



## David Stone

August 5, 1951 - June 21, 2022

David Stone, age 70 of Kankakee passed away June 21, 2022, at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee. He was born on August 5, 1951, the son of Roy and Jean (Francouer) Stone.

David taught and played guitar in a number of places for most of his life. He played professionally in many bands. David enjoyed golfing and watching black and white westerns.

David was a parishioner of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kankakee.

Surviving are two brothers and two sisters-in-law, James (Sylvia) Stone of St. Anne, Jeffrey (Gail) Stone of Aroma Park; and many nieces and nephews.

David is preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Karin Rahn and Diane McCardle.

Memorial visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until the 1:00 p.m. memorial service on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. Deacon Patrick Skelly will officiate the service.

Private inurnment will be held at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to the Family Wishes.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary Cemetery

2000 E. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JUN 28. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

BH

“ *Just heard this. Was an inspiration  
Best teacher I ever had*

**bob hardy** - October 11, 2022 at 05:45 PM

BR

“ *Dave was the brother of my guitar teacher, Karin, who taught me  
when I was eight years old, so no doubt he was an influence on me  
as well, albeit indirectly. My mom took a few lessons from him while  
I sat in the car!*

**Brian Riley** - October 09, 2022 at 01:32 PM

BO

“ *Dave will be missed,I took guitar lessons from Dave he was a great  
teacher. And the best guitar player I have ever met Dave stone what  
a guy bob overfelt*

**bob overfelt** - June 29, 2022 at 11:12 PM

BS

“ *Condolences to the family*



**Bev Sorensen** - June 27, 2022 at 11:19 AM

JF

“ *All my memories of taking guitar lessons from Dave are positive ones. He inspired me to practice until my fingertips were raw. He could listen to a riff once, play it perfectly, and then write it up for me to practice. He was truly amazing at his craft. RIP Dave 🎸*

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**Janelle Fleck** - June 26, 2022 at 01:44 PM



“ My mom just told me that Dave Stone passed away a few days ago and there’s absolutely no way I’m going to keep from eulogizing him. Dave Stone was my second guitar teacher. My first guitar teacher tried to teach me out of one of those Hal Leonard books which I didn’t have the time or attention span for - and when that didn’t work he tried to teach me the Beverly Hillbillies theme song. Another fail. It couldn’t be helped - I needed rock ‘n roll. I don’t say this lightly or with an ounce of sarcasm: Dave Stone might’ve been pure country but he taught me how to rock. He gave lessons out of a spare bedroom which was the tiniest high-end studio I had ever been in. He had an Eventide 3000H, Alesis DAT machines, A bunch of Digitech DSP rack units - in 1994 he had everything you needed from country to grunge to rock to jazz, and he could play at all. He would effortlessly rip these insane 200bpm country hybrid picking guitar solos. He played so much the man did not have fingernails on his left hand.

When I say he could play it all - I mean he could play anything. He was adept at Chet Atkins - he was better than Vince Gill. He could play Eruption, he taught me Bouree by Bach and Dee by Randy Rhoads, he tabbed out entire songs and guitar solos for me countless times. Some of his favorites that I brought in that he would never have listened to in 1000 years were Smashing Pumpkins - Mayonnaise (which he figured out the odd tuning in about 2 minutes), Spoonman by Soundgarden, and Interstate love Song by Stone Temple Pilots. In return, I listened to him when he told me things that I should be listening for and listening to. He taught me how to develop my ear and be able to figure out any chord whether it be major or minor or b7#13. He taught me how the Beatles wrote songs. He taught me about formulas and the circle of fifths. I practiced every lesson he gave me. The Days of Wine and Roses, The Girl from Ipanema, My Funny Valentine. He knew so many jazz standards and he taught and played them with finesse.

I took lessons from him in the early 90s so of course being a fan of music he had 1500 CDs. Sometimes in our lessons we would listen

*to Larry Carlton or Lee Riteour. We would listen to so much instrumental guitar music (which wasn't my thing at the time) but since he taught me what to listen for it all made sense. This is one of the biggest attributions to my current job that I credit his teaching. He literally taught me how to find the meaning and mechanics in every piece of music.*

*He was one of the few trusted adults outside my family I could really talk to. I would talk to him about things that were going on in my life that felt a little out of control as a teenager. He gave a lot of really great advice. I don't know if he ended up having kids of his own or otherwise, but I hope that many others got the same benefit I did.*

*I'm not sure what else there is to say. He was one of the best guitar players I ever heard. He drove a white Cadillac that had the license plate "GUITARS". He was a little arrogant unless you knew him well and he was only a little less arrogant than if you didn't. I am fortunate to have known Dave Stone.*

*I ran into him about 15 years ago and had a great conversation. He was still driving that Cadillac and still playing guitar. We had a great laugh and then he was gone.*

*Thanks Dave.*

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**Dereck Blackburn** - June 26, 2022 at 12:07 AM



“ *Mrs. Fields With Sympathy Combo Tin was purchased for the family of David Stone.*



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June 25, 2022 at 04:49 PM

JA

“ One of the best guitar players in Kankakee. A true musician, A staple, An Icon in Kankakee. Rest in Peace, respected friend, from Jesse Aaron, fellow musician.

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**Jesse Aaron** - June 23, 2022 at 08:11 PM

SW

“ Dave was in a band with me for five years, with Rick Flessner. We had so much fun, played some great music, and had so many laughs! He was a kind man, and he will be missed!

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**Susan Williams** - June 23, 2022 at 11:41 AM

 Chuck McNulty

“ Took lessons from him in high school. Was so excited to watch him play. I could never figure out how we could play the same song but when he played it, it sounded so much better than when I did. That's when I learned it truly had more to do with feel than just plucking the right notes. I recall my dad and I watching Maynard Ferguson and Al Hirt on PBS one night and after a slow ballad, I asked him, "I don't know much about trumpet playing but what is that makes them so obviously better than most?" My dad said, "with some musicians Chuckie, the notes come out of the trumpet, but with the great ones what comes out is their soul" I've never forgot that. Many times I saw that with Dave. There were moments in his room, he'd seriously play something he was working on and I knew I was on the presence of greatness. I'll never forget him.

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**Chuck McNulty** - June 22, 2022 at 06:45 PM

JE

“ Took guitar lessons from his father for the basics & then Dave when I progressed on guitar. Took piano lessons from his mother for many years. Lots of memories of Dave & his family. They were good people. Dave was an amazing & talented guy. He could hear a song once & ask which guitar part I wanted to learn. He could play each guitar part (bass, lead, etc.) back to me after only hearing it once! Enjoyed seeing him in bands & on his own over the years. He had the talent to make it very big, but chose to make a difference in his own community. His passing is a great loss for the community. My condolences to his family.

Julie Enright - June 22, 2022 at 09:27 AM

KE

“ Best there ever was. Flawless.

Kevin - June 21, 2022 at 09:22 PM

VD

“ Virginia R Dominick lit a candle in memory of David Stone



Virginia R Dominick - June 21, 2022 at 04:35 PM

RF

Dave was not only a great guitarist, he also had a great sense of humor. I had the privilege of trying to play with Dave in "The Midnight Rider Band" for five years, and I still use things he said on a daily basis.

Richard Flessner - June 23, 2022 at 09:51 AM

RS

*Dave was a great guitarist and teacher as everyone has mentioned. We were all in awe of his talents. He and I played a duet of "There is Love" (The Wedding Song) at my wedding in 1993 which was fabulous. Then when the keyboard malfunctioned during "Trumpet Voluntary" (Dave was not scheduled to play on this), Dave jumped right in and took over the keyboard parts on his guitar! Saved the song! Hopefully he is playing in the band in "Rock and Roll Heaven" (Righteous Brothers) 'cause Heaven done called another 6-stringer back home (paraphrasing J Vaughn). Rest in Peace my friend.*

*Rick Stoewsand*

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**Rick Stoewsand** - June 28, 2022 at 06:46 AM



*The Tributes seem to cover the blanks for those who didn't know what Dave Stone was doing. I witnessed during my eleventh year one of those battle concerts between two 60's bands. I don't remember who was deemed the winner yet I knew that he and his Gibson SG were L.A.-New York and Nashville and the vine mentioned that he turned down the "Biz" Session Role and beyond for teaching at a vicinity venue. Since that evening when I was eleven or twelve I don't think I've ever read anything about him. I presumed his "humble" surroundings would sponsor longevity. One of the Tributes reveals he obviously a very rare "World" Musician. During the 60's Kankakee was a near positively Music obsessed area and these words won't opine why and how that changed. I presume Dave was not the "stereotype" drug-addled beach comber that the anti Music folks aimlessly attach to Musicians and Authors. My brother Martin is a serious Guitarist since before his teens and knew Dave. I grew up a Drummer who one of Dave's buddies and bandmates Tom Billadeau was an influence. During 1990 I went full time Authoring and Devoting Agenda to Playing Acoustic Piano since 1979 and Keyboards and Drums and other Instruments. I'm yet waiting to settle a Copyright infringing with Mtv Viacom and Ewtn. The Mtv one is now 32 years yet whose dimensions are much closer to completion remembering that they were and are a mulit continental conglomerate. The litmus that perpetuates being revealed is unprecedented and ultimitized me becoming a Federal Bureau informant connectee. Along the way I received kudos and invites from the Disney and Fox Corporations. I'll conclude this conversation with the declaration that ego and other isms are being wraught invariably and if Dave and or anyone was subjected to these forces because of their rare abilities God and the Earth suggests an atonement plan. Who knows potentially the Bureau will provide an Earthly one. My fulltime agenda that began during 1990 was and is unquestionably sober and I presume Dave was that to. Thank God for eternal life which Dave and everyone can manifest. Take care and God bless the blessed! Absolutely no twisted parallels! Absolutely straight forward! Gary V. Giardina! Oh one more thing!! got falsely affiliated with a drug lyric that an acquaintance recorded during 1978. I didn't even hear the words until after the session. Of course that hasn't or didn't stop me since God provided the truth. This sent before 1:37 P.M. June 28th. 2022!*

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**Gary Giardina** - June 28, 2022 at 02:38 PM