



## Jane Draper Stone

January 15, 1943 - May 29, 2021

Jane D. Stone passed away peacefully on May 29, 2021 in Bloomington, Indiana after a brief and courageous battle with cancer. She was surrounded by her loving family at the time of her death.

Jane was the daughter of Hiram Canaro and Nell (Lile) Draper. She was born on January 15, 1943 in Big Stone Gap, Virginia. She often recalled fondly her childhood memories of being with family and friends, many of whom she spoke with on a regular basis until the time of her death.

Jane was a 1961 graduate of Powell Valley High School and was salutatorian of her class. She was active in the marching and concert band programs under the legendary Mrs. Mac, earning All-State honors playing the flute. Upon graduation, Jane attended Radford University and the University of Kentucky where she studied biology. On July 2, 1966, she married the love of her life and high school sweetheart, Rodney Harold (Dickey) Stone, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Big Stone Gap. Military life and Dickey's pilot training led them to reside in many locations throughout the US. They lived in Big Spring, TX, Merced, CA, Goldsboro, NC, Clovis, NM, and Fort Walton Beach, FL. She returned home in 1969 to live with family when Dickey was deployed for active duty in Vietnam. She gave birth to their only child later that year. On May 2, 1970, Dickey was killed in action while completing his military service in the US Air Force. Jane remained in Big Stone Gap with the love and support of her family and friends until 2015. She was employed for 32 years by the State of Virginia as a deputy clerk and administrative assistant to the judges of the 30th Judicial Circuit, retiring in 2008.

Jane was overjoyed when, in 2001, her sister and brother-in-law, Lynda (Draper) and Dr. George Brown relocated from Ames, IA to Big Stone Gap and purchased the home next door. The 14 years that followed were some of her most cherished. During these years, they took numerous trips, enjoyed nightly dinners, socialized with neighbors while sitting on the front porch, attended performances (opera, ballet, concerts), cheered at sporting events, and spent time reminiscing. Jane especially enjoyed the many visits from her

niece and nephew and their families.

In 2015, Jane moved to Bloomington, IN to be with her son, daughter-in-law, and only grandchild. In that time and in good health, she traveled frequently with her family and her daughter-in-law's extended family including annual trips to Walt Disney World, among many other destinations. Her in-laws fully embraced her as one of their own. She was always lovingly referred to as "Auntie Jane" by her daughter-in-law's two nieces and two nephews. Together, they celebrated every holiday, birthday, and many other special occasions. She especially loved spending time with her grandson, Kristian, attending his swim meets, guitar recitals, and school events and always looked forward to him stopping by to see her along his bike route for a hug and a kiss. Her passion, more than anything, was being with friends and family. She also enjoyed classical music, the performing arts, playing bridge, reading, and travelling the world.

Jane loved all children and cherished friendships both new and old, many spanning her entire life. In all her travels and activities, Jane was kind, generous, and refined – a true example of class.

The family would like to especially thank the medical staff and caregivers at the IU Health Bloomington Hospice House for their unwavering dedication, kindness, and emotional support. They brought great comfort to Jane and her family in her final days.

Jane was preceded in death by her husband, Capt. Rodney H. Stone, USAF and sister, Lynda (Draper) Brown.

Jane is survived by her son, Dr. Todd (Lara) Stone and grandson Kristian Stone of Bloomington, IN. She is also survived by her brother-in-law, Dr. George G. Brown of Springfield, VA, brother-in-law, William H. Stone of Oakland, TN, nieces, Laura (Robert) Mann of Springfield, VA, Tracy (Jim) Jessee of Weddington, NC, Kelley Warnick of Waxhaw, NC, Scottie (Tim) Garner of Holly Springs, MS, nephew, G. Gordon (Juli) Brown of Cary, NC, great nieces Beth Mann, Emily Mann, Olivia Brown, and great nephew, Cael Brown.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, June 5 from 11 am – 1 pm at Trinity United Methodist Church in Big Stone Gap, VA with funeral and graveside ceremonies immediately following with Pastor Robert Burlingham officiating, she will be interred in Powell Valley Memorial Gardens.

Services will be streamed live for those who cannot attend in person (Holding Funeral Home's Facebook page will be the place for the livestream). In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society, IU Health Bloomington Hospice House, or charity of your choice.

A memorial video has been created for family and friends at:

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/N4PYJNJTQR9WKZ2R>

You may go online to view the obituary, sign the guest registry, or leave the family a condolence at [www.holdingfuneralhome.com](http://www.holdingfuneralhome.com)

Holding Funeral Home is honored to serve the Stone family.

# Cemetery Details

## Powell Valley Memorial Gardens

5650 Powell Valley Road  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 5. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Trinity United Methodist Church  
203 E. 1st St., S.  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

## Service

JUN 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Holding Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Jane Draper Stone*



**Holding Funeral Home, Inc.** - June 02, 2021 at 08:22 PM

AB

“ *My sister Kim and I were driving down to French Lick (IN) a couple of days ago and called Jane’s cellphone and home phone numbers to let her know our Mom passed away a few weeks ago. I drove Mom to see Jane a couple of years ago and they had a wonderful visit. Jane was as kind, gracious and sweet as she was when I met her as a young girl. Her mother Nell was my Nana’s best friend back in Big Stone Gap. It was wonderful for Mom and Jane to recall their days, along with Lynda, growing up in Big Stone. I’m so very very sorry to hear about your Mom, Todd. She was such a delightful, kind person who was dearly loved by so many ... my Mom (Susan Youell Brock) included.*

**Amelia Karen Brock** - November 05, 2021 at 01:13 PM



“ *Sorry to hear about Jane. She was a beautiful person with a beautiful soul. I went to High school with her and shared many band trips and practices with her and Dickie. She was always kind and always had a smile. Memories never die.*



**Kay Hale** - June 05, 2021 at 02:07 PM

JH

“ *I have so many precious memories of Jane and her entire family. She always made me feel like I was family. She was just a wonderful person and dear friend. She was always an ear when i needed to talk. She was there if i needed anything. Todd i am so sorry for your loss. I know she will be greatly missed by all who knew her. I'm praying for you all. I loved her dearly.*

**Judy Huffman** - June 03, 2021 at 09:30 PM

LK

“ Lisa Kirk lit a candle in memory of Jane Draper Stone



Lisa Kirk - June 03, 2021 at 09:05 PM

ML

“ Todd, this is from your mother's cousin Mary Jane Lile Price.  
'Todd, I am so sad over the passing of Jane. She and I talked often. We talked about our families and the good old days in BSG. My heart goes out to you and your family. Love, Mary Jane Lile Price.'

Mary Helen Lawson - June 03, 2021 at 08:32 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Jane Draper Stone.



June 03, 2021 at 05:57 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Jane Draper Stone.



June 02, 2021 at 11:46 PM

SH

“ I am so very sorry for your loss, Todd, and I will be praying for you and your family.

Susan Oehler Herrick - June 01, 2021 at 11:23 AM

PL

I m so sorry for your loss  
Jane was so kind and loving .

Peggy Lambert - June 03, 2021 at 08:01 PM

MJ

*I am so sorry to hear of Jane's passing and send my condolences to her family. She was such a wonderful, efficient, and kind clerk to the Circuit Court judges. Over the many years that I practiced law in that court, I always looked forward to seeing her and her smile.*

Melanie L Jorgensen - June 04, 2021 at 09:43 PM

ML

“ *I have so many memories of my cousin Jane. I spent lots of time at The Lile House. Christmas there was the highlight of our family gatherings. Rest in peace Jane. I will miss you.* 💕

Mary Helen Lawson - June 01, 2021 at 11:08 AM



“ *Jane was a neighbor when we lived on Wood Ave. She was a very nice and sweet lady. Prayers for the family.*



Janet Wilson - June 01, 2021 at 06:52 AM

SR

*ALL MY LOVE AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOURS FOREVER AND ALWAYS, GOD BLESS, SUSIE RICHARDSON* 🌹

SUSIE RICHARDSON - June 02, 2021 at 05:16 PM

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SUSIE RICHARDSON - June 02, 2021 at 05:17 PM

SF

*Love and Prayers .*

Shirley Fisher - June 02, 2021 at 08:44 PM

BA

*I sit here today watching the video of my friend, Jane. I wish I could be in Big Stone Gap today to help celebrate Jane's life. I have many memories of growing up in Big Stone Gap --and all of the fun we kids had for many years. I lived up on the hill from Jane --and we walked to school together when we were young. I remember all of the great times we had in the band... Jane was a great musician --playing both the piano and the flute... We were active in Trinity Methodist Church together.... I could go on and on --but will stop for now. May God Bless you, Todd and your family. Jane will always be remembered for that beautiful smile, and happy spirit. Big HUGS!!!! Love, Betsy Banks Adams, Fairfield Glade, TN*

Betsy Adams - June 05, 2021 at 11:10 AM