

## Joe Ben Stone

January 20, 1940 - February 4, 2022

Joe Ben Stone passed away at his Willcox home on February 4, 2022, at the age of 82. He was born in Ava, Missouri on January 20, 1940, to Raymond Elton Stone and Ruby Jewell (nee Faulk) Stone. Joe Ben moved to Willcox about five years ago and became involved with the community and enjoyed the history and southwestern lifestyle. He was part owner of the Willcox/Cochise KOA Holiday and was known to many as the welcome greeter at the Roadrunner Kafe at the Park. He was a commissioner with the Willcox Planning and Zoning Board, a member of the Willcox Elks Lodge #2131. He enjoyed visiting the Rex Allen Museum on Mondays listening to country music played by several of local talent. Joe Ben participated in the Open Mic at Studio 128 and enjoyed karaoke at the Elks. On October 26, 1963, he married his wife Ms. Violet who survives him along with his children Michele (Bobby) Fields and Todd (Brandy) Stone. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren and his sister Joy Lynn Davis. A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, February 11, 2022, from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm at the Willcox Elks Lodge. Contributions may be made in his name to the Lodge.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB 11. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

Willcox Elks Lodge 2131  
247 E. Stewart St.  
Willcox, AZ 85643

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joe Ben Stone*

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January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM

DT

“ Dearest Violet,

*What a shock for us to hear of Joe Ben's death on the same day after his memorial service was over! Those who knew, thought we would surely know of his passing, but we didn't. We would have been there grieving for you, the kids and the multitude of friends whose lives both you and Joe Ben have touched.*

*We say "good-bye" now with tears in our eyes because of who has been lost to family, friends and communities who knew and loved Joe Ben Stone.*

*Although we go back at least sixty-four years, I remember the young kids, Violet and Joe Ben who were so in love. It was obvious neither one of you would no longer be available to anyone else!*

*You and Joe Ben were always there for us and always welcomed our sporadic and spontaneous visits. Never have we met such dedicated workers - generous, forgiving, open, understanding, tolerant and accepting. Everything you touched and tried to make better, sometimes against all the odds and opposition, you and Joe Ben were still the winners. You continue to be winners!*

*May you and your family be blessed and comforted in knowing you had a servant who loved his God, his home and family, his fellowman, his work and community. I hear it being said, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."*

*You and Joe Ben were an amazing couple and we hold you in the highest regard and respect - we can just call you awesome!*

*Always our love and friendship,  
Richard & Doris Thompson  
610 East Neil-Chiles Road  
Buckner, MO 64016*

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**Doris Thompson** - February 22, 2022 at 10:28 AM

LM

“ I met Joe Ben in 1978 at East KC Airport in Grain Valley. I had just finished restoring my Taylorcraft and mentioned that I needed a hangar to keep it in. Joe Ben offered to let me hangar it on his farm north of the airport on Pink Hill Rd. And, so began a long friendship as we shared his hangar on the farm from 1978 to 1983. Then in '83 we purchased a hangar together at East KC Airport where we remained hangar partners for over three decades until his move to Arizona.

*I feel so blessed to have known Joe Ben. I truly valued our friendship, his wisdom, and his generous spirit. He was a man of great character and a joy to be around. Joe Ben will be truly missed. Our deepest sympathies to Violet and all his family.*  
*Larry & Trudy Moffitt*

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**Larry Moffitt** - February 18, 2022 at 04:54 PM



“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Joe Ben Stone.



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February 11, 2022 at 12:01 AM

 Mary  
Routt

“ We met Joe Ben when we came home to visit family in Willcox while we were traveling in our motorhome. We were instantly taken in by this kind man. He had many plans to upgrade the KOA. Right away things started improving. We are so very sorry to hear of his passing. Our hearts go out to Violet and family.

*Mary and Jim Routt*

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**Mary Routt** - February 10, 2022 at 11:35 PM

DM

“ *The first time I met Joe Ben he was driving a 1957 Cadillac Shark Fin Eldorado convertible. I think he was still in high school. He earned every penny to buy it. He was the hardest working man I know. He loved to fly and owned a variety of airplanes. Everything he did was first class. He helped me buy a home and showed me things to look for I would never think to look at. I will miss him*  
*Dan Miller*  
*Grain Valley, Missouri*

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**Daniel Miller** - February 10, 2022 at 04:12 PM

RN

“ *Russ & Hannah Nofziger lit a candle in memory of Joe Ben Stone*



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**Russ & Hannah Nofziger** - February 10, 2022 at 02:24 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Joe Ben Stone.*



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February 10, 2022 at 10:24 AM

GM

“ *First time I met Joe Ben I remember his excitement and energy for living in Willcox and to find ways to support the local businesses and community, especially the Rex Allen Museum. He definitely left a piece of his heart with each of us in Willcox and will be missed by family, friends & the community. RIP Joe Ben*



Gail Martin - February 10, 2022 at 08:45 AM

AV

“ *I was very lucky to have worked with Joe-Ben at the Koa this past fall. He was a great man that had a big heart.He and I talked about so much and laughed a lot. Thank you for all you did sir. We will meet again and continue our fun chats.*

adam vincent - February 10, 2022 at 08:10 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joe Ben Stone.*



February 09, 2022 at 08:28 PM

BM

“ *Bob & Pam McKay lit a candle in memory of Joe Ben Stone*



Bob & Pam McKay - February 09, 2022 at 05:18 PM

TB

“ Tommy & Rita Bedolla lit a candle in memory of Joe Ben Stone



Tommy & Rita Bedolla - February 09, 2022 at 03:32 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Joe Ben Stone.



February 09, 2022 at 12:10 PM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Joe Ben Stone.



February 09, 2022 at 11:15 AM

PF

“ Pacheco Electric and Pacheco Family purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Joe Ben Stone.



Pacheco Electric and Pacheco Family - February 09, 2022 at 08:43 AM

CA

“ I was lucky to work for Joe Ben in his business at Grain Valley, MO. He was my pastor for several years at the RLDS Church at Grain Valley. He lived across the road from me and I saw him a lot. I loved him very much and was always glad to be with him. The last time I saw him was when he was repairing a drain at my house. He helped me many times. I enjoyed fishing with Violet and would love to see her again. You lost a jewel, Violet, but he is happy where he is. All my love to you.

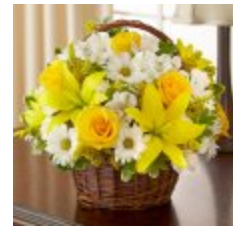
Carol Allen

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**Carol Allen** - February 08, 2022 at 10:05 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Joe Ben Stone.



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February 07, 2022 at 10:34 PM

BT

“ It was with great sadness that my Dad, John Taylor and I learned of Joe's passing today. Joe was always a very good friend to my Dad who was a frequent patron of the Roadrunner Kafe when he lived in Willcox and always greeted me warmly as did all the KOA staff when I visited from Tucson. Our thoughts and prayers are with Violet as well as the entire KOA staff. Bruce Taylor, Tucson

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**Bruce Taylor** - February 07, 2022 at 01:00 PM

RF

“ *For the short time that I knew you, Joe Ben, it was an honor. I am very grateful that I got to know you and Violet. You were the heart and the glue for the KOA. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Rex*

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**Rex Forshey** - February 05, 2022 at 08:02 PM