them twelve grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren. His love of family sustained him until his last breath. Kirby was preceded in death by his parents, youngest daughter Mary Anne Weber, his youngest grandson Aaron Stone, and his son-in-law Rod Wideman. We can only imagine his joy in reuniting with Mary Anne, Aaron, and Uncle Rod.

In addition to his wife Rita, Kirby is survived by his children Cindy (Steve) Gilliam, Cheri (Mark) Keith, Nancy Wideman, Susan (George) Strange, Mike (LouAnn) Stone, and Eddie Stone; eleven grandchildren, and nineteen great grandchildren.

Funeral service will be Monday January 22, 2024 at 11:00am Owen Funeral

Home, 5317 Dixie Highway with burial to follow Calvary Cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday from 2:00-8:00pm at Owen Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude's Children Foundation or Kosair Shriners.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

1600 Newburg Road
Louisville, KY 40204

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 21. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway
5317 Dixie Highway
Louisville, KY 40216
(502) 447-2600
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Service

JAN 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ He was such a kind, gentle, loving and funny man. Proud to call him my Uncle.

Rest in Peace Uncle Kirby💕🙏 Sue Ann

Sue Ann Massey - January 22, 2024 at 11:06 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William E. "Kirby" Stone Jr.



January 20, 2024 at 07:48 PM

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“ I can only imagine that everyone who knew my uncle Kirby would say that he always had a smile on his face. That is also how I remember him. Of course, he always had a smile on his face! 😊 He married the love of his life. He had wonderful children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He lived a full and happy life. I know how much he will be missed but I also know he had such a fabulous life. Love to you all.

Linda

Linda Mooser Stimmel

linda stimmel - January 19, 2024 at 05:32 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of William E. "Kirby" Stone Jr.



January 19, 2024 at 09:56 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William E. "Kirby" Stone Jr.



January 19, 2024 at 09:38 AM



“ The Ray Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William E. "Kirby" Stone Jr.

The Ray Family - January 19, 2024 at 09:38 AM



“ When I think of Uncle Kirby I always smile because he was always smiling. He was so kind and loving. I imagine him now getting all the love from Mary Anne and our loved ones that were waiting with open arms. My heart goes out to Aunt Rita and the family for their great loss.

Lisa Logsdon Lewis - January 19, 2024 at 06:14 AM

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“ I’m so sorry for your loss. Kirby was a great man and always a favorite of mine. He always kept you laughing and loved so deeply. One of my favorite memories is Merble and me would get his Bunny bread order forms and use them like we were ordering bread. He would just say that you girls are crazy. He always made you feel welcome in his home. I’m sure it was a great celebration and reunion when he hit those pearly gates and Mary Anne was there to greet him. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time. I’ve always loved the Stone family. Until we meet again. . .
Love always, Matilda (my nickname Kirby gave me long ago.)

Melissa Matilda O’Bryan - January 18, 2024 at 06:11 PM

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“ Uncle Kirby was always smiling and had a great laugh! He will be missed but left a great legacy! May he rest in peace! Love and hugs to all of you 🙏❤️🙏

Carol Luckert - January 18, 2024 at 05:50 PM