



Harold Kruse

November 2, 1940 - March 18, 2010

Harold F. Kruse

"Hank Stone"

Born November 2, 1940, at the Robert B. Greene Hospital in San Antonio, Texas, Harold Francis Kruse left his earthly home on his journey to his Heavenly one. He was the son of Eddie Martin Kruse Jr. and Clara Emma Braune. His parents preceded him in death. Harold attended Jefferson High School and joined the Navy in 1959. He was a Vietnam Veteran and served on the USS Lexington and the USS Hancock. Upon his Honorable discharge, he returned to San Antonio and worked for Braniff Airlines for 17 years. He then was self-employed in the transport business for 27 years. His strong work ethic kept driving him to work until his health forced him to retire in January. Beginning his music career as "Hank Stone" in the early 1970s, Harold's greatest passion was singing and playing country music until cancer therapy claimed his voice in 2009. His venue in South Texas and Nashville included performing with Johnny Bush, Darryl McCall, John Anderson, Ray Price and many others too numerous to mention. According to God's unconditional grace, Hank, has now added his beautiful baritone to the Heavenly choir. Throughout his lifelong love of rebuilding and racing high performance cars he formed enduring friendships. Until their joyful reunion in Heaven, he is survived by his soul-mate, his wife, Marilyn Kay Wilson Kruse, one daughter, Mary Katherine Edwards Buddy of Burleson, Texas, two sons, Eddie James Kruse, San Antonio and Richard Kruse, Burleson, Texas and

grandchildren, Mary Ann Kruse, who resided with him, Dalton and Miranda Edwards, Christopher and Micheal and Ryan Kruse and Corey and Alexander Harris. He is survived by one brother, Darold Kruse Beverly, two nephews, Dennis Mary & Darren Anita Kruse and one niece, Darla Rob Bradley all of Boerne, Texas. Also surviving are two stepsons, Jon Russell "Rusty" Harris Lisa of Jourdanton, Texas and Scott Harris, South Boston, Virginia.

Tribute Wall

RH

“ *Hank was a great friend and he always had a story to tell and a smile for a pickin buddy ! I'm gonna miss him ! Our heart goes out to Marylyn and the rest of the Family !*

Richard & Linda Hill - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *Dear Marilyn & Family,
Our deepest condolences to you and your family on Harold's passing. I loved him very much and always looked up to him. I am sorry I was so far away but you and your family were and are in our hearts always. Thank you for the ca*

Roger L. Krueger - April 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *Our prayers are with you and your family on your loss.
I have nothing but great and fond memories of running with Harold in the late '50s. My wife and I were shocked when we found out he had passed.
We wish we had know so we could have paid our respects*

Robert Reed - April 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Marilyn, so sorry to hear about Harold, please accept my condolences. Even tho we hadn't seen him for many years, those who served together at Moffet Field and on those cruises had a special bond and a friendship that never faded. You are in my thoughts a*

Judy Montgomery - April 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ My condolences to all his family. I lost a fiend,I've knowing him for a few years, but for me enough to know how gentle he was.I'll never forget him Especially in my prayers.Oh Lord
bless his soul and rest in peace. I will dedicate to you an hour in you

Tony Cilia - April 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ This is really a sad day for traditional country music. Hank Stone did it his way and country music fans all over the world loved him for that. R.I.P., Hank!
Max W. Achatz
COUNTRY JUKEBOX
www.countryjukebox.de

Max W. Achatz - March 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Hank was my best friend, my mentor, and one of the few that I knew had my back day or night. I had the great pleasure of spending lots of time with him these last few years, and could write a book with all the stories of his life that he told. The good,

Bob McKinney, and kids - March 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ I had the honor of playing country music with Hank on Many occasions. He always sang , and played his heart out , and had a story to share with the audience. I will miss those stories, and his excitement for music. Rlp my friend. We will play together aga

Fred Michalczak - March 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Dear Marilyn and Family,
I was so saddened to see Hank had passed away and am truly sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Paula Henderson - March 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WR

“ Dear Marilyn,
Even though we knew Hank only for a short time, we feel blessed to have known him. He touched so many lives, ours included. His voice will be singing once again in heaven!

Wade & Anna Rascoe - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WR

“ Dear Marilyn,
Even though we knew Hank only for a short time, we feel blessed to have known him. He touched so many lives, ours included. His voice will be singing once again in heaven!

Wade & Anna Rascoe - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ What can I say about my grandpa Hank! He was the sweetest grandpa! Grandma and Hank let me and my family live with them for about 6 months along time ago. During those 6 months I would go outside with grandpa and he would show off his muscle cars to me.
E

Katy Riou - March 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HN

“ Marilyn, I was so sad to learn of Hank's death. Your great faith will see you through these difficult days, but the hole in your life is large. You will be in my prayers during the coming months.

Holly Nelson - March 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends during this difficult time. Harold was a kind and giving person. It was a joy to have worked with him in San Antonio while with Braniff 1973-1982.

Leroy Wunsch - March 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Dagne Florine
DAR new member

Dagne Florine - March 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WK

“ Hank will truly be missed, he always had a grand way of making an appearance in his Charger. You could hear him before you could see him

Wayne Keller - March 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SZ

“ I am so glad that Wayne & I had a chance to know Hank and even see him perform what a treat. Most of all, it was special to see the way that Hank's face would light up when talked about Mopars and racing his Charger. We will miss you.....

Silvia Zemga

Silvia Zemgals - March 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Marilyn, we are so sorry for your loss. I can't help remembering the days at Delta Transport, working with him was great fun. He will be greatly missed by all that knew him. I am sure that Hank is jamming with all the great artists in heaven or racing them

Murray & Pamela Boikoff - March 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Hank not too long ago....What a blessing in my life! I felt honored how Hank along with the rest of the family welcomed me along with my daughters with open arms. Although the time I've know Hank is short-lived, It is like

Jeanne Baumann - March 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Please know that you have the love and support of your DAR sisters.
Lou

Lou Harris - March 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ The Deulley Insurance Agency Harold, you are a Unconditional friend. We never had the opportunity to meet you in person but with the song in your voice we knew you were an angel. God has your place ready for you and you will truly be missed. We will ne

Cathie M Deulley - March 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *"Hankilyn" or "the Hankster" we called him because his love for his wife was prevalent and he knew how to live life to it's fullest. We shared music, band gigs, dancing to great country music, and friendship. He blessed me with encouragement to find my voi*

Susie & Gary Trial - March 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *I have known Harold for many years when he worked at Braniff. He was a very caring person and alot of fun to be around. When my father, Joe Jordan was sick and in the hospital Harold would always come to visit him and those visits where very important t*

Sandi and Bob Saegert - March 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Hank was a wonderful friend and such a gentleman. We looked forward to seeing him. Even when we visited during trips to the cancer center , he was always so positive and smiling. We will miss him. Please know that you are in our prayers and May God be with*

Janice Hardin - March 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VE

“ *Marilyn, Mary Kay, and Family,*

I loved visiting with Hank on the many joyful occasions throughout the years. Our busy lives have kept us apart for several years and I truly regret that separation. I'll always remember Hank's kindness and

Vanessa Vargas Eoff - March 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Some of us never had the priviledge of meeting Hank but cherish memories of Marilyn. I know he must have been a good man. Marilyn and family may all of you feel the love and peace of God and the love of your family and friends during this time. We all lov

Betty Sampler - March 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ A gentleman and a favorite in ALL WAYS

paul n pat bosenbury - March 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RI

“ I've always truly loved you from the heart.May you rest in peace, dear father. Rick

Rick - March 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Just returned to San Antonio after 3 weeks away to fine this sad news! My sympathy....and on behalf of the the entire Ol' Shavano Chapter....our condolences.
Lou Harris

Lou Harris - March 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Marilyn - Im so sorry to hear about the loss of Herold.He was a good friend and will really be missed.We all know God is taking good care of him now.Take Care & God Bless. Greg & Debbi Holland

Greg Holland - March 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I have known Mr. Kruse for many years through knowing his son, Eddie. I actually heard Mr. Kruse sing one night and I must say he can sing well!
There isn't too many words to say that can help the empty feeling of losing a loved one, or to ease the pai

Jill Silvas - March 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Our deepest and heart felt sympathy to all of you. Know that we are prying for you. For he is at peace now. For he has seen the light.

God Loves you all,
Blessings,
Steve & Sandi

Steve & Sandi Pyle - March 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Harold Kruse

John & Karen Botter - March 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ my father is a wonderful man, friend and dad. He taught me so much bout life and how to be a man. As most fathers and sons go we had our differances but as the loving father and man he is we were able to put them behind us. I'm going to MISS our talks bou

EDDIE KRUSE - March 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ My grandpa took me in at the age of fourteen, when i had no where else to go. He was brave enough to take on the challenge of raising a teenager, and i love him dearly for that. He is and will always be my hero. I love you grandpa. And i wish i was able t

Mary Kruse - March 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ I love you daddy.

Mary Edwards - March 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ great person to have known...I enjoyed the great times.

Billy Forehand - March 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Kruse Family,

I know no words are sufficient at this time, but just know how much you are loved and being prayed for by family and friends. I am honored to say I had the pleasure of meeting Hank last year, I just wish I could say it could have been I

Stephanie Murphy - March 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Hank is now at peace and will be able to share his music with us all for eternity in the light. I will miss him and that wonderful smile.

Jessica Huber - March 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ *I am so glad I had a chance to meet Hank. I want to send my deepest sympathy to Marilyn and her family and will remember them all in my prayers.*

Peggy Durack - March 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ *May the Light of Transformation guide your way on the next step of your incredible journey. I'll miss you. Love & Light Eileen*

Eileen Wallace - March 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM