



## Thomas Hadley Stone

October 25, 1949 - March 28, 2016

Thomas Hadley Stone, 66, of Charlotte died on Monday, March 28, 2016. He was born October 25, 1949 to Hadley and Verle (Bodell) Stone. Tom graduated from Charlotte High School in 1967, enlisted in the Navy and served during Vietnam. Tom later worked at Spartan Motors as a salesman for 30 years, until his retirement in 2010. He loved trivia, and was able to retain many facts for use at the right time. Tom was known for having biggest heart, and helped many people by taking them in, and giving of his time and money. He had a long-time passion for golf and fishing and would take advantage of every opportunity to do so until his health issues made it too difficult. He leaves behind a legacy of caring for his family and children, as well as his family homestead.

Tom is survived by his son, Matthew (Amanda) Stone; grandson Isaac Clark; granddaughter Keira Stone; mother Verle Barnard; sisters Cheryl Lavery and Constance (Bruce) Merritt; and Uncle Edward Stone. He was predeceased by his father Hadley Stone.

A memorial service is being planned for a later date. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Tom on his tribute page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.



# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 7. 3:00 PM (ET)

Charlotte VFW Post 2406  
695 Lansing Rd.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Tribute Wall

TS

“ Tom was a friend of my brother, Dave. I was playing a board game with one of my friends years ago, and I won. Well Tom called me out and said that I had cheated. I remember it differently but I was young then. I have thought about that many times over the years and it has always brought a smile to my face. I remember him as just an all around nice guy. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Respectfully, Tina Stiver

Tina Stiver - April 11, 2016 at 11:19 AM



“ My name is Vico Botello, I lived with Tom twice in 1976. He was best man at my wedding in 1978. I have always considered him to be one of my best friends. We lost touch when I moved to the other side of the state but he continued to see members of my family. He had the best outlook at life than anyone I have ever known. Smiles and laughing were our days and nights. I loved him as a brother and I know he is with our Lord. Please accept my thoughts and prayers for his family and I hope to meet his children at the memorial.

Vico Botello - April 01, 2016 at 07:10 PM

Jon Ripley

“ He was a great golfer, I once saw him hit a driver on a 340 yard par 4, landing it softly on the green like a pitching wedge. People tend to forget it was Tom Stone who shoveled off the ice skating rink for about 5 years, from 8th through 12th grade, mostly by himself. Mr. Toutant was supposed to compensate him for that, but he never did. Tom was also a good businessman, and had a artistic taste centered on the orient. - Jon Ripley

Jon Ripley - April 01, 2016 at 05:26 PM

WF

“ *William ford tom was one of my best friends*

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**William ford** - March 31, 2016 at 09:05 PM

GB

“ *Tom, its been a long time since our Spartan Days! I always looked forward to your knack for corny trivia and your timing when you shared this information... Not to mention your smile when sharing these nuggets of information. Some fond memories are hanging out in Charlotte playing golf and watching you crush the ball!!! Thank you for making my time working at Spartan so much fun, you were part of making that time so much fun!! I'm going to miss you BIG GUY!!!*

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**Gordon Bennett** - March 31, 2016 at 10:18 AM



“ *You were like a second dad to me growing up. I will treasure all the memories we made. Well Tom now im gonna have to get Larry to eat all my vegetables for me! I remember all the stories dad told me from before i could remember myself. You were such a huge part of my childhood and upbringing. Im so glad to have been blessed with having you in my life so long. You will be missed terribly and remembered fondly. Love you!*

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**Tawna Cyphert** - March 31, 2016 at 01:15 AM



“ *He was a great friend and will be sadly missed,we played alot of golf together.he had a big heart and I'm gonna miss him. Friends forever. The Miller family.*

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**Brian Miller** - March 30, 2016 at 08:23 PM



*Tom was one of the nicest\funniest people Ive ever known. Lots of good times...RIP Tom, always remembered never forgotten. 🙏*

**Karie Kepler-Ellsworth** - March 30, 2016 at 08:44 PM

BL

*“ Long talks , lots of laugh , will miss you*

**Brenda lee** - March 30, 2016 at 07:35 PM



*“ See you on the other side brother. Peace.*

**Bill St Andrew** - March 30, 2016 at 06:45 PM

VW

*“ Thomas we will miss. Your big smile and happy go lucky attitude. Peace be with you.*



**Virginia Werner** - March 30, 2016 at 06:06 PM

  
Jeannie  
Dieter

*“ So many memories of good times hanging out playing cards or sometimes a game of chess if I felt like losing.Many long talks. He was like a big brother to me in a lot of ways . Rest in peace my friend.*

**Jeannie Dieter** - March 30, 2016 at 04:55 PM

ST

“ Worked with Tom for many years at Spartan. Golf with plenty of times. I'm very sorry for your loss. You will be missed Tom.  
*Stuart Brabant*

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**Stuart** - March 30, 2016 at 01:43 PM

AW

“ Tom lived just up Prairie street from us as kids, remembering the neighborhood bike gang and occasional twilight hide and seek, pretty sure he was there too! So sorry for your loss, he was a great guy! May you find peace beyond sorrow.

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**Ann (Bogner) Waters** - March 30, 2016 at 11:26 AM

DB

“ Very sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He was a fellow classmate from our class of 1967 and will be missed. May the family find peace.

*Diane Betts*

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**Diane Betts** - March 30, 2016 at 08:23 AM

CS

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. was always full of smiles and laughter. Will be missed Phil and Claudette

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**claudette sheete** - March 30, 2016 at 07:26 AM

BR

*Tom was a wonderful person and a dear friend. Prayers and condolences to his family and friends*

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**Brenda** - March 30, 2016 at 12:48 PM

SA

*Tom was one of the most wonderful humanitarian men I have ever known. I will always remember his wonderful smile and friendly temperament. I feel incredibly honored to have been known as a friend to Tom. Sue Ayotte*

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**Sue Cheney Ayotte** - March 30, 2016 at 03:13 PM

JE

*Tom was such a great guy! I know he has been an important part of my brother's life for years. I have missed seeing him at lunch times at the hospital. Proud to have him as a cousin. I am so sorry for your loss. Aunt Verle, Connie and Cheryl, you have been in my thoughts and prayers. Bill and Julee Emenhiser*

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**Julee Emenhiser** - March 31, 2016 at 09:25 AM