



Charles Stenius Stone

November 24, 1951 - May 10, 2022

Charles Stenius Stone, lawman, author, bon vivant, fan of single malt Scotch, gunsmith, crack shot, teller of stories both tall and true, loving husband, father, grandfather and eternal optimist, died on May 10, 2022. He loved his family, his country, and every dog that he ever met.

Charles was born on November 24, 1951, at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Aberdeen, Maryland. After the death of his father, the family moved to Monroe Georgia, where he grew up and graduated from high school. He graduated from then West Georgia College and received his Master of Public Administration from the University of Georgia.

He spent his working life in law enforcement with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, served in many capacities during his career, including hostage negotiator, counter-terrorism, Organized Crime, and Political Corruption. He attended the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, as well as many other schools. He worked many complex cases, until his health issues (end stage renal failure) forced him to retire from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation as an Assistant Special Agent in Charge.

His last case was the Atlanta Olympic Park bombing, in which he was instrumental in organizing the successful apprehension of Eric Rudolph, the Olympic Bomber, an adventure he chronicled in "Hunting Eric Rudolph," a

book co-authored with Henry Schuster.

Charles had many friends - including both people he served with and arrested. There are far too many people to mention who were his law enforcement family, but it is with unlimited gratitude that his former GBI colleague, Mary Anne Jenkins, gave him the life-saving gift of a kidney in 2012 - a gift that allowed him 10 extra years of life and the opportunity to meet and know his two beloved grandsons.

He is pre-deceased by his father, Colonel Leo Kalervo Stone; mother, Helen Greene Stone; and sister Sulane Stone Perry.

He is survived by his wife, Rhonda D. McClendon; son, Parks Stone (Mallory); grandsons, Parks and Everett Stone; brother in law, Colonel Myles Perry (Sulane) sister, Sonyanna Stone Hudson (Larry); nephews, Parham Perry (Katharina); Roland Perry (Pat); Mylane Perry Wigley (Jay); and Cody Lamont Daniell (Dessie). He is also survived by a number of great nieces and nephews, all of whom he adored. We shall miss him greatly.

The visitation is Sunday, May 15, 2022, from 6 PM until 8 PM at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, in Newnan and the memorial service is Monday, May 16, 2022 at 11:00 AM at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, in Newnan with The Rev. Harry Barrow and The Rev. Hazel Glover officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in his honor to the American Diabetes Association or to the American Heart Association. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **15**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Memorial Service

MAY **16**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
576 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles Stenius Stone*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - May 23, 2022 at 09:05 AM

JM

“ *So sorry to learn if Charles passing. I was in school with him in Monroe, GA. He was a fun person to be around. So sorry for your loss.*

Juanita Brown Malcom

Juanita Brown Malcom - May 19, 2022 at 08:56 AM

 Carl Stokoe

“ *So very sorry to learn of Charles" passing, Rhonda. My deepest condolences.*

Carl Stokoe - May 18, 2022 at 08:53 AM

CL

“ *We send our sincerest condolences to you, Parks and Mallory, and your family. What an incredible man who gave back serving his state and community. He seemed like quite the character as well. We are sending continued prayers your way. - The Lucies*

Craig Lucie - May 16, 2022 at 10:11 PM

SF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Rhonda and your family. You and Charles have been dear friends and I'll always cherish our friendships. Charles was always fun to work with during my time in photography with the GBI.

Love and prayers.

Shirley Fordham

Shirley Fordham - May 16, 2022 at 03:40 PM

CO

“ Rhonda, Parks, and Family. We are so very sorry to hear of your loss of Charles. Please accept our condolences and know that you are in our thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time.



With sincere sympathy.

Jenny and Camisha Otwell

CJ Otwell - May 16, 2022 at 08:58 AM

BM

“ I am saddened that Charles has left this life but thankful that he is now enjoying a new and wonderful life with our Savior Jesus Christ. Although we didn't work in the same GBI offices, our paths often crossed. I always had the highest respect for Charles - a man of his word. I'll also remember his wisdom and ever present smile.

Rest In Peace my friend.

Bill Malueg, retired GBI

Bill Malueg - May 16, 2022 at 04:50 AM

RL

“ Our family has a heavy heart today. Charles was a beloved friend and always shared a smile. I had the honor of taking care of his four-legged family for many years (Patches, Star, and other fur babies). Charles and Rhonda spend timeless loving hours with their dogs and they never lacked for anything! I know he is now getting lots of dog kisses in Heaven. Thank you Charles for sharing a loving part of your family’s life with me. Dr Rip

Rip Landrum - May 15, 2022 at 05:05 PM

GG

“ Beginning in 1973, Charles and I worked together in the GBI office in Gainesville, Georgia. Looking back, I'm certain I'm alive today because Charles taught me many practical things about dealing with dangerous people. He was tough but kind to everyone he encountered. I figure we both were lucky to have worked for R.C. McCrackin (Mac) during our time in Gainesville.

Through the years, Charles and I stayed in touch. Every time we spoke, it was like talking to the brother I never had.

Highest regards to Charles, his family, and the many friends he maintained through the years.

Greg B. Groves
FBI Retired

Greg B. Groves - May 15, 2022 at 11:27 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Stenius Stone.*



May 15, 2022 at 08:41 AM



“ *As a young GBI narcotics agent, Charles was one of my supervisors. Charles was not only a great agent and supervisor, but he also predated YELP* with his extensive culinary insight to eating establishments across the state of Georgia. I think Charles was the pioneer for the TV show that launched Guy Fieri's T.V. career, "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives." While Guy Fieri drove a red Camaro, Charles made his way across the state in his GBI issued Crown Victoria Two. Charles taught a good many agents how to be good cops. Your laughter and smile will always be remembered.*

*Marty Zon
Retired GBI*

Martin Zon - May 15, 2022 at 08:25 AM



“ *Our condolences to Rhonda, Parks and Family. Charles was a friend and fellow law enforcement officer. He was professional, dedicated and committed to getting the job done while also having compassion and empathy. He always had a kind word, a good story and a smile on his face. Rest In peace my friend. Retired Sheriff Mike and Bev Yeager*

Yeager Family - May 15, 2022 at 08:09 AM

SE

“ I know Charles is with Jesus today having a great time and completely healthy again, but the rest of us are hurting and missing a great colleague and friend. He was always a pleasure to visit with and so uplifting. Our career goes back to 1973 together. I couldn't have had a better friend and colleague than Charles. Even though he has gone to be with Jesus I will keep his memory and spirit alive thinking of the fun times we had together. God Bless Rhonda and Parks and his family who he cared for and loved so much. Keep him close to your heart and know that you will rejoin him when it is time. Please know you are all in my family's prayers and thoughts as you go through this very difficult time. Stay strong and love each other. We love you guys.

Steven Edwards - May 15, 2022 at 08:08 AM

SE

“ Steven Edwards lit a candle in memory of Charles Stenius Stone



Steven Edwards - May 15, 2022 at 07:56 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Stenius Stone.



May 15, 2022 at 07:41 AM

KH

“ I loved when he would come to Rhonda’s office and tell us police stories over lunch. He was very funny and a great story teller. It was also obvious that he lived Rhonda dearly!

kelly Hillis - May 15, 2022 at 07:41 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Stenius Stone.



May 15, 2022 at 07:00 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Stenius Stone.



May 15, 2022 at 06:24 AM

TM

“ Charles Stone was a man of courage, conviction and kindness. He is one of those of whom it may be said truly that what mattered to him ought to matter to all. He commanded simultaneous trust, respect and affection. I was honored to call him friend.

Teo Forcht Dagi

T Forcht Dagi, MD - May 15, 2022 at 05:51 AM

DS

“ Rhonda and family...I will never forget the many times shared with both of you. Such great memories... Charles was a terrific friend. I recall his kindness while life was a challenge for me. As you know, my name for him was " Coyote"! Given to him when he brought the Coyote call to our house. This action enlisting canine protest in the neighborhood! He was always patient when I asked questions about his life and work. I'm so thankful I got to speak with him not long ago. I appreciated how in conversation he would say your name when sharing a thought... It's very heartbreaking to learn of his passing. I feel honored to have spent the time we all had together.. Love you..

Donna Stephenson - May 15, 2022 at 01:33 AM

JG

“ Rhonda, Ellen and I are so sorry to hear about Charles, our prayers are with you and the family.

John and Ellen Garner

John and Ellen Garner - May 14, 2022 at 06:35 PM

FS

“ Charles has left a profound and lasting positive impact on the professional and personal lives of so many; especially mine. From our first introduction during my pre employment interview to our decades long professional association, Charles consistently demonstrated empathy, integrity and professional competence throughout our association.

As we reflect on a life we'll lived, may the sadness you feel be timely replaced by the precious memories of the very best days with this good man.

Proverbs 27:17

Fred E. Stephens - May 14, 2022 at 02:14 PM

GB

“ Rhonda, Bob and I are truly sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and the family. Bob and Gloria

Gloria Buffington - May 13, 2022 at 06:05 PM

TG

“ That obituary is truly one of the most beautiful, descriptive and accurate tributes written on behalf of a loved one that I have ever read. Charles was one of the most dedicated public servants that I had the honor and privilege to know and work with. He served his community, his state and his nation with distinction. Thank you, Charles, for making the world a better place. Tony Gailey

Tony Gailey - May 13, 2022 at 03:55 PM

CL

“ Rhonda and family, hoping you find comfort at this time. We are so grateful to have known Charles as a neighbor and friend these last 20 years. He always shared his bright smile and "up to something" chuckle, freely, on good days or bad. He was the best storyteller. His true tales -weren't they all true?- were the funniest. Frank the Cat aka Suspect Under the Bed is one we've retold many, many times. Catching up with Mr. Stone on the sidewalk was always a highlight of our regular walks. His sunny disposition is a reminder of how to try to live: grateful, connecting with others, sharing what is good. We will miss him.

Candyce Ayn Lund - May 13, 2022 at 02:44 PM

JS

Rhonda, Our hearts are broken for you. John and Linda seay

John seay - May 14, 2022 at 01:54 PM

MW

“ During my 26 year career with the GBI, Charles was my supervisor for more years than any other supervisor. He was a great mentor.

Micah Ward - May 13, 2022 at 01:05 PM

BS

“ My condolences go out to Rhonda, and the rest of Charles' Family, sorry for your loss. I first met Charles in July 1973. Together, we attended the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Special Agents' Class at the Georgia Police Academy, which was located in Atlanta at that time. We were across the hallway neighbors during the eight weeks of training there. I knew Charles to be very jovial and he loved to laugh and have fun. However, when it came to working criminal investigations, he was very serious and concentrated on the information that mattered. He will be surely missed. Rest in Peace, My Brother!
Bobby R. Stephens

Bobby R Stephens - May 13, 2022 at 12:56 PM

MH

“ Mary Harris lit a candle in memory of Charles Stenius Stone



Mary Harris - May 13, 2022 at 12:11 PM

SF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Steven Foster - May 13, 2022 at 11:24 AM

KG

“ Kirk Kaiser - Retired GBI purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Charles Stenius Stone.



Kirk Kaiser - Retired GBI - May 13, 2022 at 10:05 AM

KK

“ Rhonda and family: So sorry to hear of the passing of Charles. A great mentor and friend. Please accept my sincere condolences.

Kirk Kaiser - Retired GBI

Kirk Kaiser - May 13, 2022 at 09:49 AM

SW

“ Dear Parks and family: Jacob are shocked and saddened to learn of the passing of your father. I was just thinking of him yesterday when I heard about the GBI on the news and wondered how he and all of you are doing. We thoroughly enjoyed getting to know Charles during PONY League coaching starting in 1988. We will be praying for your entire family and are so sad to hear this. Jacob's daddy, your old Coach Eric was exactly 2 days older than Charles. I am sure you have heard that he passed away during Christmas week of 2004. God bless all of you.

Susan Weegar - May 13, 2022 at 08:38 AM

AM

“ Charles was a good man and friend. He will be missed by many.

Art Murphy - May 13, 2022 at 04:01 AM



“ *Kay Driver lit a candle in memory of Charles Stenius Stone*



Kay Driver - May 12, 2022 at 10:20 PM



“ *Prayers are lifted for all the family of Charles Stone. I first met Charles in the early 70's when he was assigned to Region 8 Gainesville. I'm honored to have called him my friend. Charles conducted the background investigation on me when I was hired as an Agent and I will always value the memories of our conversations and time spent together.....He had a talent for detailed ethical investigations. May God's grace sustain his loved ones until we see him again in eternity...*

Paul Loggins - May 12, 2022 at 07:42 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Charles Stenius Stone.*



May 12, 2022 at 06:02 PM