



Dr. Clarence Louis Stone Sr.

June 20, 1937 - December 31, 2019

Clarence L. Stone, Sr., age 82, of Southfield, Michigan, passed away on December 31, 2019. The son of Lennie and Maude Stone, Clarence was born in Norfolk, Virginia in 1936. He graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in Norfolk in 1954 where he was an All-State center on the football team. Clarence attended Maryland State College (n/k/a as the University of Maryland at Eastern Shore) on a football scholarship. While at Maryland State, Clarence became a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in 1955. He won awards for having the highest academic average on the Maryland State football team and earned a bachelor's degree in biology in 1958. Clarence moved to Detroit in 1958 and became a Registered Medical Technologist M.T. (A.S.C.P.) at Herman Kiefer, where he worked as a medical technologist and taught courses in hematology and medical technology until 1972.

Clarence married Oretha Hill in Norfolk, Virginia in 1960. In 1964, Clarence became a biology teacher at Eastern High School where he served as an assistant football coach and helped a number of his players obtain football scholarships. In 1968, Clarence became a counselor at Mumford High School and earned a M.Ed. from the Wayne State University College of Education. In 1970, Clarence became an assistant principal at Ferndale High School, becoming the first African-American administrator in the Ferndale School System. In 1972, Clarence became the Principal of Highland Park High

School. He became the Director of State and Federal Projects for the Highland Park School System in 1976. He later became the Director of Personnel and Labor Relations at Highland Park Community College. In 1981, Clarence earned a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan's College of Education. Clarence retired in 1992.

During his career, Clarence was the Treasurer with the National Association of Black School Educators and an officer with the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals. He served as a Visiting Committee Member to the University of Michigan, College of Education. He also served as an evaluator of secondary schools for the North Central Accrediting Association. He was a recipient of the National Alliance of Black School Educators Charles D. Moody Service Award, the Ralph Steffek Leadership and Service Award from the National Association of State and Federal Program Specialists, and the Wayne County Service Award.

Clarence was a proud member of Hiram Lodge No. 1 in Detroit, and the Michigan Council of Deliberation, P.H.A. He was a 33rd degree Mason and a Sovereign Grand Inspector General. Clarence was also an active member of the Detroit Nu Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi. Clarence was also a member of the Empowerment Church as served on the Board of Governors. Clarence enjoyed spending time with his family and traveling. He also enjoyed attending University of Michigan football games, Omega Psi Phi, Masonic and Empowerment Church meetings and activities.

Clarence is survived by his loving wife Oretha, sons Clarence Jr. and Lennie, daughter-in-law Kimberly, grandson, Clarence Jerome, extended family and many friends. A family hour and special tributes will begin at 9:30 am on January 11, 2020 at the Empowerment Church, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield, MI 48075. The funeral service will begin at noon. Condolences can be sent to the family online at kempfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Family and Friends Hour

JAN 11. 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Empowerment Church (Shriners Silver Garden Events Center)
24350 Southfield Road
Southfield, MI 48075

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Clarence Louis Stone Sr.*

September 27, 2022 at 08:40 PM



“ *Dr. Clarence Louis Stone Sr.*

September 27, 2022 at 06:52 PM



“ *Paula Truss lit a candle in memory of Dr. Clarence Louis Stone Sr.*



Paula Truss - January 19, 2020 at 09:46 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family for your loss. Mr. Stone was truly one of the nicest gentleman I have ever met. 🙏❤️🙏*

Mark Benson "HP" - January 11, 2020 at 10:47 PM



“ *Dearest Stone family, our deepest sympathies are with you and asking that the peace of God will keep your hearts lifted as you reflect on the life of an awesome Mighty Man. Grace and peace to you all, the Stuckey sisters.*

Martha (Stuckey) Borner - January 11, 2020 at 02:09 AM



“ We remember Dr. Stone as one of the most principled men of our time. He loved his wife and family unconditionally. He was the ultimate friend who showed trust and loyalty. We respected him and all that he stood for.

Cecil and Iris Rice

Ps.both at home ill.

Cecil Rice - January 10, 2020 at 11:47 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Clarence Louis Stone Sr..



January 10, 2020 at 09:23 AM



“ Debra, Her Children and Grandchildren purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dr. Clarence Louis Stone Sr..



Debra, Her Children and Grandchildren - January 09, 2020 at 05:31 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Clarence Louis Stone Sr..



January 09, 2020 at 11:51 AM

RJ

“ Prayers and condolences for this family!

Rev.Marshall Murphy Jr. - January 09, 2020 at 07:50 AM

BH

My most heartfelt condolences are extended to the family.

Brenda Harris - January 09, 2020 at 08:55 PM

BH

“ *Dr Stone was a phenomenal Principal and Mentor. Our prayers are with you.*

Brenda Hatchett and Family

Brenda Hatchett - January 08, 2020 at 12:35 PM

BW

“ *DEAR FRIEND PRAYING FOR YOU AND FAMILY DURING THIS TIME IN YOUR LIFE GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU MAY YOUR LOVE ONE REST FOR EVER MORE IN THE ARMS OF OF OUR LORD MAY HE COMFORT YOU WITH PEACE BURMA WILLIAMS AND FAMILY. 2020*

BURMA WILLIAMS - January 07, 2020 at 11:52 PM

BH

*Brenda Hatchett & Family our prayers are with you!
Grace & Peace*

Brenda Hatchett - January 08, 2020 at 12:33 PM

TB

Sending prayers of comfort and peace to the Stone family. Mr. Stone was a great principal and leader. It was great reconnecting with him at his grandsons recitals. Praying for the family Pamela Galloway(HP c/o 78)and Theresa Galloway-Bennett (HP c/o 75)

theresa Bennett - January 09, 2020 at 09:15 PM