



Dorothy "Lavana" Stone

February 11, 1932 - December 2, 2022

Dorothy "Lavana" Stone, age 90, of Bourbonnais, passed away on Friday, December 2, 2022, at Ascension Living Heritage Village in Kankakee. She was born February 11, 1932, in Iberia, Missouri, the daughter of Chester and Effie Mae (Saunders) Berry. Lavana met Clifford Stone at Olivet Nazarene University in September of 1951, became engaged at Christmastime, and they married on May 24, 1952, in St. Louis, Missouri. He preceded her in death on July 2, 2014.

In the early years of their marriage, Lavana worked a variety of jobs while her husband finished college. Later, she assisted him as he pastored at various churches and helped build Worth Church of the Nazarene in Worth, Illinois. When he accepted a job as a school principal, she became his secretary. As Sharon and Mike grew up, she returned to college, graduating with her teaching degree in 1974. She spent the next 12 years teaching at Conrady Junior High School in Hickory Hills, Illinois. She enjoyed reading and loved to play Scrabble. Most of all, she was a very supportive person who loved to be with her family.

Lavana is a member of Gathering Point Church in Bourbonnais and a former member of the Bradley Church of the Nazarene.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Mike (Linda) Stone of Bourbonnais; one sister, Wilma Gould of Springfield, MO; six grandchildren, Amy Stone of Bourbonnais, Nicholas (Heather) Stone of Bourbonnais, Ellie (Sam Peterlik) Stone of Columbus, Wisconsin, Caryl Olson of Cambodia,

Bethany (Ben) Wittrock and Matt Olson all of Minnesota; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

Lavana is preceded in death by her husband of sixty-two years, Clifford; one daughter, Sharon Olson Fenske; and one sister, Thelma Caringer.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Saturday, December 10, 2022, at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Bourbonnais. Pastor Deborah Bell will officiate the service. Interment will be at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL.

Memorials may be made to Uplifted Care of Bourbonnais or the American Cancer Society.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
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Funeral Service

DEC 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Nicholas S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy "Lavana" Stone.

Nicholas S. - January 08, 2024 at 12:29 PM

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“ So very sorry to hear of the passing of Aunt Lavana. So many fond memories of her and Uncle Sonny at family gatherings. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family at this time.

Randy and Sharon Adkins - December 08, 2022 at 11:54 AM

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“ I will miss Aunt Lavana dearly. I have many fond memories of the family Thanksgiving dinners we were able to spend together over the years. I remember the many games of Scrabble played, and the fact that she was very hard to beat. I always looked forward to seeing her and I always valued our conversations. I still remember the love she and Sonny shared, it was easy to see, and I know that they are now together again! My family was blessed to have had Lavana in our lives. May God bless Mike and family through this difficult time.

Matt Roberson - December 05, 2022 at 03:06 PM