



## Elza Dewayne Stone

February 12, 1956 - February 23, 2020

Elza Dewayne Stone, 64 of Paragould, died February 23, 2020 in the Flo and Phil Jones Hospice House in Jonesboro.

Born February 12, 1956 in Walnut Ridge; son of the late Elza and Gertie Fay Sparks Stone. He was a 1974 graduate of Pocahontas High School. Raised a Farmer Dewayne, had a passion for gardening. He worked over 20 years as a Field Enumerator for the U.S.D.A; he owned and operated a Backhoe Service for nearly 30 years. With his son Craig, Dewayne owned and ran Stone's Auto Sales for several years and retired selling cars in Jonesboro at Cavanaugh KIA. He was an avid supporter of the Walnut Ridge Bobcats and loved watching his children play sports. He is also well known as "Dangerous Dewayne" from years of wrestling from 1974 to 2000; where he was inducted into the Mid-American Championship Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2016.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Rita Stone.

Survivors include his son, Craig (Joanna) Stone of Jonesboro; a daughter, Sheena Stone of Pocahontas; three grandchildren, Valerie, Edica and Eliecer; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral Service will be Friday, February 28, 2020 at 2 P.M. in the Bryan Chapel with Bro. David Smith Jr officiating. Pallbearers will be Rick Scott,

Richard Amos, Darrell Nelson, Dewayne Sharp, Ted Grissom and Robert Dailey. Interment will follow in the Lawrence Memorial Park.

Visitation will be Thursday evening from 6 P.M. till 8 P.M.

# Cemetery Details

## Lawrence Memorial Park

Colonial Dr.  
Walnut Ridge, AR 72476

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bryan Funeral Home  
415 NW Texas St.  
Hoxie, AR 72433

## Funeral Service

FEB 28. 2:00 PM (CT)

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415 NW Texas St.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Elza Dewayne Stone*

January 29, 2023 at 08:29 AM



“ *4 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Bryan Funeral Home - February 27, 2020 at 05:30 PM

DL

“ Our friendship started in 1974, when Ronnie McPherson and him started my training in Wrestling. We remained close to the end. We wrestled each other and together, we traveled thousand of miles together. Dewayne and I started our own company Arkansas Wrestling Enterprise, got us a bus and hit the road. We both were inducted into the Hall of Fame the same night, he was first and I was second. I am happy our sons Craig Stone and my son Idolbane, Phillip DeClerk took our places, when we got to old an beat up to do much more than run our mouths. Our sons may keep it going with their children. There is so many stories, I will cherish, even our gouging each other on politics. As we held hands in his bed our last words to each other was I love you.



Douglas Cousins Dr. Love - February 27, 2020 at 11:06 AM

SG

“ Stone Family Linda, Butch, Brenda, Gary purchased the Bright and Beautiful Spray for the family of Elza Dewayne Stone.



Stone Family Linda, Butch, Brenda, Gary - February 27, 2020 at 09:18 AM

JL

“ Dewayne was a good friend and neighbor. We sure are going to miss him.  
Judy, Jason and Matthew



judy lamberth - February 27, 2020 at 08:40 AM



“ 116 files added to the album LifeTributes



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**Bryan Funeral Home** - February 26, 2020 at 08:42 PM

CA

“ Poppa Stone was a fine person. Fun person to talk too, tough wrestler and a excellent salesman. Going to be missed by all.



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**carlos.** - February 26, 2020 at 01:24 PM

LM

“ Sure am going to miss your delicious vegetables...may you rest in Eternal peace.



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**Lanna Maxwell** - February 26, 2020 at 07:45 AM

BC

“ Friends for many years beginning with Dewayne's first day of working with USDA "Crop Reporting" I guess one of my favorite memories is riding to the fields in his jeep. "He sure could drive that vehicle" all I did was do my best to hang in the dang thing. He was a true friend. Oh yes, he loved his family very much. Belma Cossey

Belma Cossey - February 25, 2020 at 08:40 PM

DO

“ We had a lot of matches together in the area. Lots of good memories. Dewayne was a great man and friend. Dewayne will be greatly missed.

David Oswald - February 25, 2020 at 08:01 PM

FB

“ Frank Benson lit a candle in memory of Elza Dewayne Stone



Frank Benson - February 25, 2020 at 05:37 PM

TS

“ Terri J Sifford purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Elza Dewayne Stone.



Terri J Sifford - February 25, 2020 at 11:31 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elza Dewayne Stone.*



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February 25, 2020 at 10:40 AM



“ *Enduring Light Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Elza Dewayne Stone.*



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February 25, 2020 at 10:02 AM



“ *Tj Wells lit a candle in memory of Elza Dewayne Stone*



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**Tj Wells** - February 25, 2020 at 07:07 AM



“ *Prayers for the family! He was a classmate and a friend for many years!*

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**Sandra Hibbard Tweedy** - February 24, 2020 at 08:12 PM

LP

“ *Linda Alphin Pfeffer lit a candle in memory of Elza Dewayne Stone*



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**Linda Alphin Pfeffer** - February 24, 2020 at 07:53 PM

SP

“ *Sherri Phelps lit a candle in memory of Elza Dewayne Stone*



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**Sherri Phelps** - February 24, 2020 at 07:36 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Elza Dewayne Stone.*



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February 24, 2020 at 07:02 PM

CB

“ *My condolences to Craig and family. I know Craig to be an upstanding person, and I am pretty certain he would give credit to his raising and father.*

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**Cody Bassham** - February 24, 2020 at 06:44 PM

LR

“ *I'm so sorry. Mr. Stone was such a sweet man. He sold me a KIA Soul. I became friends with him on Facebook. He sure loved his kids. He will be missed*

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**Lamesia Robertson** - February 24, 2020 at 06:36 PM

NP

“ *Norma Hibbard Pickett lit a candle in memory of Elza Dewayne Stone*



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**Norma Hibbard Pickett** - February 24, 2020 at 06:35 PM

NP

*Dewayne, you will be missed. You were a friend to all who knew you and the PHS class of 1974 will miss you. Rest In Peace my friend. PrYers for your family.*

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**Norma Hibbard Pickett** - February 24, 2020 at 06:38 PM