



Robert Eugene Stone

June 4, 2019

Robert Eugene Stone, 84, passed away on 6/4/2019 peacefully at his home in Longboat Key Florida after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease.

Robert was born in South Bend IN. He was predeceased by his parents Auvrey and Wava (nee Winter) Stone.

He was a graduate of Adams High School in South Bend IN and Northwestern University in Evanston IL. Robert spent 48 years working with Northwestern Mutual Life at a variety of sales and management positions. Robert moved to Short Hills NJ in 1970 to manage the Northwestern Mutual territory in Northern NJ, where he lived for 46 years before moving to Longboat Key FL.

Robert was a longtime parishioner of the Community Congregational Church in Short Hills and a member of the Baltusrol Golf Club, Short Hills Club and the Longboat Key Club.

Robert was an avid fan of the NY professional sports teams but he especially loved coaching his children and grandchildren in a variety of sports. He and Jan watched his grandchildren in hundreds of tennis, track, baseball, basketball, field hockey and football games; and he even got into musical theatre.

He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Janice Marie (nee Schwier) Stone and his four sons Stephen, David, James and Michael Stone, along with his grandchildren Alexandra, Robert, Eric, Christopher and Stephanie Stone.

In lieu of flowers donations can be directed in his name to The Community Congregational Church in Short Hills NJ.

Services will be held at a later date in New Jersey. For further information or to send the family a note of condolence, please visit www.ToaleBrothers.com.

Comments



“ Dear Steve, Jim, and Family:

I am truly sorry to hear of your father's passing. To me, he was an outsized presence, someone I looked up to, but at the same time, someone who always seemed to have the time to deliver some wisdom with a distinctive "wink." He made me proud of my career at NML and in the insurance business. I remember those early days of the "Fast Track" training classes we used to take on Mountain Avenue, he would pop in and give us all encouragement. Those are happy memories. All the best to you and your family in this difficult time.

Jamal Mahmood

Jamal Mahmood - September 04, 2019 at 05:35 AM



“ Dear Jan,

It was with sadness that I just read of Bob's death on the John Adams alumni page. I'm sorry that I couldn't contact you sooner. I'm sending you and your family my deepest sympathy. We all know what a wonderful person your husband was. I feel sure that memories are a consolation for you in these difficult times.

I still remember when your family of origin was over at our home on Wayne Street one Sunday evening and Bob said to me that he wanted to meet you. I think that may have been the beginning of a lifelong romance. I also recall speeding back from the east coast in my old '47 Chevy to make it to your wedding just in time. I had spent the summer in Germany.

I have so many memories of things Bob and I did in our junior high and high school years. We were almost like brothers. In fact, it was you and Bob who convinced me to move back to South Bend after my time in the army. Unfortunately, you decided to leave, and here I have been for the rest of my life.

Once again, Jan, my deepest sympathy.

With love,

Dale

Dale H Gibson - July 28, 2019 at 04:28 PM



“ Jan, Steve and Jim,

My condolences, thoughts and prayers with all the Stone family at this time. Bob Stone hired me (one of his few weak moments!) in July of 1986 to the only career I have ever known. His two sons were my first mentors and one of them was my landlord for the first 4 years of my career. I remember your dad taking all the newby's out to lunch our first day to teach us “ there is no such thing as a free lunch” and telling us to add the extras (waiver of premium, APB, etc) to our life policies when we make a sale to further help the client & boost the premium. As I struggled in my early days he helped me financially and later told me that I had the dubious title of accruing the highest level of debt the office had ever known. Thankfully a cold call to a cardiologist bailed me out! Your dad was always there for counsel and guidance and I always knew he had my best interest at heart.

As the years rolled by it was great to get to know your dad better, who had an uncanny ability to show up (in office) at the most opportune/inopportune times pending how you looked at it! I remember times when some of the fellas would be clowning around and eating donuts thinking no one was around and then your dad “ The Big Boy” would just be there! Awkward and funny at the same time. At another weak moment, he (and your mom) asked me, a twenty something, to house sit one weekend and watch and walk their dog, Ranger. “ Do not let Ranger out of the fenced in area, he will take off!” Of course, you know what happened, another young agent, Chris Johnson drops by and lets Ranger out & off he goes, minutes before I am to leave for the city for a meeting!!

I could go on, but I just wanted to let you, Jim and the rest of your family know how thankful I am that I met, knew and was hired by Bob Stone. I am continually grateful for his help, guidance and friendship in my life. Please give your Mom my best.

Warmly,

John

John Voigt - June 14, 2019 at 02:10 PM