



Rev. Craig Stone

November 24, 1960 - September 21, 2018

Pastor Craig Stone, age 57 of Loganville passed away on Friday, September 21, 2018. Craig Stone was a loving pastor of the churches he served, Hilton Terrace in Columbus, GA; First Baptist Rincon, GA; First Baptist Grayson, GA; and spent the final years of his ministry loving and being loved by the gracious people of Hi Roc Baptist Church, Hi Roc, GA. He was a graduate and a four-year football letterman at UGA, which included him being part of the 1980 National Championship team. He was an incredible umpire, especially collegiate fast pitch softball. As his cancer limited his time on the field, he served S.C.U.A as an assigner and umpire evaluator. Chemo treatments at Emory required a stop at The Varsity for a frosted orange, and a ride home from a victory in Athens absolutely demanded a blizzard from the Watkinsville Dairy Queen. Craig Stone was married to his loving wife, Jenni for 35 years, and his children and grandchildren lovingly called him "Pops". He is survived by his wife, Jenni Stone, Loganville, GA; sons & daughters-in-law, Ryan & Blair Stone, Jacksonville Beach, FL; Seth & Shelley Stone, Delray Beach, FL; mother & father, Brenda & Alan Russell, Loganville, GA; sister & brother-in-law, Carol & Mike Taylor, Leesburg, GA; granddaughters, Emrie and Blakely Stone.

A memorial service will be held 2:00 PM on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at Bethlehem Church, 548 Christmas Ave, Bethlehem, GA with Pastor Ryan Stone, Pastor Seth Stone and Pastor Tim Brogan officiating.

In lieu of flowers please give generously to a local church or to the Hartman

Fund at the UGA in memory of Larry Craig Stone
thegeorgiabulldogclub.com/donate-now. Arrangements by Tim Stewart
Funeral Home, 300 Simonton Road, Lawrenceville, GA 30045. 770-962-3100.
Please leave online condolences at www.stewartfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Craig Stone*

October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *From Jenni*

He is the love of my life. I have loved him forever. He was my first boyfriend, my first kiss. He said he will meet me just inside Heaven's gates. I hate living without him but I thank God every day that Craig's pain is gone. I love you LC! See you in paradise!

Jenni Stone - October 22, 2018 at 09:58 PM



“ *Jennifer and family, my heart is breaking knowing that Craig is gone but I do know where he's at there's no pain or sorrow. He and I were close friends in high school and at Georgia also. He was my savior at Georgia as I was so homesick and newly married and his being around was such a comfort. I have just found out about his passing, but I was aware of his cancer battle , I see his mom, and also Carol and Mike and they kept me in the loop some. I will feel his loss deeply for along time but I wish the Lords peace on you and your boys , their wives, and those beautiful babies. I really loved him.*

wanda sumler(Allen) - October 16, 2018 at 03:45 PM

JC

“ Thoughts and prayers are with Jennifer, Ryan, Seth and their families on this day. I have many fond memories of Craig while he served and led the youth at First Baptist Church of Rincon years ago. Craig led me and my wife to become Sunday School teachers in the youth department. I reluctantly approached Craig one Sunday and told him I had to kick his son Ryan out of my class for misbehaving. Craig's response was, "you gotta do what you gotta do." Today, that same Ryan is a Pastor and will be officiating, along with younger brother Seth, at Craig's celebration of life. While we mourn the loss of Craig in this earthly life, I know Craig is rejoicing in heaven! Craig and I never said hello when we greeted each other. We simply said, "Go Dawgs." Peace, my brother. And Go Dawgs.

Jim and Patsy Clayton - September 25, 2018 at 12:11 PM



“ He was a very sincere. Was my Children's s pastor who are adults now at Hilton Terrace Baptist. We loved him because of his walk with Jesus Christ. Prayers to the family... We will miss him but he is in a glorious place with the Lord.



Irma Rodriguez - September 25, 2018 at 05:33 AM

WH

“ I will always recall his calm and patient demeanor working with our students. Very jovial and vibrant despite his medical challenges. His great memories will forever be with us.

Wayne Hall
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Wayne L Hall - September 24, 2018 at 01:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Craig Stone.*



September 24, 2018 at 11:16 AM



“ *I am truly sorry for your loss..*

Lesa Bonnell - September 24, 2018 at 09:30 AM



“ *Prayers for your comfort.*

Jeanette Paul - September 24, 2018 at 06:54 AM



“ To Jennifer and the boys, Mary and I send our deepest sympathy. I have a lot of memories of Craig and all of your family, from our ministry together at FBC Rincon. It was a joy to know how he loved and sought to show Christ to our youth, and also his dedicated service to the educational ministry. Craig had a good sense of humor, and was a true "Bulldog." In fact, he and I butted heads a few times, but always with respect for each other, and we rejoiced to see how God continued to use Craig in the pastoral ministry, and loved seeing y'all at the Georgia Baptist Convention and catching up on how you and your family were doing.

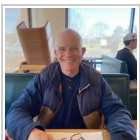
One of my favorite memories of Craig was not at church, but at an Effingham County High School football game. Craig was called on to referee a home game at ECHS. Normally, he would not referee a game the Rebels were playing, since his own children went to that school, and he never wanted to be accused of bias. But they didn't have another referee available, so he agreed. At one point in the game, Craig threw a flag against ECHS. I was sitting in the stands, and heard an ECHS fan yell in anger, "Where are you from, ref?" I told him, "He's from here! His son is standing on the sidelines for ECHS!" That was Craig Stone. He was going to do the right thing, even if it meant his own neighbors and own son's team didn't like it. He was that kind of person of integrity.

We mix our tears with your many tears in your loss. We love the Stone family, and are praying for God's comfort for you all.

Love,

Bob and Mary Rogers

Bob Rogers - September 23, 2018 at 10:25 PM



“ Praying for Craig's family and celebrating all his miracles.

Roger Marietta - September 23, 2018 at 09:06 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Rev. Craig Stone.*



September 23, 2018 at 01:18 PM



“ *I attended a Camp hosted by Craig 5 years ago. Really learned a lot and met Craig for the 1st time. My living in South Florida at the time presented a challenge to working for him.*

A couple of years later I moved home to Alabama and in posting this event on facebook. Hours later Craig contacted me and asked if i would be interested in working for him D2 and 3. I jumped at the offer without hesitation.

Craig, In my prayers I've thanked you for this opportunity. You truly were and still are a blessing in my life.

My sincerest condolences to your family and friends Our hearts are broken by your absence in our lives.

Dalton D Banks - September 23, 2018 at 10:03 AM




“ *Craig was a longtime personal friend and youth ministry colleague. Over the years we have shared mission trip experiences and Bible Drill leadership. I will greatly miss the fellowship and encouragement of our times together but I rejoice with my brother as is enjoying the bliss of his salvation fully revealed. Dennis and Judy Rogers*

Dennis Rogers - September 22, 2018 at 08:46 PM

SH

“ I met Craig and Carol when Carol and I were in second grade and Craig in third. Grew up together at Sunnyside. Was even my boss at Wendy's for a time. I have many wonderful memories and my heart is broken. I know you are pain free. I know you are in a better beautiful place but it is still a sad day. Rest peacefully.

Sheioa Hayes - September 22, 2018 at 04:43 PM


Adrienne
Barnes

“ May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face
And rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we me again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Adrienne Barnes - September 22, 2018 at 03:32 PM

LM

“ A fine young man growing up at Sunnyside Baptist Church Albany GA.
He and Jennifer were always faithful to Lord Jesus Christ.
I love the family and lift all in prayer for peace,love comfort.
Jerry and Lillian Mullen

Lillian mullen - September 22, 2018 at 03:19 PM

JS

“ Sorry for your lost. Jo Spivey at First Baptist Church of Rincon, GA

Jo Spivey - September 22, 2018 at 03:11 PM