



Mrs. Lori Stone

July 7, 1959 - January 29, 2025

Lori Stone (1959 - 2025) was a beloved mother of two who never let her poor health keep her from leaving her mark on the world. Raised in Plainfield, Indiana, she had a passion for horticulture from a young age, tending to flowers and participating in 4H before finding her voice in speech competitions at the national level. She later found herself in Florida, attending the University of South Florida where she would meet her husband, Don Stone, who predeceased her, and starting a career in the emerging field of communications technology. After the birth of her two children, she was diagnosed with medical conditions that demanded she leave the workforce, but even with such challenges, she maintained an unending desire to never lose the love of people, keeping an open home and an open heart.

Throughout her life, she remained an avid reader and maintained numerous friendships around the world of other lovers of the written word, and was a volunteer editor for many up-and-coming authors. Lori was never alone, and never wanted for constant conversation, keeping a light on at all hours for others. She is survived by her sisters Linda Callaghan and Julie Manfre, her brother David Peters, her children Christopher Stone and Tia Blick, and her grandchildren Paige and Reid Blick, and three beautiful cats. A funeral service will be held Wednesday, February 5 at 11:00 A.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 South County Road 39, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Committal to follow at Hopewell Memorial Gardens. Expressions of condolences at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Hopewell Memorial Gardens

6005 County Road 39 South
Plant City, FL 33567
(813) 737-3128
office@hopewellfuneral.com
<https://www.hopewellfuneral.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Lori Stone



Hopewell Funeral Home - February 03, 2025 at 02:59 PM

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“ Brian, Kelli and Zac Peters purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Lori Stone.



Brian, Kelli and Zac Peters - February 04, 2025 at 02:17 PM

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“ Brian, Kelli and Zac Peters planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Lori Stone.

Brian, Kelli and Zac Peters - February 04, 2025 at 02:17 PM

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“ Brian, Tom, Nancy Peters purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Lori Stone.



Brian, Tom, Nancy Peters - February 04, 2025 at 11:07 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lori Stone.



February 03, 2025 at 08:19 PM

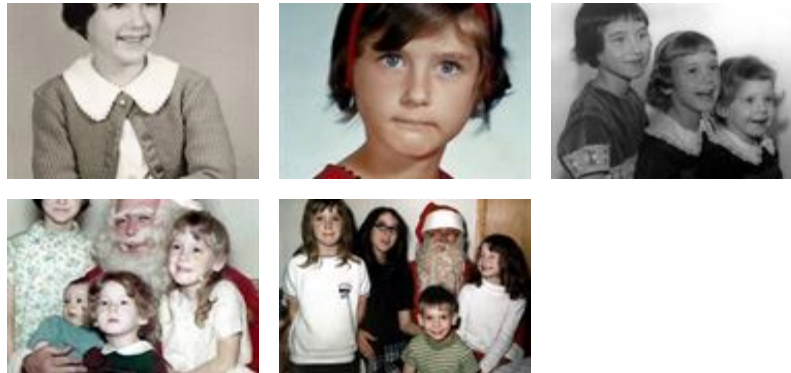


“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Lori Stone.

February 03, 2025 at 08:19 PM



“ 42 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hopewell Funeral Home - February 03, 2025 at 02:55 PM



“ Suzanne & Henny in Chicago purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Lori Stone.



Suzanne & Henny in Chicago - February 02, 2025 at 09:37 PM

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“Lori and I were big fans of Romance novels. Years ago we frequently found ourselves posting on social media about the same books and authors. Before long we were swapping messages about our families, our cats, and everything else. We never met in person, but we were a big part of one another’s days.

I admired Lori's encyclopedic knowledge of historic jewelry, romance literature, and Himalayan cats. For months I tried to stump her with unlabeled photos of fabulous jewels. She pegged them within minutes every time. Lori grappled heroically with pain and limitations that would have crushed most people, but never lost hope or humor or zest in life. Her love for her children, grandchildren, brother and sisters was limitless. The sadness of her passing is balanced by gratitude for having had her friendship and the difference it made in my life. The world is a better place for having had Lori in it.

Suzanne - February 02, 2025 at 08:04 PM



Thank you Suzanne. I'm so happy you were in Lori's life. I was there when she got to talk to you at the hospital and she lite up. I could tell how happy she was to hear from you. I really appreciate your friendship to her!!

Linda Callaghan - February 04, 2025 at 11:39 AM

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I am deeply grateful to have had that precious last conversation with her. Thank you for letting me know you were there.

Suzanne - February 04, 2025 at 03:19 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lori Stone.*



February 02, 2025 at 02:24 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Lori Stone.

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“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lori Stone.*



February 01, 2025 at 09:12 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Lori Stone.

February 01, 2025 at 09:12 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lori Stone.*



February 01, 2025 at 07:52 PM